

Allan T. Salter – VHS 1941

Allan T Salter 1921 - 2013 It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Dr. William Allan Thomas Salter. Al was born in Vancouver, B.C and spent his childhood years in Washington State. His family eventually returned to Victoria where he continued his education. After graduating from a two year pre-dental program at Victoria College in 1941 he attended the North Pacific College of Dentistry in Portland, Oregon where he graduated in 1944. Following his graduation he honed his skills for two years in the army as a Lieutenant in The Canadian Dental Corps. Al married his childhood sweetheart Dorothy (nee Watson) in 1945 and started his private practice, also serving part time with the Victoria School Board and full time from 1956 to 1958 as Dental Officer of Health. The family moved to Toronto in 1958 where Al completed a one year post graduate course at the University of Toronto. After receiving a diploma of Dental Public Health he and the family returned to Victoria where he served as Dental Officer with the Victoria School Board until 1963. In 1963 Al accepted the position as Alberta Director of Dental Public Health and the family moved to Edmonton. He actively participated and served on the boards of various Alberta and Canadian Dental Associations as well as being treasurer of the Canadian Society of Public Health. He had papers published with the Journal of Canadian Dentistry Association and conducted seminars in Public Health from 1964 to 1970. Al retired in 1978.

The Victoria College yearbook in 1941 saluted Al for his robust good cheer and for not knowing the meaning of being downhearted. His life was dedicated to helping others in his quiet, unassuming way. He loved to fish and beachcomb in the Victoria years, but mechanics and cars were his passion. He was happiest tinkering with cars and driving on the annual family vacations to California, Oregon, or up-island to Nanoose Bay and Qualicum Beach.

Pre-deceased by his brother George, and earlier this year by his wife Dorie, he will be remembered by all as the quintessential gentleman. He is survived by his children Allan (Debbie),Carolynn (Cecil) and David.

In respect to Al's wishes there were no services held. Cremation has taken place and there will be a family service at a later date.