

**TOOBY, Howard David**  
**May 20, 1928 August 19, 2011**



Howard passed away peacefully at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, BC. He was the only child of the late Percy and Muriel Tooby and was the beloved husband of Constance Dorothy Tooby.

After meeting at the young age of 16, Howard and Connie were happily married for 62 years. He will be forever remembered by his children, Dave (Heather), Janice (Don) MacDonald; grandchildren, Ryan, Kim and Ben; sisters-in-law, Pat Chester, Mary Henson; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Howard was born and raised in Victoria and attended Oaklands Elementary, Central Junior High and Victoria High School. For 38 years he worked for the B.C. Forest Service, retiring in 1985. Howie loved sports and played basketball, lacrosse, soccer and track and field while he was growing up on Victor Street, later becoming passionate about tennis. He had a very successful athletic career and won many individual awards. For forty years he was a dedicated and successful coach to basketball teams including those at First United Church, Claremont Secondary (Senior Boys), UVic (Vikettes), and Junior and Senior A Men's and Women's teams. With his leadership and hard work many of these teams went on to win City, B.C. and Canadian Championships. Howard introduced tennis to numerous youth and adults at Windsor and Carnarvon Parks through the Oak Bay Parks Program. He volunteered many hours at the Oak Bay Tennis club giving free lessons and working to promote the club as a board member and president, while being an avid player winning many club championships. Howard's hard work and dedication was celebrated in 2008 when he was inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic endeavours and countless volunteer hours coaching basketball and tennis.

Howard was devoted to his family and was always a proud supporter of all of their endeavours. He loved gathering with the family for Sunday dinners. His enthusiasm for life and his caring nature will be deeply missed.

The family would like to thank all the nurses and doctors that were so helpful and kind while he was on the Respiratory Ward, 8th floor North, at the Jubilee Hospital. They are truly an amazing group of caregivers. Private family arrangements have been made for Howard. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to a youth sports association, Vic High Alumni Association or a charity of your choice.