

**BARNES, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Marshall "Robin" (Ret) (1959)**

**March 20, 1941 December 31, 2005**

Born in Victoria, BC. Survived by his wife of 43 years Peggy; son Ken and his wife Sylvia; two granddaughters Kaity and Mady of Winnipeg. Predeceased by his father Bob; mother Ina and his daughter Deana.

Robin graduated from Vic High in 1959 and after obtaining his commercial pilot license, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1962. He graduated from Pilot Training in 1963, this led to a 28 year career in the Canadian Air Force. Postings led the family all across Canada and a tour in Charleston, SC. Robin enjoyed flying numerous aircraft during his career from Harvards to C-141 Starlifters. His favorite was the C130 Hercules, which he flew out of Edmonton and Winnipeg. His last posting was Squadron Commander of 429 Squadron Winnipeg.

In 1989, he retired to Cobble Hill where he and Peg established a new home for Romar Quarterhorses and purchased Equine Emporium. Robin enjoyed the outdoors and was happiest in the sky or on the water. In retirement, the plane was replaced by a boat and he was able to pursue his love of salmon fishing. Many memorable trips were made chasing the "Big One" all over the Island and especially in recent years to Port Renfrew where he became a regular in the fall.

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