

Joseph Lott – VHS 1940



LOTT, Joseph William Joseph passed away peacefully at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital palliative care unit on June 19, 2016. Joe was born February 4, 1923 in Victoria. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Dorothy and Reg Lott and his two brothers Bud and Reg. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Rita, his three sons, Chris (Lynne), Nick (Sheena), and Tim (Kelly) and by his 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He graduated from Vic High, and obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC and a Master of Arts from UVIC. His

career as an educator included being the first principal of both Claremont and Parkland schools in Saanich School District. On his retirement he served on the Saanich School Board and as a director of Saanich Peninsula Credit Union, (now part of Coast Capital) which he helped establish in the early 1950s. Joe's community involvement went beyond his teaching and administrative skills. He served as an alderman in North Saanich, was active with Saint Mary's church in Saanichton, was a member of the Memorial Park Society, and assisted with the establishment of the Shoal Centre for seniors in Sidney. He dearly loved the game of bridge and was director of the Silver Threads bridge club for a number of years. He was playing bridge, and playing well, up until a few weeks before his death. He was an avid gardener and spent many hours tending his vast vegetable garden. He loved his dogs especially his Labradors and would spend many happy hours walking the beaches of the Peninsula with various offspring and dogs. Joe and Rita loved to entertain and were great hosts. Dinner at Mom and Dad's was a family institution. The warmth, love and humour at those gatherings were a very big part of all our lives. His family, friends and numerous former pupils will miss him a great deal.