

# Phyllis and John Asay.

## John Asay

John and Phyllis Asay were "Rock of Gibraltar" residents of Eagle Bay for many years. Both were good and faithful servants of the church and loyal participants in all community events.

John was the "foreman" when the Heritage Church was moved to its new location and supervisor and "main man" when the new church was constructed. He dubbed Thelma Pendergast "The Little General" and even had her convinced she deserved the title. Each time he and Phyllis came to church, he insisted he was going to come into the Sunday School because he deemed it more fun! The children waited for him but he never quite showed up.

Phyllis founded "The Hamsters". I remember when she phoned and asked if we would join up and participate in some "high drama". Unfortunately, The Hesters spent January and February away from Eagle Bay so we missed the fun. Phyllis was a singer and enjoyed singing solo, in a duet or in a group.

Eagle Bay missed Phyllis and John when they relocated to Salmon Arm. In spite of the move, The Asays managed to attend most community functions. When John had a stroke and his speech was impaired, he still came to the little church he loved. He had the greatest care giver; one who smiled no matter what hardships were thrown their way.

God Bless!

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**JOHN ASAY**

John Wesley Asay passed away in Shuswap Lake General Hospital, Salmon Arm, BC early Sunday morning, January 2, 2005 at the age of 89 years.



The funeral service will be held from the Eagle Bay Community Church on Friday morning, January 7th at 11 a.m. with Pastor Larry Dyck officiating. Interment will follow in the Eagle Bay Cemetery. Born in Woodbine, Iowa, USA on September 15, 1915, he farmed and ran an implement garage and service station in Saskatchewan for years before moving to Penticton. John built and operated at B.A. service station and later went into construction there. He came to Eagle Bay in 1973 where he worked on some 35 homes and with construction and supervision of the Eagle Bay Church addition and renovation. John enjoyed sports and became Umpire-in-chief of Pacific North West Babe Ruth baseball. He was recipient of a special plaque with the BC Babe Ruth Hall of Fame. He is well remembered for his sense of humour, which he kept to the end.

John is survived by his loving family, wife of 64 years, Phyllis; three sons, Douglas of Sacramento, California, Burt (Shirley-Ann) of Salmon Arm, George (Loris) of Prince George; 7 grandchildren, Doug, Dayna, Kara, Todd, Burke, Bradley and Amanda; 7 great grandchildren, Carter, Liam, Jordan, Brenden, Cameron, Jace and Cooper; several nieces and nephews. He came from a family of 9, with two sisters living, Helen Salmon of Baltimore and Jean Simmons of Colonsay, Saskatchewan.

Memorial donations in memory of John may be sent to the Shuswap Lake Health Care Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

Email condolences may be sent to sympathy@bowersfuneralservice.com

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Bowers Funeral Home, Salmon Arm.



Baptismal Font, Eagle Bay Church. Crafted by Burt Asay, son of Phyllis and John Asay.



Phyllis serves the punch at th "Friendship Tea, Evan's Nook.