

## William James Gower – VHS Class of 1935



GOWER, William James October 18, 1916 - March 11, 2017

Jim, a lifelong scouter, has completed his final journey to join his beloved wife of 71 years, Margaret. Predeceased by his sister Emma and brothers Dick, George and Roy, Jim leaves behind his sister Inez, brother Frank (Linda), sister-in-law Dorothy, sons Bill (Jo Ann), Ron (Kathy), Ken, Bruce (Patrice), 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jim lived his entire life in Victoria except for his WWII service aboard HMCS Haida and had a

long career in the postal service.

Throughout his life, Jim was an active and dedicated member of Christ Church Cathedral, the Oddfellows Lodge, and an Honourary Lifetime Member of the Baden Powell Guild of Victoria. Jim had a passion for the outdoors, the more remote, the better. He worked endlessly in his garden, explored the wilderness of local parks, the Forbidden Plateau, Garibaldi Park, and the Rockies. This passion was only exceeded by his devotion to family, with a special interest in following the activities of the younger members.

Over many years, Jim and Margaret also took great joy entertaining their many friends at home and at the family Deep Cove property.

Our family would like to extend sincere thanks to the staff at The Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead for their exceptional care and kindness. A celebration of Jim's life took place at Christ Church Cathedral. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.mccallgardens.com](http://www.mccallgardens.com)