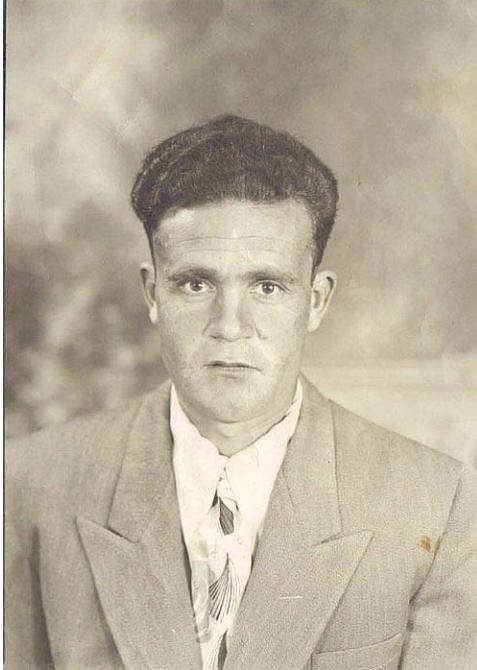


BIOGRAPHY OF OMRAN MUSTAFA FAYAD



At the age of 29, Omran Mustafa Fayad migrated from Kherbet Rouha, Lebanon to Canada on November 11, 1949. He was sponsored by his brother Mohamed Mustafa Fyith. Omran arrived with his wife Fatima Ahmed Fayad, his 3 daughters Amenie, Mariam, and Mona, and son Abdul Rahman (Joe). Soon after his arrival he became involved in Mink Farming, he established his home & mink farm in the site where the current Lac La Biche Mosque is now situated. Over the years the family grew with the addition of Zenib, Hajee and Mustafa. In the late 60's the mink farm was relocated & Omran continued mink farming until 1972 when he retired.

Omran and his brother Mohamed could always be found at Courtneys playing cards with Frank Courtney or at Ernie's playing pool. Omran also enjoyed duck hunting with the boys.

Omran and Fatima's house was always full with family and friends from near and far. Omran was very instrumental with the building of the original mosque in Lac La Biche and later became involved with the Kherbet Rouha Muslim Association in Edmonton. After his retirement Omran decided to improve on his limited English skills, he enrolled in an upgrading course at "Newstart" which is now the Lac La Biche Portage College.

Omran & Fatima Fayad decided to move to Edmonton to be closer to their children. They moved to Edmonton in 1975, Omran who was always active and never one to sit around, worked for the Alberta Government for approximately 9 years as a custodian. His wife Fatima passed away in August 1980.

Omran remarried in 1983 to Mariam Moghrabi, who passed away in August 1998.

Omran completed the pilgrimage to the Hajj 4 times during his lifetime; Omran's family continues to grow with 22 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

Omran Fayad passed away on June 24, 2009 at the age of 89.



Omran (right center) with Brother Mohamed (Mike) and their families

