

# Herman Wilhelm Fornssler

Herman Wilhelm Fornssler died peacefully in Victoria, BC on April 23, 2015 at the age of 96 years. Herman was born on December 3, 1918 in Saskatoon, SK. He was predeceased in 1999 by his wife of 52 years, Barbara.

Herman was the last of the children of Sophie and Christian Fornssler. He followed in his father's footsteps as a butcher, served as a pilot overseas during World War II, then returned to the prairies as a partner in Modern Meat Market, Humboldt, SK. Though he enjoyed his retirement in Victoria, Herman always remained true to his prairie heritage. Perhaps the best description of Herman is from his grandniece Jenny who said he was a "tall, great, smiling guy". Herman was a loving dad and grandpa. He was very proud of his grandchildren and supported their educational accomplishments.

Herman is mourned by his son Chris (Cathie), grandchildren Michael and Barbara (Holly McKenzie), all of Saskatoon; his nieces Dorothy Chuhran of Victoria and Sarah Norton of Toronto, his nephews Bruce Dutton of Victoria and Edward Bence of Vancouver, and their families; and by friends in Victoria and Saskatchewan.

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Miles and the staff at Beacon Hill Villa.

At Herman's request, no funeral service will be held.

Herman's granddaughter Barbara wanted to add to this obituary the last stanza from the Robert Service poem *The Call of the Wild*, because the poem is a reminder of Herman's encouragement to live as fully as we can in the best way we know how.

*"Let us probe the silent places, let us seek what luck betide us; Let us journey to a lonely land I know. There's a whisper on the night-wind, there's a star agleam to guide us, And the*

*wild is calling, calling . . . let us go."*

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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