Leonard Olfert

Superintendent (Ret'd)

Reg #21473 / O.996

1940 - 2021

Years of Service: 1960 - 1997

Postings: "D, NHQ, "F" & "E" Divisions

RCMP Veteran's Association Member

Vancouver Division

November 28, 1940 - July 23, 2021

Leonard Olfert passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on July 23, 2021.

He was born in Swift Current on November 28, 1940, to Justina (Dyck) and Abram Olfert. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Sharyn (Weinmaster) Olfert, daughters Alanna (Scot) Dunlop, and Alison (Frank) Smart, his grandchildren Jacob Dunlop (Cassi Ross), Justine, and Benjamin Dunlop, Alexis (Joseph) Aisekhalaye, Jenna Smart (Mason Peters), and great grandson Jayden Aisekhalaye, and his brother Ed (Meon) Olfert, and Gerry (Norma) Olfert, as well as numerous brothers and sisters in law and nieces and nephews. He will be missed and was loved by all.

He is predeceased by his parents Abram and Justina (Dyck) Olfert, and father-in law and mother-in-law, Jack, and Edna Weinmaster.

Len grew up in the Taber and Vauxhall area in Alberta, and on July 8, 1960 at the age of 19, joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He served in the Musical Ride, Manitoba, Ottawa Headquarters, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. In 1975 he was commissioned as the Inspector and an officer in the financial services section at Ottawa headquarters. Having joined the RCMP out of Saskatchewan, a transfer from Ottawa to Regina as the planning officer for the Division was welcome in 1980 as it was an opportunity to return to the prairies. Re-connecting with family roots, developing and renewing work and personal friendships was a highlight of the four years that he was posted in Regina Headquarters. With a sense of adventure, Len and the family left Regina for a posting as Operations Officer for Saskatoon sub-division. He was promoted to the rank of Superintendent in 1987 in Saskatoon as the Officer in Charge of Saskatoon Sub-division. In 1991, Len was transferred to Kamloops as the Officer in Charge of the Sub-Division. He remained at that posting until his retirement in June 1997.

Len is the recipient of the RCMP Long Service medal, as well as the E Division Commanding Officer’s Commendation for his role as the Commanding Officer at the Gustafson Lake police operation.

Len met his wife Sharyn (Weinmaster) Olfert when he was working on Winnipeg highway patrol. They were married on July 4th, 1964 at Greenwood United church in Winnipeg. In 1967, they welcomed their first daughter Alanna Louise, and in 1969 their second daughter Alison Elizabeth.

Len participated in many community groups, associations, and boards. This included his role on the board of the United Church in Regina, Saskatchewan, instructor of the Christopher’s Leadership course, held various officer positions in Mason’s Lodge in Saskatoon, and was Master of the Lodge in Salmon Arm, and was President of the Shuswap Veteran’s Association for two terms.

As a young father, Len enjoyed camping with the family, and planned many adventures when they lived in Ottawa from 1972 to 1980, including travels through Quebec and the Maritime Provinces with their small tent trailer. Len enjoyed capturing family moments through photography, earlier with slides and later with his digital camera. He also took up winemaking when he retired to the Shuswap in 1997. Len and his wife Sharyn enjoyed traveling, and visited many European/Asian countries together starting in their fifties, including two very memorable cruises with their daughters and sons in law.

A funeral service will be held at a later date at the RCMP Cemetery at Depot Division, Regina.