

Reginald H. Reid – Class of 1943

(November 04, 1924 - April 22, 2017)



Beloved husband, father, grandfather, teacher, mentor and friend, Reg passed away peacefully at the age of 92 after a brief illness on April 22nd with family at his side. Survived by his loving wife Iris; children Cliff, David (Bryony), Janet, and Linda (Steve) as well as grandchildren Colin (Crista), Allison (Gabriel) and Miles and Naomi, Fiona and Simon Roome as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by his sister Dorothy and brother Jack. Born on Nov 4, 1924 in Victoria to Clifford Duncan Reid and Clara Detweiler, Reg spent his early years in White Rock, BC, moving to Victoria as a teen to attend Victoria High School, graduating in 1943 as valedictorian. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force later that year and received his wings as an Air Gunner in 1944. He was en route to the Pacific when the war ended. He subsequently rose to Captain in the Canadian Intelligence Corps in Air Photo Intelligence. Reg married his sweetheart, Iris, on Nov. 8, 1946 at St. Luke's Church, Victoria, sharing a loving joyful bond for the next 70 years. He graduated from UBC with a BA in 1950, obtaining from UBC his Teacher Training certificate in 1951 and his B. Ed in 1957. For 37 years Reg was an immensely popular teacher, administrator and advocate

whose contributions in the classroom and community were legendary. He taught at Delta Junior-Senior High (1951-52) Oak Bay Jr. (1952-57), Victoria High School (1957-63), Central Junior High (1963-67;Vice-Principal), Victoria High School (1967-1977;Vice-Principal) and Mt. Douglas High School (1977-87;Vice-Principal).

Reg's community activities were many. He coached hockey in the 1950s and 1960s in the Victoria Minor Hockey Association. He was a director of United Way of Greater Victoria (67-78) and President and Chairperson until 1980. He facilitated and promoted the founding of Operation Trackshoes and was a 30 year volunteer for this event. A huge supporter of high school and university basketball, he sat on the Island High School Basketball Championships Committee and supported Vikes basketball events and fundraisers. He also co-chaired the Canadian Track and Field Trials in 1994.

Oak Bay Kiwanis Club was a big part of his life, joining in 1976, and becoming President (for 24 years) of the Oak Bay Kiwanis Health Care Society in 1980 where he provided leadership in the development and operation of Kiwanis Pavilion, now internationally renowned as a leader in dementia care.

He was a longstanding member of the former St. Columba's Anglican Church.

The family expresses deep gratitude to Dr. Michael Miles for his outstanding attention to Reg over the years and to those at the Lodge at Broadmead who provided such loving care.

Reg is forever in our hearts and will be remembered for his compassion, enthusiasm, humour, humility and grace.

Donations in Reg's name gratefully accepted to Victoria High School Alumni Association, Kiwanis Pavilion Foundation, and U-Vic Vikes Basketball.

A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday June 3rd at 2 pm at Victoria High School Auditorium

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