

ASKIN – Mr. Joseph Russell (Russ) Askin of Alder Flats, Alberta passed away on November 11, 1993 at the age of 69 years.

Russ was born on November 8, 1924 at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba and received his education there. He was then employed at the Airport at Portage Le Prairie, Manitoba and at Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. In 1942 he enlisted with the R.C.A.F. and received his discharge in 1945.

Russ was united in marriage to Margaret Farwell in August 1946. They moved to Lethbridge in 1947, where Russ became a journeyman welder at Union Tractor. Russ then started his own welding business and relocated the company to Brooks in 1964.

In 1965 he formed a partnership with Ray Sideritsch called Twin R. Oilfield Construction. In 1975 Russ and his son Grant formed Brooks Welding Services. In the year 1990 Russ and Marg semi-retired to Alder Flats.

Russ has been a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the B.P.O. Elks in Brooks and also coached minor hockey while living in Lethbridge and Brooks. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riverboating and motorcycle riding, Russ was a very admirable person who has an unselfishly wide circle of friends. Russ is survived by his loving wife Marg; the daughter, Carol of Calgary; his son Grant and his wife Nadine of Red Deer; four grandchildren; Dionne, Sean, Justin and Daniel; three sisters Beryl and her husband Bert Griffith of Chillwack, B.C., Frances Beau of Vistia, Arizona, Joyce and her husband Marv Duncan of Coal Lake, Alberta; two brothers Edgar and his wife Beverley and Ken and his wife Betty, all of Langley, B.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Russ has now been reunited with his parents, Charles and Berva Askin.