

Owen Rodney HAWKINS – Class of '47



HAWKINS, Owen Rodney September 13, 1928 - March 9, 2013

Owen passed away peacefully and courageously with his family at his side. A loving husband and father, he is survived by his wife Joan, children Brian (Norene), Marcia (Terry), Bruce (Peggy) and Karen (Rob), 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, his brother Glenn and his sister Sylvia Burt and many nieces, nephews and great friends. He was predeceased by his parents George and Stenna and sister, Leona. Owen was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. His family moved from their homestead near Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan to Victoria where he grew up and attended school, eventually graduating from Victoria High School in 1947. Owen developed a great interest in radios and electronics at a very early age. After meeting and marrying the love of his life he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force and trained as a communications technician. After 5 years with the RCAF, Owen enjoyed a long career with the BC Provincial Forest Service, Radio Division, as a radio technician and communications supervisor. He retired in 1985. Owen enjoyed a long retirement with Joan travelling in their RV as well as going on many wonderful cruises and vacations with her. They moved to Qualicum Beach where Owen added golf to his numerous hobbies and where he was a member of the Eaglecrest Golf Course. Owen was a computer guru who constantly helped family and friends solve problems. He was also a founding member of the Probus Club in Parksville and published their newsletter for some years. They returned to Victoria in 2011.

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