

William Edward HARRIS



HARRIS, William Edward (Bill) Born March 13, 1936 in Moosimin, SK. died suddenly at the age of 75 on October 10, 2011 while vacationing in Santorini, Greece. Bill moved to Victoria when still a very small boy and was always proud to share that he was a street kid selling newspapers at the age of four with his brothers during WWII. He graduated from Victoria High School in 1954 and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education. During his 35 year career, he taught in and was the Principal of many Victoria Elementary schools, Lampson, Fairburn, Uplands, Willows, McKenzie, and Glanford. He spent 2 years on exchange for the Department of National Defence at CFB Baden-Solingen in Germany, and one year in Canberra, Australia. He had an impact on countless young people in our community and around the world. After a successful foray into the Victoria Real Estate scene, Bill once again returned to his first love teaching, setting up English language programs with schools in Thailand and China. Sports were always a very important part of his life. He spent many years playing soccer for the Bays United Soccer Club and very reluctantly stopped playing in his 60's. He was a long standing member of the Uplands Golf Club and was still actively playing every week. Golf was a great love, and playing at St. Andrews in Scotland and meeting his idol Arnold Palmer were among the highlights in his life. He showed us all his courage and his compassion when dealing with the illness and death of his beloved wife Deanne of cancer in 2006. We were all so very glad to see that he found love again with Hazel. In recent years he and Hazel continued to travel the world. Bill always wanted to see and experience new things and new places and we will be forever grateful that he left this life doing something that he truly loved. Always a gentleman, forever a scholar." Bill is survived by his wife Hazel Medlyn Harris and his children Catherine Senger (Ken), Jill Hawe (Kevin) and John Harris and grandchildren, Alexa, Jake, Callie and Garrett and his brothers Chuck Harris (Doreen Ball) and Jack Harris.