

ADAMS - Kenneth Delmar Adams

Nov 27, 1921 - May 26, 2013

Ken was born in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta and lived with his family on a farm at Bruderhem. When he was 3 years old they moved to Duchess, Alberta. At age 17 he left the family farm to drive tractor in the Bassano area, then joined the RCAF to work as a mechanic, train as a pilot and serve as a bomber pilot instructor in Digby England, until the end of the war. He married Charlotte Medhurst in 1943 and chose the Armed Forces Training option to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. Upon graduation he joined Paul Medhurst, a founding partner of Precision Drilling, to pioneer the oil industry in Alberta. He later joined the Energy Resources Conservation Board where he oversaw natural gas production in Alberta. He and Charlotte also invested in numerous real estate ventures in Calgary. Upon his retirement in 1976 they returned to their roots, spending many happy summers cultivating wheat on their farm near Strathmore, Alberta. In 1986 Charlotte passed away. Ken moved to the Monterey Retirement Village in 1994 where he lived with his friend Dorothea Flemmer, enjoyed camping with the "Rustlers" and wintered in Arizona. "Dot" did everything she could to make the most of his remaining years. In 2009 he moved to Whitehorn Village where he lived until his passing. Ken, known as "Pa" to his family, was a high achiever who excelled at everything he put his mind to and planned well ahead to achieve an early and comfortable retirement. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his children, daughter Janet and sons Charlie (Bonnie), Mark (Sherri) and Greg (Wendy). He was predeceased by his parents Markus and Rose Adams, and siblings Bea, Helen and Jeanne. Services will be held in the Chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home, (1605-100 Street S.E. Calgary), Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations in Ken's name may be made directly to a Charity of Ones Choice. To express condolences, please visit: [www.mountainviewmemorial.ca](http://www.mountainviewmemorial.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Funeral Home, Reception Centre & Crematorium, 1605 - 100 Street SE (GPS: 242013 - 100 Street SE), Calgary, AB (403) 272- 5555.