



**KOZA,
Len**

The family of Len Koza announce his passing on the morning of Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at the age of 90.

Born May 10, 1926, eldest son of Christina and Joseph Koza in Imperial, Sask. As a teenager he was one of the Canadians who drove a combine to Texas

to help the Americans harvest their bumper crops. He attended Balfour Tech in Regina and upon graduation came east to work at Steep Rock Iron Mines in Atikokan, Ont. He married Shirley Lindsay in July 1953. Len became manager of Iron Range Bus Lines and drove the first bus over the newly built road between Atikokan and the Lakehead. Three children were born to them, Gregory, Lindsay and Colleen. Len was active in the community - Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, President of the Atikokan Lions club and a Sunday school teacher at Church of the Good Shepherd. He opened his own Auto Body Shop. With the closing of the mines, Len joined Prudential Life Insurance Co. In 1963, the family moved to Fort Frances and Len continued his association with Elks and Lions. He was elected the President of the TB Association and taught Sunday school at the Anglican Church. In fall of 1969, they moved to Fort William and still reside in the same home on Christina Street. It was not long before Len went back to his first love and opened Koza Auto Body Shop as manager and owner. During his Christian walk, he was active at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, serving on Parish Council; various committees and then a Peoples Warden for several terms. As an elected rep to the Algoma Diocesan Synod, he was pleased to be involved in the Election of the Bishop. After he retired from business in 2002, in order to pursue his outdoor interests, he took a Prospectors Course at Con College. Most of all Len enjoyed spending time with his family and was so proud of their accomplishments.

Len is survived by Shirley, his loving wife and companion for 63 years; sons Greg (Janice) and Lindsay (Val), both of Thunder Bay and daughter Colleen (Rhonda) of Ottawa; grandchildren Ken (Cindy), Christopher, Duncan (Deanna), Hilary (Andy), Brienne (Brian) and nine great-grandchildren. Len is also survived by sister Adelaide Cool in Davidson, Sask. and brother Joseph (Marilyn) in Imperial, Sask and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral was held Saturday, January 14 at St. Thomas' Anglican Church at 11 a.m.

As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made in memory of Len to St. Thomas' Church Building Fund or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made through www.nw-fainc.com