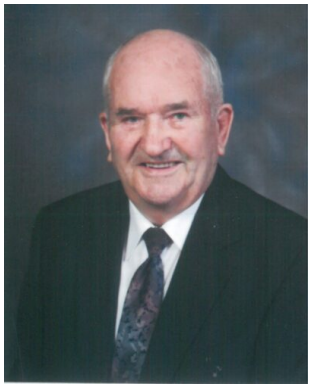

REMEMBERING

Henry Giesbrecht

November 10, 1930 - June 2, 2023

Henry Giesbrecht, 92, of Abbotsford, B.C. passed away peacefully in his home, into the presence of his Lord and Saviour, on June 2, 2023.

Henry was born in the Amur region of Russia on November 10, 1930, and lived most of his childhood in the village of NeuShoensee, Ukraine. His parents were Henry and Neta Giesbrecht. His siblings: Agnes (Neufeld), Helen (Hiebert), Mary (Baerg), Peter, Jake (d), and John.

The family fled to Germany as refugees during World War II, and immigrated to Canada when Henry was 18 years old, settling in the Abbotsford area. He was baptized on June 21, 1953 in the Peardonville Mennonite Church. Henry had several jobs before moving to Vancouver to work at the Buckerfields feed company.

While in Vancouver he met Annie Martens. They married in 1955, and in 1961 they moved to Abbotsford where Henry spent the rest of his working life farming, mostly growing raspberries. He also worked in construction building barns. The family attended Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church where Henry spent many years as an usher.

He lived out his retirement years in Clearbrook, and volunteered at M.C.C. Throughout his life he was known for his generosity, gratefulness and contentment.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Annie, and his children: Elsie (Herb) Ens,

Mary Giesbrecht, Anne (George) Sawatzky, Henry Giesbrecht, and Frank Giesbrecht,

along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.