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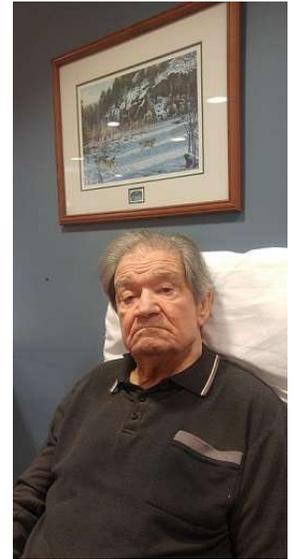
A Life of Travel - Leon's Story

Leon was born in 1939 in Smolnik, Poland. Though his family lived in several countries as refugees and, not all travels were made by choice, Leon was not dissuaded from traveling throughout his life time; some times visiting and some times moving to live in a new part of the world.

With the outbreak of World War II and at the age of ten, Leon and his family became refugees and lived for two years at a camp in Siberia. Then, he moved to Kyrgyzstan, Russia to work on a collective farm for two years before moving to Persia (now Iran) for three years.

Despite these frequent moves as a refugee, Leon still managed to receive a good education in his native language. "Everything was provided by the government" he explains. "They took care of the refugees". He learned a little English at each place that he lived. He even learned from two German Missionary Brothers when he spent four months in Karachi, India. However, he did not become comfortable with English until he started working.

Leon's family's journey took them to the Portuguese colony of Beira, Mozambique, then finally to Zambia where they would remain for several years laying down roots. Even after the refugee camps were dissolved, the family remained in Zambia. His sister's husband worked in the coal mines and Leon worked in the Copper mines; he even met his wife in Zambia!



Leon and his wife moved to England in 1958 and stayed for eleven years. Then, taking another chance on life and the opportunity to travel, he immigrated to Canada. They arrived in Montreal, immediately took a train, and settled in BC opening a gas station and an auto mechanic shop.

In order to count all of the European countries that Leon has traveled to, you would "need to use all of your fingers and most of your toes. I haven't been to Spain or Portugal though". He packed his family into a "tent-truck" and toured Europe twice! One occasion for two months and then, after having such a good time, another trip for three months.

Leon's Story continues

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Leon's travels have taken him around the world, he is proud of his Polish heritage and especially loves Polish cuisine; garlic sausage and pierogis (potato and fruit)!



Our intrepid traveler, now 80 year's young and blind, reflects on how he feels about living at Langley Lodge: "I'm not isolated here; I'm not lonely; I'm an independent person". "I do need help though navigating throughout the building. I'm happy to attend the variety of services offered here at Langley Lodge (art, music, trivial pursuite; the volunteers and care aids help me get to where I need to be all through the building".

"With my memories of travelling and daily activities, I'm not at all bored! "

Thank you Butterfly Release participants - we raised over \$5,000!

**Langley Care Foundation's Vision:
To Ensure Quality of Life for the Elderly**

***Funding
Priorities
2018***

**1,800 hours
Quality of Life
Programs
\$65,000**

**Seniors Peer
Outreach
Program
\$25,000**

**Community
Support Fund
\$15,000**

**Equipment
\$15,000
*Achieved***

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In Memoriam Gifts

***David Barregar, Kenneth
Geach, Daniel Kustaski, Alex
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