

Duncan Lorimer

John Duncan Lorimer passed away peacefully on December 16, 2005. He is survived by Betty, his loving wife of 66 years; sons, Darrell (Barbara), Alan (Janette), Glen (Mavis); daughter, Janet (Glen) McBride; two brothers, Malcolm (Elaine) and James; sister, Margaret and (Wilfred) Strong as well as 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Duncan was predeceased by his brother, George.

Duncan was born in 1919 in Delacour, Alberta. In 1922 he moved with his family to Victoria, eventually settling on a farm in North Sooke in 1924. He joined The Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1936. In September 1939, he enlisted for active service and went overseas in 1941 with the 1st Battalion. He returned to Victoria in 1942 to attend officer training at Gordon Head returning to overseas duty later that year. He was wounded in July 1944 at Cussy, Normandy and returned to Canada for instructional duties. Duncan was discharged in June, 1945. After attending Victoria College and U.B.C., he joined the staff of Victoria High School in 1951. He was vice-principal at Lansdowne Junior High School from 1956 – 1959 and then back to Vic High as Vice Principal for the next 7 years when he became Principal in 1966 and retiring in 1979. In his retirement years, he served on the Financial Committee of the Victoria Community Chest and was the Esquimalt representative on the Royal Jubilee Hospital Board. He maintained his interest in his regiment, serving as Treasurer of the Regimental Trustees for 13 years. He was also actively involved in the Vic High Alumni Association.