

Bert Hardman was a peninsula pioneer

Bert Hardman, a resident of Gateway Haven, passed away last Thursday, June 17 at 101 years of age.

Bert was a well known and respected Peninsula Senior and impressed many, especially as a weather prognosti-

cator.

Bert was born at Red Bay on January 20th, 1903, the second oldest of seven children born to George & Margaret (Reid) Hardman.

His family moved to Mar when he was around 4 years old where his parents farmed on the property now owned by Doug Locke. He was one of the first students to attend the Mar School that was built in 1907.

Bert was an avid hunter and trapper in his early years, later sailing on the Great Lakes. In 1931 he married Alice Weir and they had four children - Wilfred, Wesley, Carl and Vivian. He is also a special uncle to Alice (Given) Sear and has 15 Grandchildren (2 deceased) 20 Great Grandchildren.

Bert farmed until 1963 when they moved to Howdenvale. He was a stone mason and carpenter and built and stoned many of the cottages in the area.

At 80 he was still shoveling snow off the roof, splitting wood and raking leaves after losing his eyesight.

After Alice passed in 1998 he continued living in his home with help until January 2002 when he entered Gateway Haven.

Bert always enjoyed the advantage of a great memory and loved telling stories about hunting and trapping and his days on the Great Lakes.

His daughter Vivian said he was never a person to get too excited about anything, "unless it was hard work." She said he believed in "living a good life," and was always kind to people.

Many credit the spirit and resourcefulness of a Peninsula Pioneer for seeing him through such a long and productive life.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Bert Hardman
1903 - 2004

HARDMAN: Albert (Bert) Ellis. Peacefully at Gateway Haven on Thursday, June 17, 2004. Bert Hardman of Howdenvale in his 102nd year. Last surviving member of his family. Beloved husband of the Late Alice (Weir) Hardman. Dear father of Wes and his wife Mary of Owen Sound, Carl and his wife Marion of Mar and Vivian and her husband Gordon MacDonald of Howdenvale. Special uncle of Alice and Bob Sear of Howdenvale. Predeceased by one son Wilfred, two grandsons Barry and Joseph, five brothers Roy, Herb, Fred, Russ, Ed and one sister Myrtle Given. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren Brian, LeeAnne, Louise, Steven, Ken, Karen, Brad, Kathy, Susan, David, Derek, Sharon, Sherrill and twenty-one great grandchildren. The family received friends at the **GEORGE FUNERAL HOME**, 430 Mary Street, Wiarton on Friday. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Saturday, June 19th with Mr. A.J.V. Leeder officiating. Interment Red Bay Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Friends of Gateway or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.georgefuneralhome.com