



## Frank & Rita Smuin

Married in 1948 and living the early years of their married life in Beavermouth and West Summerland, Frank and Rita Smuin arrived in Salmon Arm in January 1954. It was the beginning of more than 50 years residency in Salmon Arm. Frank, who had joined the CPR following his demobilization from the RCAF at the end of WWII, was a Telegraph Operator while Rita was a Telephone Operator with BC Tel.

Frank spent more than 15 years at the CPR station on Front Street (now Lakeshore Drive) in Salmon Arm until he moved to Enderby as the station agent and then to a mobile supervisor position covering the Shuswap sub-division of the CPR. Frank enjoyed woodworking and over the years developed quite a wood shop in the basement of their home.

They stressed the need for education and always believed that the teachers of the Salmon Arm school district provided a first class education for their children. They both sacrificed many things to ensure that their three sons received post secondary educations.

When Rita passed away in 2001, Frank set up the Rita Smuin Memorial Bursary Fund.

Each year a bursary will be paid to a student entering post-secondary studies in health care, with a preference to a student intending to become a registered nurse. During her illness Rita was impressed with, and grateful for, the care and attention that she received. "Nurses," she told Frank "are very special people." This caused Frank to wonder what he could do to say thanks and to recognize the dedication displayed by nurses who cared so thoughtfully for Rita.

With Frank's passing in 2006, his sons Ken, Don and Terry wanted to honour their father along with their mother by adding to the fund and renaming it the "Frank and Rita Smuin Memorial Bursary Fund".

Please read the full story in our Memory Book [www.shuswapfoundation.ca](http://www.shuswapfoundation.ca)

