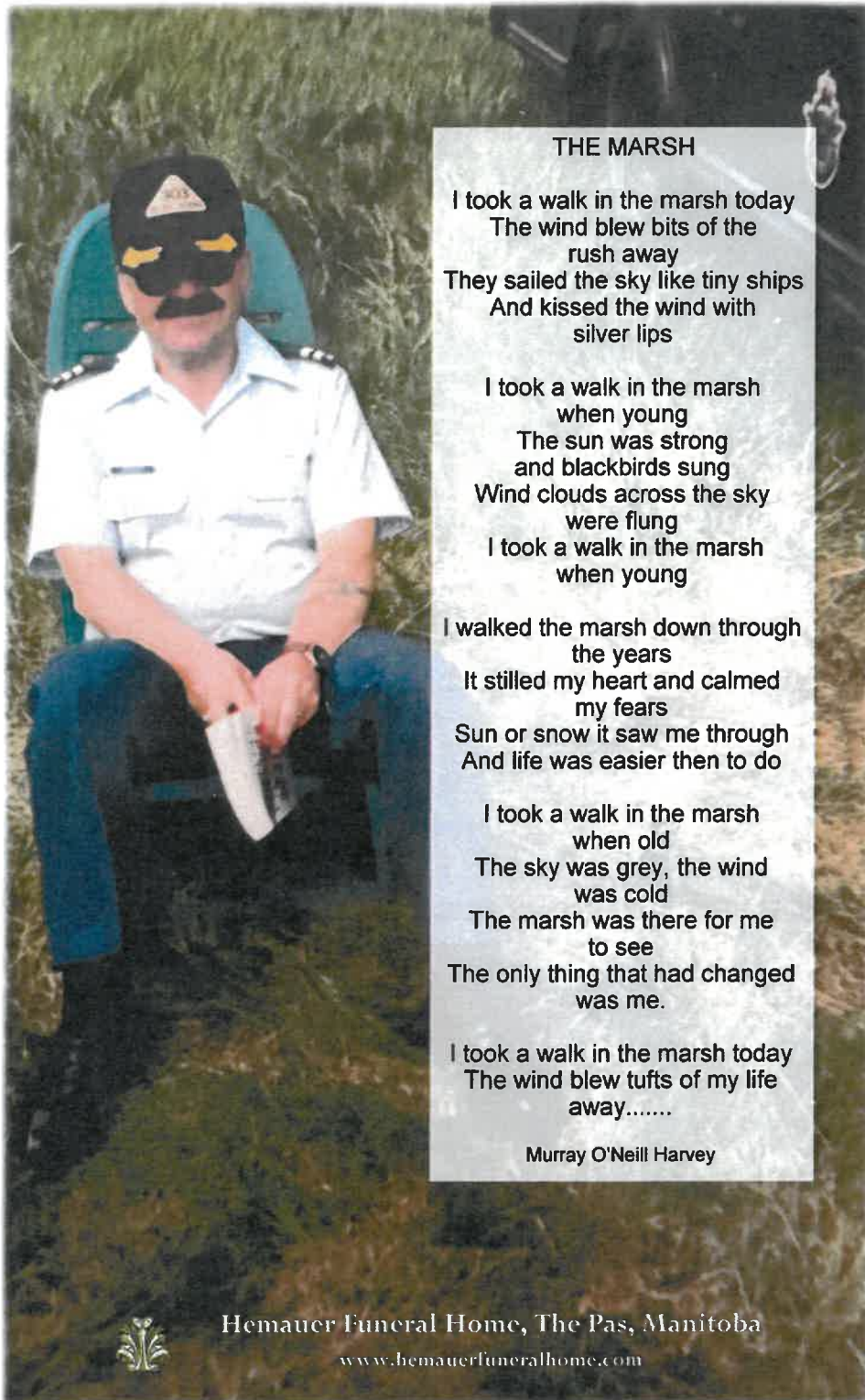




THE MARSH

I took a walk in the marsh today
The wind blew bits of the
rush away
They sailed the sky like tiny ships
And kissed the wind with
silver lips

I took a walk in the marsh
when young
The sun was strong
and blackbirds sung
Wind clouds across the sky
were flung
I took a walk in the marsh
when young

I walked the marsh down through
the years
It stilled my heart and calmed
my fears
Sun or snow it saw me through
And life was easier then to do

I took a walk in the marsh
when old
The sky was grey, the wind
was cold
The marsh was there for me
to see
The only thing that had changed
was me.

I took a walk in the marsh today
The wind blew tufts of my life
away.....

Murray O'Neill Harvey



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In Loving Memory Of

MURRAY O'NEILL HARVEY

September 19, 1931 – May 29, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Murray O'Neill Harvey, at St Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the age of 92 years.

Murray was born on Saturday, September 19, 1931 in a small white house on the corner of Bignell Avenue and 7th Street in The Pas, Manitoba. Murray's childhood was spent between 7th Street in The Pas and summers at Cormorant Lake where his father was Chief Forrester. He made many lifelong friends in these two places and would often regale family with tales of the "7th Street Gang" from his youth and his summers in Cormorant. Many of these tales he often shared in his weekly newspaper column in the Opasquia Times.

After leaving school, Murray Joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Division and served in Coastal Defense on Vancouver Island during the Korean War. He returned to The Pas following this service and held several jobs in and throughout the North. Murray would return to the Military in the 1950's and continued to serve until the death of his father in 1957, which would bring him back to The Pas to live with his widowed mother. He always talked of his time in the Military as some of the most important times in his life.

