Ilmar Tumchewics, of East Sooke, British Columbia, died suddenly December 7, 2008 at the age of 85. He is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Sonja Tumchewics; his sister, Ruth Freimanis of Calgary; daughter Ruth (Ray Stone, Elk Point); sons Robert (Anna, Yellowknife); James (Alison, Cold Lake); Michael (Linda, Saudi Arabia); and his grandchildren, Kathy Sheriffs, Tanya Glines, Alicia, Louise and John Tumchewics; nieces, nephews and two greatgrandchildren.

In 1950 he came to Canada then moved to Yellowknife, NWT, in 1951 where he worked for Cominco for 33 years. He and Sonja retired to East Sooke, BC in 1984, where they enjoyed a beautiful home and garden. In recent years he endured several chronic health conditions. The family extends their gratitude to the neighbours, friends and relatives who provided transportation during the past year. The family appreciates the excellent care Ilmar received from doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his memory to the Royal Jubilee Hospital the Enterostomal Therapy Unit, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC. V8Z 6R5. No services by request. Condolences may be sent to www.sandsfuneral.com