

## Ross MacKinnon – Vic High Class of 1941



Ross passed away peacefully at the age of 95 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Survived by his wife Patricia of 68 years and his two daughters Lynne (Grant), Carol (Dan), his brother Don (Betty), sister-in-law Barbara and many nieces, nephews and godchildren, predeceased by his brother Grant.

Ross was born in Victoria, BC and grew up in Fairfield where he attended Sir James Douglas Elementary & Victoria High school, graduating in 1941. After graduation he attended Victoria College in Craigdarroch Castle for one year before joining the R.C.A.F. in June 1942. While overseas, he served on R.A.F. stations and eventually was posted to #209 RAF Coastal Command Squadron in

Mombasa Kenya. In 1945 he returned to Victoria College and graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1948. His passion of flying continued with his involvement with the R.C.A.F Reserve through 1958. In 1948 Ross began his career with Revenue Canada as a CGA retiring after 40 years in 1988. Ross was an avid walker and could be seen walking the shores of Dallas Rd, climbing Moss Rocks as well as walking Gonzales Hill. He was very dedicated to First Metropolitan United Church for over 50 years where he was involved in the finances as well as he and Patricia taught the kindergarten Sunday school. He was a member of the Round Table Club of Victoria and was very proud to attend the annual evening dedicated to celebrating the ladies this past April. In his retirement years he enjoyed many holidays to spend time with family and friends.

With his unconditional love Ross touched many lives. He was a caring individual who listened intently and was always there to offer sound advice. He was an honest man and known for his deep compassion. He never complained about the trials and tribulations that life sent his way, but looked to his saviour to provide him with the strength to persevere and pass his knowledge and wisdom on to his family, friends and others who were lucky enough to have met him.

Ross, you have shown us your knowledge, compassion, happiness, and most of all your love. It is up to us to emulate you and pass your traits on to others.

A special thank you to Carmen and Curt & Chris and Mark, who have spent a great deal of time with Ross including his last 3 weeks in the hospital.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Metropolitan United on June 14th at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow at the University Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Place.

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