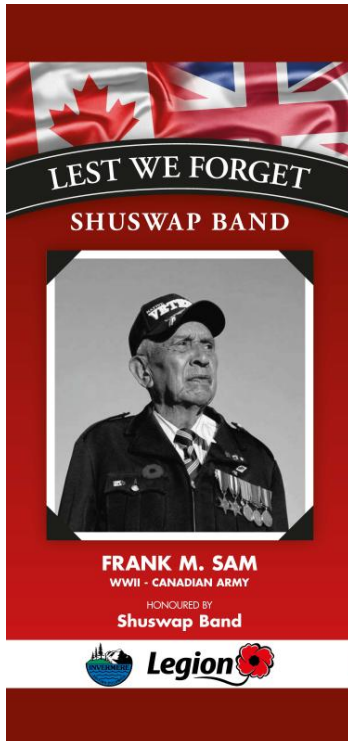


SAM, FRANK



Frank was born Oct. 17, 1925 into the Columbia Lake Band, also known as the Akisqnuq Band, and attended St. Eugene Residential School near Cranbrook. Just before his sixteenth birthday, he joined the Canadian Army. He went overseas in 1944 and was on the front lines at Normandy. He was wounded twice, the second time needing 19 months to recuperate in hospital. After his discharge, he purchased 60 acres of land with his father, Martin Sam, and transferred into the Shuswap Band. He married Patricia in 1977 and they raised Frank, Mary, Mathias, and Paul. Frank was a longtime resident at Ivy House in Invermere.

