

# **BRAITHWAITE, Joseph Ernest (Joe)**

**November 22, 1920 - December 20, 2011**

Joseph Ernest (Joe) Braithwaite passed away peacefully at Foothills Hospital, Calgary, Alberta on December 20, 2011, after a short illness. Joe was born in Toronto, Ontario on November 22, 1920, the fourth son and youngest of six children of Samuel Braithwaite and his wife Elizabeth. Joe grew up in Toronto and completed his schooling there. On September 8,



1939, Joe enlisted in the 48th Highlanders of Canada and served overseas from November 1939, until the end of World War II when he was discharged on July 19, 1945. Joe was awarded the 1939-1945 Star, the Italy Star, the Defence Medal 1939-1945, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, and the War Medal 1939-1945. Joe rejoined the military enlisting in the Royal Canadian Air Force February 26, 1951 and serving until his retirement on January 8, 1969.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, his five siblings, his beloved wife Doreen in 1966, his son Joe in 1988 and his son-in-law, Raymond, in 1991. Joe is survived by his daughters: Janet Waddell (Orville Lammle), Cochrane, Alberta; Karen Campbell (Robert), Greenwood, Nova Scotia; and Diane Swindell, Pender Island, British Columbia; three granddaughters and two great granddaughters. Joe was an avid gardener when he was younger with his flower gardens being his pride and joy. Joe very much enjoyed bird watching, numbers, reading and whistling. Joe moved to Cochrane in April 2002, to live at Big Hill Lodge which became his second home.

Joe's family would like to thank Dr. Robert McLaughlin at the Cochrane Medical Center, and Sandra Robin and all her staff at the Lodge for taking such good care of Dad over the last 10 years. At Joe's request no service will be held. Joe's ashes will be taken to Nova Scotia later in 2012 for interment in the family plot in Middleton. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Hill Lodge, 98 Carolina Drive, Cochrane, Alberta, T4C 1X5.