



Mr. Arnold Wallace Facey

February 12, 1924 - January 31, 2015

Arnold Wallace Facey passed away at the Foothills Hospital on January 31, 2015, twelve days short of his 91st birthday. Arnold was born Feb. 12, 1924 in Boissevain, MB, the second son of Ernest Albert and Clara (Hill) Facey. He grew up on the family farm in the Dunallen District and attended school there. He then went on to attend Boissevain High School. After graduation he joined the RCAF in November 1943 and served as an Air Gunner until being honourably released in Jan. 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. He then attended United College (University of Manitoba) graduating in 1948 with a degree in law. After practicing for a while in Winnipeg, the West was calling this young man and he moved to Calgary in 1953. He was called to the Alberta Bar in Sept. 1955 after which he practiced law in Calgary for 35 years, retiring in 1989. During this time several harvests were happily spent running a combine on farms in the Strathmore and Cochrane areas for a change of pace. Arnold never married and was “the captain of his own ship, so to speak”, even up to his last days in hospital which he found very frustrating when he lost so much of his independence. In his younger days he loved to play baseball & chess, then came curling & shuffleboard and he found it hard to give up golf when his eyesight deteriorated. He will be forever dearly remembered by his many nieces & nephews and their families for the teasing they took from him over three generations. He was indeed “a character” as many friends and family will attest to. When you left him to babysit your kids you sort of knew that it was going to be them babysitting Arnold! But he was a man of integrity, viewing his dad as the example of how he wished to be remembered. He will be sadly missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie June & Howard Harrison, twelve nieces and nephews and many great nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his older brother Leslie Ernest in 1967, his younger sister Florence Marion Sadler in 1998 and two nieces Debbie (Harrison) Beckner and Sharon (Facey) Smith. Cremation has taken place and his resting place awaits him in the Boissevain, MB cemetery in the spring. At that time a memorial service will be held. If friends so desire donations may be made to the Rowan House Emergency Shelter in High River, Alberta (www.rowanhouse.ca). To send condolences and view Arnold’s Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

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“ Arnold was in the Kiwanis Manor when I moved in 18 years ago so we had been friends for a long time. We played shuffle board, which he loved. I also went to a shooting range with him a couple of times. He spent spring to fall on the golf course, a lot of times with other friends from the building. In February, 2014, another friend Gail of long standing, helped Arnold celebrate his 90th birthday. We had a wonderful time till disaster struck, don't know exactly how it happened to this day, but --- I broke my right ankle in 2 places, with a displacement. That ended our party. Arnold will be sadly missed. He was a mainstay in the building.
Rosemarie Rudichuk

Rosemarie Rudichuk - February 04, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ Thanks for the many memories and for the "Arnold Library!"

Gail Farrell

Rosemarie Rudichuk - February 05, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ It was a real pleasure to be a neighbor to Arnie for the year I have been here. He was gentle, kind, and genuinely nice. I will miss him.

May he rest in peace.

Margaret Nielsen

Rosemarie Rudichuk - February 06, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ To family and friends:

I didn't know Arnold as well as other people who have lived here longer but I really enjoyed chatting with him, finding him a very kind and friendly individual. I know he will be missed as he was very sociable. We will feel the loss over our friend. I send my condolences to all Arnolds' family and friends.

Sandy Webber

Rosemarie Rudichuk - February 06, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ Condolences are sent by Arnolds' shuffle board partners:

Roy and Lyn Swanberg, Evelyn O'Neil, Shirley Fleury, Gladys Ferrel, Elizabeth Lamb, Grace Gerlitz, Freda Walberg, Rosemarie, and Gail..

You will be sadly missed. We could always count on him being there if it was possible.

Rosemarie Rudichuk - February 09, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ I will miss your wonderful sense of humour Uncle, your endless hours of play time with all the kids, and the way my our hearts felt when you attended all the family celebrations.

Rest in peace. The angels will take good care of you now.

Melanie - February 13, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ Uncle Arnold I will miss you. I will never forget your twisted fairy tales, your briefcase bar, and visits to Three Hills. Here's hoping that wherever you are, you're surrounded by kittens, whiskey, and lots of pie! Love Marcia & Lorne

Marge - February 23, 2015 at 01:56 PM