Jack Welsh

JACK WELSH PASSED ON PEACEFULLY
June 17, 2009 in the Stanton Territorial
Hospital.

Jack Welsh was born on December 21,
1928 in the Edmonton Hospital to Charles
David Welsh and Frances Dair. He spent
his childhood in the small community of
Evansburg with seven siblings: Ruby, Ilene,
Fiona, Morris, Betty and Gerald.

In 1943, at the age of 15, he moved
to Whitehorse, Yukon, to work and raise
his fortune. He quickly fell in love with the
North, and developed a passionate enjoy-
ment for berry picking, snaring rabbits and
hunting ptarmigans. His first job was a
labourer, working with gold dredges. Then,
he was hired by the Department of Public
Works and began to work building bridges
and constructing the Alaskan Highway.
Eventually, he began work as a plumber
and a pipefitter, a career that served him
until his retirement.

Jack met Anne Hyshka in 1954, and
the two were blessed with three sons,
Terry, Brad and Mitch. Jack and Anne were
married for nearly ten years, until they
parted ways in 1963, Anne moving with
the boys to Prince George and Dawson
Creek, British Columbia, and Jack
following work to Yellowknife, Northwest
Territories. He worked in the Giant Gold
Mines for twenty years, in which time he
met Bella Jane Tale and had a fourth son,
Wayne. After many years of service, Jack
quit the Giant Mines and worked as a
freelance plumber and pipefitter until he
retired in 1994, at the age of 66. Even
though most of his family moved far away,
Jack’s love and passion for the North kept
him in Yellowknife for the rest of his days.

Jack has five grandchildren: Skye,
Mitch’s only daughter, Kyle and Linsey,
Terry’s children and Colton, Lincoln and
Corbin, Brad’s children. He spent his
summers visiting Brad’s family in Grande
Prairie, Alberta. Recently, he lived quietly
in Avon Manor and the Medicine Ward
of the Stanton Territorial Hospital. His
family would like to extend their deepest
thanks to his friends, acquaintances and
the hard-working medical staff that made
Jack’s life easier and more enjoyable.