

Obituary
Frank Oberle

24 March, 1932 - 12 September 12, 2024



In the care of
Squamish Funeral Chapel

Just two weeks after the death of Joan Oberle, the family of Frank Oberle sadly shares the news of his death on the night of Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the age of 92 years. He died peacefully and without suffering.

Frank was predeceased by his wife Joan (Kistner), his sister Lina Sattler, his two brothers Erich (Edith) and Ludwig (Hilde), his parents Adolf and Rosa (Leibold) and his son-in-law Michael Vaira. Frank is survived by: daughters Ursula Vaira (Gordon May) and Isabell (Gary) Hayes; sons Frank (Debbie) Oberle Jr. and Peter (Kelly) Oberle; grandchildren Mario (Robyn) Vaira and Jess Vaira, Lisa Hayes (Jordan Townsend), Jennifer Hayes, Kevin (Leanne) Oberle, Sadie Oberle (Tyrell Johnson) and Asia Oberle; great-grandchildren Kaden, Aria, Zai, Grady, Henley, Emersyn; and his nieces, nephews and their families in Germany.

Frank was born in Forchheim, Germany and immigrated to Canada in 1952. His determination for a new life started him on a journey that no one could have envisioned. It began in Canada as a baker, logger, miner, and insurance salesman. In Chetwynd, British Columbia, he became a business owner and town Mayor. The culmination of his full and varied career was an incredible 20-year period representing the Prince George Peace River riding as their Federal Member of Parliament. Frank held many Cabinet positions in Ottawa. In particular, as a member of the Privy Council, he served as Critic for Mines and Forestry, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State

(Mines), Minister of State (Science and Technology), Minister of State (Forestry) and Minister of Forestry. Upon retirement, Frank authored two autobiographical books.

Frank was a loving husband, father, grandfather (Opa) and great grandpa. Nothing made him happier than celebrating family accomplishments. He was the family's biggest cheerleader. If Frank was asked what advice he would leave his family, it would certainly be this – if you want to do something worthwhile, go make someone else's life better. It was his mission in life to help those less fortunate and to leave the world a better place. Dad – mission accomplished! We are all very proud. Rest in peace, we miss you and love you forever.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in Frank's memory may be made by sponsoring a child through Plan Canada (Plancanada.ca) – one of many charities that he and his wife supported.