Following his return to The Pas, Murray joined the Municipal Police Force where he served until the Force was replaced by the RCMP. It was at this time he would meet his wife to be, Lorraine. Murray often jokingly told

the story, after his night shift he would wait to walk Lorraine to work until one day she told him she did not need a police escort to work every morning. Obviously, this did not deter him. In 1959 he married Lorraine Cudmore and our current large extended family took root.

After leaving the police force, his next move was into the Federal Civil Service which would take him and his family to several locations across Western Canada.

Murray and Lorraine had two daughters, Colleen in 1961 and Susan in 1962 who unfortunately didn't survive into adulthood. Murray next took up the position of Manager of the Canada Manpower center in Flin Flon, Manitoba and two more children, Bob 1964 and Lesley 1967, followed over the next few years. Murray's career would take the family to Grande Prairie, Alberta in 1967, and to Selkirk, Manitoba in 1968.

Although Murray made many a friendship in the places his career would take him, his heart has always remained in the north and his hometown of The Pas. In 1970, Murray left the federal civil service to take a position with the Northern Manpower Corps in the provincial government. This move would allow him to return home to The Pas. One of Murray's dreams was to live in the country and have a small hobby farm with horses for his children. In 1973, he moved his family to an acreage on Rall's Island. It was here that friendships would take root with neighbors and the Graveline family. Many happy times were spent back and forth between the two properties. Rall's Island acreage would remain the family home for the next forty years.

Murray continued to work for the province until the election of the Sterling Lyon government in 1977 ended the Northern Manpower Corps. Murray always had a dream to start a newspaper, so it was at this time Murray and his partners founded the Opasquia Times which remains the community newspaper in The Pas to this date. He continued to write for the paper right up until his death at age 92. His last column being published on May 29, the day of his death.

In 1980, Murray and Lorraine integrated the Graveline family into ours following the death of our neighbor and closest family friend, Olive. This is a lesson we all learned from Dad and Mon's actions. Family isn't based on blood but consists of the people you love.

Around this time Murray also started M.O. Harvey and Associates, a human resources consulting firm that over the next several years would see him take several new positions. Among these were several years as Chairman of the Board of Manitoba Forestry Resources and President of Keewatin Community College. Murray continued to run the consulting business until he was 85 and Lorraine refused to do the bookkeeping for the company, forcing him to retire.

Murray was very active in the community, serving with many local organizations.

Having suffered with addiction himself, Murray was always willing to help those who were also dealing with this struggle spending, several years with the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was proud of his own sobriety which he maintained for over 50 years.

A developing fear of flying and want to overcome it is what drove Murray to become a pilot himself. Murray obtained his Private Pilots license in the early 1980's and continued flying his own plane until his late 60's. His love for the military led him to serve for several years as Commanding Officer of the local squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. This allowed him to combine two of his passions, his love of the military, and his love of flying. His love of flying also led him to spend several years active in the Canadian Air Search and Rescue Association. Murray was also active in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in The Pas serving as President of the Branch.

His love for his community led him to be involved in community service throughout his life. Spending years with The Pas and District Chamber of Commerce and The Pas Rotary Club. Proud of his Metis Heritage, he was also active in the local chapter of the Manitoba Metis Federation

In later years, Murray enjoyed spending time with Lorraine and the ever-expanding family and friends particularly at the family cottage at Clearwater Lake. Murray, ever the story teller, spent many afternoons and evenings on the cottage deck sharing stories of family history, his childhood and adventures as a young man.

Murray passed away peacefully at St Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg at 92 years of age.

Murray is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Lorraine; his children and foster children Bob (Lana) Harvey, Lesley Harvey, Yvette (Terry) Graveline-Weeks, Julie Graveline, Michele Graveline, Paul (Cheryl) Graveline, Darlene (Terry) Hughes; grandchildren, Sabrina (Chris) Allen, Tabatha Harvey, Ryan Lindsay, Kynan (Jodie) Elder, Jennica (Oliver) Elder, Laurel Elder, Daniel Elder, Ethiene Graveline, Celestin Graveline, Connor Graveline, Sarah Graveline, Rusty (Kim) Chartrand, Rene (Jessie) Leighton, Shyanne Leighton (Spenser Besenski); great grandchildren Liam Kitson, Ella Kitson, Olivia Allen, Madelyn Allen, Lucy Lindsay, Lyanna Elder, Isaac Elder, Caleb Elder, Emmerson Lund, Jase Jackson, Journie, Seth, Blake, Jasmine. Many other nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Murray was predeceased by his daughters Colleen Harvey, Susan Harvey; parents Robert and Harriette Harvey; brother Robert Harvey; sister Jeanette Harvey; great grandson Josh Arnold Lindsay; and many cousins, nieces and nephews too numerous to mention. If we forgot anyone, it was not intentional.



*In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of choice,
would be appreciated by Murray's family.*

We Gather To Celebrate The Life Of Murray O'Neill Harvey

Saturday, June 15, 2024 1:00 pm

Royal Canadian Legion Hall Branch #19, The Pas, MB

Presider: James Hemauer

Order of Service

Welcoming and Opening Prayer

SONG: "The Highway Man" The Highway Men

Memories of the Heart: Paul Graveline

Lesley Harvey

SONG: "Don't Let The Old Man In" Toby Keith

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Reflection: James Hemauer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Slideshow Presentation:

Last Post—Royal Canadian Legion

Laying of Poppies & Medal Presentation

Commendation and Blessing

SONG: "When I Get To Where I'm Going" Brad Paisley

HONOR GUARDS

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

303 The Pas Elks Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #19

Legion Ladies Auxiliary



*Immediately following this service everyone is invited to join
Murray's family for a reception at the
Royal Canadian Legion Clubroom.*

