

BAUHAUS, Johannes (Hans)

October 29, 1930 – December 18, 2021



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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Johannes (Hans) Bauhaus of natural causes on December 18, 2021.

Born in Hamminklin, Germany he and his younger brothers and mother managed to survive the war. At a fairly young age he obtained his automotive mechanic papers and truck driver's license and was able to find some work driving freight transports. However, the post-war economics in his district did not look promising.

With the help of an uncle living in Humboldt, Saskatchewan purchased a ticket on a freighter to Canada in 1954. After some work on the farm in Humboldt, and hearing of an on going "gold rush" in Yellowknife, he moved. Once settled into Yellowknife he convinced his fiancée, Anita (Driesen) to move to there from Germany and they were married that same year.

By this time he had hired on as an automotive mechanic at automotive service station(s) in town and occasional found himself drafted into a variety of jobs repairing equipment at remote mining and fishing camps around Yellowknife. During this time he obtained a solid reputation for being able to successfully complete analysis of and repairing mechanical problems.

Next he found an opportunity, along with a partner, to start an automotive service station and after several years was accepted as the owner/operator of a new Esso service station franchise in town at the corner of 49th Ave and 48th Street. This franchise he operated until the mid 1980's.

After the Esso station several years went by and then he felt there was a need for an Arctic Cat dealership in town which he started and operated for several years with only moderate success into the late 1990's. When this ended so did his mechanical career and retirement became a reality.

In discussion with him, over the years it became apparent his proudest moments were his successful operation of the business which resulted from an incredible amount of hard work and also when he was able to take on a young person with an interest in the mechanics and give them an opportunity to learn.

After many extended discussions, in February, 2012 he took up residence in Aven Manor. While there, Hans, Papa, Opa or Mr. Hans found another home and received excellent personal care and attention. Many thanks not only to the health and care staff of the Manor but to those in administration as well, who all looked after him on a 24/7 basis for those many years.