

Al Brown 1930-2011

Canada

Founder of Ontario Federation of Vanners

We mourn the loss of a vanning pioneer and great friend of the club. Al Brown was a member of Syndicated Truckers Van Club and hosted possibly the first Truck-in in Canada in 1974. He also had the vision to start a newsletter (no computers then!) called the Ontario Federation of Truckers, which provided a means for clubs to promote their events and set up dates that did not conflict with other clubs. That concept was perhaps the seed that later grew to councils and the massive Council of Councils we all enjoy every winter. I had the honor of being his friend, and was one of the first US reps to write for his newsletter. I attended his 50th birthday party, as well as celebrating his 75th with him recently. He passed away on Christmas day at the age of 81. Right now he is sitting with Barry and KG and Taco and so many others we have lost, rolling his own and having a beer...RIP, my friend...

