Leslie Theodore “Ted” Sabine

Leslie Theodore “Ted” Sabine passed away peacefully on September 10, 2004 after having recently been diagnosed with cancer. He was the son of Jago and Lulu Sabine. Ted was born on November 17, 1930 and raised on the family farm at West Point, P.E.I.

Ted spent most of his working life with Canadian Co-operatives, sharing and committed to the notion of empowering people. That career took Ted and his family across Canada – early on, in P.E.I. and the Maritimes and, later, in the NWT. As a General Manager of the Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation Limited based in Yellowknife, Ted was highly regarded for his contribution to the development of co-operatives in the NWT. He found this role rewarding both as a business leader and in the fulfillment of his youthful fascination with northern Canada.

Ted retired to Spruce Grove, Alberta in 2000 where he and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated 51 years of marriage this July. Despite the debilitating impact of life-long rheumatoid arthritis, Ted remained optimistic and positive enjoying the fruits of his gardening and carpentry hobbies. Ted and Phyllis also enjoyed time with their children and grandchildren.

Ted was a gentle man committed to his family. Surviving him are Phyllis; their children: Kent (Joan), Sydney and Ruth; grandchildren: Amanda, Keith and Daniel; his siblings in P.E.I.: Helen, Chris, Annie Lou and Wavell and brothers and sisters-in-law; his extended family and his many friends from all across Canada.

While Ted’s passing is deeply felt and his presence will be sorely missed, his family is comforted in the knowledge he is without pain and at peace with his Lord and Saviour.

A memorial service was held at Parkland Baptist Church, Spruce Grove on Sunday, September 12, 2004. Interment took place in Glory Hills Cemetery. If friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Canada’s Inuit National Organization, 170 Laurier Ave. W, Suite 510, Ottawa, ON K1P 5B5.