



Glen Rune Backstrom

July 21, 1927 - March 19, 2016

Rune Backstrom has died at the age of 88. Left to remember him with much love are his wife of 49 years, Joyce (Johnson) Backstrom; children Andrea (Brian) Smith, Erik (Rena) Backstrom, Christian Backstrom, Melvin Backstrom (Mary Wichterle) and David (Lianne) Backstrom; 18 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; sister Eleanor Thomson; and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was predeceased by his parents Albert and Milda (Jonsson) Backstrom and brothers Melvin and Alvin Backstrom.

Born in Edmonton to immigrant parents, Rune benefited from a strong community in the Alberta Avenue neighbourhood. He enlisted in the army and was in training when World War II ended. He received a Political Science degree but spent most of his career in the construction industry before becoming a financial manager.

Rune joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1954 and always remained firm in his faith. His life exemplified the two great commandments: to love the Lord with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself. This love led him to serve a mission in Sweden, his parents' homeland, and to a lifetime of helping others. He had a passion for connecting people to their roots through genealogy and was the founding director of the first genealogical library in central and northern Alberta.

As a couple Rune and Joyce shared life's joys and challenges, always focusing on the goal of keeping their family together and safe. In his later years Rune bore a dementia that robbed his memory but not his decency and

good nature.

Following a private interment, a memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 23 2016 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14325 - 53 Avenue, Edmonton. In lieu of flowers, donations in can be made to the Perpetual Education Fund or Good Samaritan Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Riverbend Stake Center
14325 - 53 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB