

Coates, Allen Arthur Class of '43



September 14, 1925 – February 14, 2012

It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of Allen Arthur Coates. Al is lovingly remembered and cherished by his wife of 53 years, Ellen; his son Allen (Karen); his daughter Aleda (Steve); brother Doug; nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends.

Al was second-generation, Victoria BC born. His great grandfather arrived in Canada with the British Army in the 1812 war; thus, making Al a third generation Canadian. Al served his country in the Korean War onboard the HMCS Cayuga. He later met a Norwegian girl named Ellen Sjerdal in 1957 and lived his entire life in Victoria raising his family. After the war, he was employed with Capital Iron where he worked until his retirement. Al also served as President of the Sons of Norway from 2000-2002.

A celebration of Al's life was held at the Sons of Norway House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, on Saturday, February 25, 2012.