

BATTERBURY, George A. (Teaching Staff)

June 22, 1911 December 17, 2010

Died peacefully in his sleep at Saanich Peninsula Hospital. Born in Wimbledon, Surrey, England, George lived happily in his Sidney home up until 4 days before his passing at the age of 99.

He is survived by his daughter Sue Carroll, son in law Mike Carroll, his daughter in law Odean Long, his son Mark and daughter in law Priska Stabel. George will be missed by his many friends in Sidney, and our thanks go out to you all for making George's life a happy one right to the end.

A teacher by profession, he will be remembered with affection and respect by his students, both in England, at St. Michaels University School, Victoria High, and the Dept of Correspondence Education, where he worked for 25 years.

George was the navigator of the last square rigged ship to sail under the red ensign, The Cap Pilar. The story of this adventure has been published as 'The Voyage of the Cap Pilar' by A. Seligman, the captain, and recently, in 'Around the World in the Cap Pilar' by Martin Knowles.

George served as an officer in the English army for 7 years during World War Two, and considered it his primary duty to help the men in his outfit get home alive. Very special thanks and gratitude to Erlinda, our angel of mercy, who attended to George for the last year, and who did so much to fill his final days and nights with tenderness, care and joy. A simple cremation with no ceremony is planned, as per George's wishes.

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