

FERRIS, Leonard Rowland "Rolly" Died peacefully on May 28, 2015 at the age of 94 years. He was born in Victoria, B.C. on January 16, 1921 to parents James and Dorothy Ferris (nee Etheridge). Rolly joined the Royal Canadian Navy as a boy seaman at age seventeen. He arrived in Halifax September 1939 on HMCS St. Laurent to escort 1st convoy of the war. While serving on HMCS Saguenay, he was torpedoed on December 1, 1940 about 200 miles west of Ireland. From May 1941 he served two years on convoy duty on the North Atlantic Ocean. In November 1943 Rolly was commissioned to HMCS Chaudiere in Portsmouth. In December 1943 he joined a support group to give aid to any convoy having trouble. Rolly was part of a crew doing anti-submarine sweeps in the English Channel during the D Day invasion. Chief Petty Officer 1st class Ferris retired from the Navy in 1961 and worked another 20 years at the dockyard in Victoria. Rolly was a man of strength, grace and dignity. He was a longterm faithful member of St. Philip Anglican Church. Rolly served over 70 years with the United Service Masonic Lodge (now known as United Peninsula Lodge #24). He was a past master of the Lodge. Rolly enjoyed gardening and evening walks with Phyllis and Susan. He was an avid fan of hockey and baseball and a longtime member of Uplands Golf course. He enjoyed his game every week. Rolly was predeceased by his parents, his sister Norma and brother-in-law Bob Little. He will be dearly missed by his wife Phyllis, daughter Susan, sister Marjory Inglis and niece Dorothy Inglis. He is also survived by six nieces and nephews and their families. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 20 at 1 p.m. in St. Philip Anglican Church 2928 Eastdowne Road, Victoria, B.C. V8R 5R8 with the Venerable Christopher Page officiating. In lieu of flowers, a donation to your favourite charity would be appreciated.

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