



Roy Fairbairn

July 20, 1929-July 20, 2013

Gordon Roy Fairbairn was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and passed away peacefully in Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, B.C. on his 84th birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife Pat Lathwell, his three children Stephanie (Hans), Gordon (Melanie), Glenna (Jerry), two grandchildren Melissa and Mariah, his sister Lily McDonald, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by four sisters and three brothers, and his wife and mother of his children, Lorraine. Roy completed an autobiography for his family in 2009.

Roy moved to Victoria in 1941 and graduated from VHS in 1949. He spent 20 years in the Canadian Army (RCOC) at Jericho in Vancouver, followed by 16 years working for the Federal Government. He will be remembered best for his love of acting, particularly vaudeville. He was the M.C. at Burnaby Village Museum's summer shows for many years and would encourage the audience to boo at his corny jokes. His greatest joy was to make someone laugh. He acted in many productions with Langley Players, Vagabond Players and other groups, and was a life member of Footlight Theatre Company. In 1992 he was honoured to earn Best Supporting Actor for his role in Twelve Angry Men with Langley Players, and he enjoyed going to several Theatre BC Mainstage Festivals. In 1997 he received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Community Theatre Coalition.

Roy and Pat travelled all over the world including many cruises. His favourite destination was Rarotonga in the Cook Islands where they celebrated the new Millennium. He enjoyed meeting people, and anyone who knew him will have wonderful memories and funny stories to tell about Roy.

The family would like to thank the staff at Royal Columbian Hospital for his care during his hospital stays. In keeping with his wishes for no service, we ask that you instead support your local amateur theatre group. If you wish to make a donation, please consider The Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Celiac Association, or the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation.