

Moar, James. (1915-2000)

James “Jimmy Goose” Moar of Crane River, Manitoba was the son of John and Louisa Moar. James was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 25 years. He was a member of the Hong Kong Veterans Association and the Aboriginal Veterans Association.

James enlisted in the army in July of 1941 with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He transferred to the Winnipeg Grenadiers and was shipped to Hong Kong in September of 1941. On December 25, 1941 he was captured and became a Japanese P.O.W. for 1,343 days. James received six medals for his service in the army. He was discharged on April 2, 1946 in Winnipeg and returned to Crane River where he married and raised his family.

James was very involved in the community of Crane River. He served as mayor, fire chief and as a school board committee member. He was a board member for the Dauphin Friendship Centre and a member of the Manitoba Métis Federation. James was a fisherman, a trapper and a farmhand. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, digging seneca root and picking berries. He also enjoyed dancing. Many of his friends and relatives will remember his calling for square dancing. James always expected everyone to know how to square dance and not make any mistakes. He was a very serious card player. James loved his children and grandchildren. His face would light up every time one of them would come to visit. He was a kind and generous man who would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

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