



CLARKE, Joseph Luke, of Courtenay. With the first snowfall of winter, our beloved husband, father, Papa and friend went peacefully into eternal

rest the morning of December 6, 1994. He was 73 years of age.

Joe came to the Valley in 1967 with his loving wife Ellen and six children. He retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1970, following 30 years of Military Service. Following this, he was employed with Canada Employment and Immigration, as an employment counsellor.

Joe was a kind, loving man - he was a gentleman to all who knew him. He worked closely with some of the first Vietnamese refugees who made the Comox Valley their home and remained actively involved with the Knights of Columbus.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Ellen, and children Joe Jr. (Barb) Clarke of Terrace, B.C., Richard (Deborah) Clarke of Comox, Susan (Chris) Stoyles of Courtenay, Mary (David) Wilson of Comox, Shawn Clarke of Vancouver, Michael Clarke of Courtenay, as well as 3 granddaughters, 3 grandsons and a great-granddaughter. An open viewing will take place at Piercy's Funeral Home on Thursday, December 8, 1-5 p.m. A prayer service will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian burial to be held at Christ the King Church on Friday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. Burial at Courtenay Civic Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Joe Clarke Bursary fund through the Knights of Columbus or to the Heart Fund or Cancer Society.

PIERCY'S FUNERAL HOME entrusted arrangements.

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