Funeral Service Tribute

Mr. Archie Dale Evanson, beloved husband of Mrs. Hilda Evanson of Calgary passed away on November 28, 1999 at the age of 79 years. He was born July 24, 1920 in Taber, Alberta, son of John Evan and Johanna Evanson. He was the eighth of ten children. Archie is survived by three children; Wendy (Donnie) Stewart of Myrtle Beach, SC, Dale (Nancy) Evanson of Winnipeg, MB, and Derek (Jennifer) Evanson of Burbank, CA. He will be remembered by his brother, Ray (Myra) Evanson of Taber, Alberta and sisters, Deana Moller of Surrey, BC, and Ruth Harding of Willard, Utah. He is also survived by three grandchildren and one great grandchild: Shane Stewart and his son, William Ashton, Melanie Stewart (Scott) Rodrigues, and Chad Stewart.

Archie was married on January 26th, 1946 in Portage La Prairie, MB to Hilda M. Smith. He worked in a number of fields that used his talents in dealing with people. Archie taught school in Alberta and served in the R.C.M.P. in Manitoba before spending years as a manager with Sun Life of Canada in Brandon, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Vancouver. After leaving Sun Life and Vancouver in 1968 he spent the remainder of his life in Calgary as an entrepreneur who specialized in bringing people together to form business relationships. He also spent many years as a Calgary realtor.

Archie excelled as an athlete and enjoyed sharing his love of swimming, diving and volleyball with others. The Archie Evanson Award was created in honour of Archie's many hours helping youth at the YMCA. The award is given out yearly in Brandon, Manitoba for excellence in diving. While in the R.C.M.P., Archie showed such skills at boxing that his friends tried to persuade him to pursue it professionally.

Music was also one of his pastimes. He loved to play the harmonica and sing in barbershop quartets and choirs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he was an active member and held many positions of responsibility. The positions Archie loved the most were in his senior years when he and Hilda worked with the young adults of Calgary.