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## Obituaries

### WISE, Bernard (Bernie) 1923 - 2003

Our beloved father and grandfather, Bernard Wise of Calgary, passed away on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at the age of 80 years.



Bernie was born in Czechoslovakia in 1923, second son of Gita and Herman Weisz. He immigrated to Calgary, Canada with his parents and older brother in 1928. Bernie grew up in Calgary during the depression but had a warm and loving home and a happy childhood. He volunteered to join the R.C.A.F. in 1942 at nineteen years of age. Bernie served in Canada and overseas until 1945. He was a member of the air force ground crew and was in London during the blitz. After the war Bernie met Norma Minovitch of Moose Jaw, SK and they were married in Calgary on July 1, 1947. After a short period in Black Diamond and later in Red Water, they moved to Edmonton with their two sons, Mitch and Lorne. Their family increased in due course with the birth of son Mark and daughter Mona. Bernie owned and operated an insurance agency business for some forty-five years in Edmonton, retiring in 1998. Bernie and Norma raised their four children and provided each of them with happy home and an excellent education. Bernie spent many years towards the end of his life caring for Norma in her struggle with Alzheimer's disease to which she finally succumbed in 1992. They had a wonderful marriage lasting for forty-five years. Bernie will be lovingly remembered as a father and grandfather and as a man who valued family, friends, community, and country. He will be missed by his extended family and by all who knew him.

Bernie is survived by his children, Mitch (Margaret), Mona (Miranda) and Mark (Elaine), all of Richmond, BC; and grandchildren, Laura and Rachel Wise, and Etron and Yonah Sturmwind, all of Calgary and Dianna Wise of Richmond, BC. He is also survived by his brothers, Al White of Michigan, USA, Dr. Samuel Weisz (Eva) of Edmonton, and Benny Katz (Lottie) of Calgary. Bernie was predeceased by his loving sister Esther Dubin (Rabbi Paul) of Los Angeles, CA.

Funeral Services will be held at the Jewish Cemetery Chapel in Edmonton, (7622 - 101 Avenue), on Sunday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. Bernie's family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the care givers and staff of the Renoir Seniors' Residence and of the Beverley Centre, Calgary, and to his physicians both in Calgary and Edmonton. If friends or family so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, 6007 - 1A Street S.W., Calgary, AB T2H 0G5. Telephone: (403) 255-6108, or directly to the Alberta Cancer Centre, 1331 - 29 Street NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4N2. Telephone: (403) 944-2433, or directly to the Calgary Health Trust - Rockyview General Hospital, 10101 Southport Road SW, Calgary, AB T2W 3N2. Telephone: (403) 943-0615, or directly to the University Hospital, Edmonton, AB. Arrangements in care of the Chevre Kadisha of Calgary, 1702 - 17th Avenue S.W. Telephone: (403) 244-4717 and the Chevre Kadisha of Edmonton. Telephone: (780) 482-3065.

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