



**BARBOUR, Murray Douglas Bryden (1928)
October 18, 1912 - April 18, 2013**

Murray passed away peacefully on April 18, 2013 at Malaspina Gardens Care Facility in Nanaimo, BC. Predeceased by his brothers Charles (Margaret) and Ted (Eleanor) plus several nephews and nieces. Left to mourn is his wife Florence of Seventy Five years; his two sons Douglas (June) of Comox, BC. and Jack from Nanaimo, BC.

Murray was born and raised in Sooke and Victoria. As a young man he learned to play basketball with the net anchored to the wall of the gym requiring a walk up the wall for a basket. The Barbour boys predilection to fire live ammunition resulted in minor wounds, however, their mother solved the problem with a javelin thrust of rifle into the ocean.

Murray completed his secondary education at Victoria High School, however, during his tenure he developed a penchant for competitive swimming, ballroom dancing and golf. He was to win awards in all three disciplines. Dad won races in the Crystal Pool. (First cup awarded). He captured trophies for the "Fox Trot" and "The Waltz". Playing at Nanaimo Golf Club Murray won the EBY Trophy (low net) and the Associated Travelers Three Man Trophy. He finished second twice in the Nanaimo Club Championship. Murray became Nanaimo Golf Club President, Zone six representative, and Director of the B.C. Golf Association.

Murray spent several years in the automotive business as a Store Manager or travelling sales representative. There were postings to Vancouver, Kamloops, Prince George, Nelson and Victoria. Dad moved to Nanaimo and formed a partnership, Reynolds, Colgate and Barbour. RC&B sold automotive parts to Vancouver Island. When dad left RC&B he became a Realtor for Block Brothers until his retirement in 1982 at the age of 70. Murray concentrated on commercial sales because weekends were for golf.

Mom and dad travelled extensively. There were trips to Russia, China, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Egypt. They enjoyed cruising, Palm Springs and Maui. Murray played golf at St. Andrews and Pebble Beach. He commented "I have played Mecca and Medinah, now I can die happily"! Playing poker is an intricate skill, but Murray mastered its complexities. When Murray came to town a Poker Game would break out! His best recollection of the treacherous game was in Las Vegas when he

was dealt four fives, but he lost. The Casino printed a card that said "I got four fives and lost" (straight flush). Murray constantly stated he was going to live 100 years to receive his congratulatory letter from the Queen. He accomplished his wish and was delighted.

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