

## John Reginald Quirk (1922 – 2008)

John was born in England on April 27, 1922 and came to Canada at the age of two. He received his education in Vernon schools and when World War II broke out he joined the RCAF and served overseas.

John worked for the District of Coldstream for a period of time, as did his father Reg, until he became a Fruit and Vegetable Inspector with the Dept. of Agriculture where he worked until retirement.

Being an avid birder and a Life Member of the North Okanagan Naturalist Club, John was always on the look-out for feathered friends at home or out in foul or fine weather with the birding group. John was an amiable and jovial man who got along with and was liked by everyone and laughed easily and often.

He was certainly a highly qualified birder, and he and his wife Shirley kept and watched feeders every winter. Their most memorable find was a pair of Eastern Blue Jays in the 1970s. There was a mass migration of birders to their home from all over the Valley

John Quirk died in Vernon on November 14, 2008 at the age of 86.

