

BATEY, Alan H. (1934)
1918-2009

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Alan H. Batey, on April 10, 2009. Alan was born in Armstrong B.C. in 1918, but the family soon continued west to Victoria, where he attended Victoria High School and graduated from Victoria College and the University of British Columbia. He then started a wonderful teaching career in the one-room school at Beaver Point on Saltspring Island.

During the Second World War, Alan was Commanding Officer of a Fairmile ship in the North Atlantic and Bermuda. While on leave in St. John's, NL, he met his future wife, Lois Russell. They were married in 1944.

Upon returning to Victoria, Alan taught woodworking at Victoria High School. He later become Principal of the Institute of Adult Studies and was one of the driving forces behind the creation of Camosun College. Dad believed in education for everyone and was proud to see the community college provide this opportunity for people.

Dad had a great love of life. As a young man he was a King Scout, a bell ringer, and a member of the choir at Christ Church Cathedral. He built many boats and the family home. His pride and joy was the sailing boat "Vivo" in which the family had many happy holidays including circumnavigating Vancouver Island in 1964.

In retirement, Mum and Dad enjoyed travelling, especially with their grandchildren, Paul and Julia, in the camper van. While at home, much time was spent gardening and tending a lovely collection of rhododendron. Place. You were all great. Thank you. Alan is survived by his wife, Lois; daughters, Ann Mais and June Batey; and grandchildren, Paul and Julia Mais.

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