



BOSDET, George H. (1942)

Died April 5, 2016

George's generous, courteous, happy ways were appreciated by all who knew him. He was ever the gentleman and had a good sense of humour. He loved being with people. In his early years, he lived at a mine site near Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico. When he was 12, his family moved to Victoria and bought a cabin cruiser, the

Golondrina. Many happy hours were spent in that boat. He attended the model school at the Normal School (now Camosun College), and did first year college at Craigdarroch Castle.

When his father passed on suddenly, he left school to help at home. He started singing for others while a student at Victoria High School. Family car trips were opportunities to sing. His children often requested "The Lord's Prayer" or "Bless This House" at bedtimes. He loved to sing "Maria Elena" in Spanish at weddings and other gatherings.

George worked at many jobs. During World War II, he was an airplane mechanic in the RCAF at Boundary Bay Airport. He worked at Crockford's Grocery, delivered milk, drove taxi, sold life insurance and Fuller Brush, and became a federal grain inspector in time to earn a pension.

After the war, he married the love of his life, Blanche (Francis) Bosdet, They were together for 66 years, until her passing in 2011.

He joined First Church of Christ, Scientist, Victoria, in the 1940s & never left the Christian Science faith. In addition to learning to rely on prayer for his well-being, he loved serving on Maintenance, in the Reading Room downtown, as a Bible Reader, on

the Executive Board, and as the famous front door usher - many ladies looked forward to his weekly bear hugs! His pleasures included fixing things; sharing their boat, the Bosinova; billeting strangers in need; dinner parties for family and friends; touring Canada and the USA in a VW Westfalia Van; donating to charities; gardening according to Blanche's instructions; playing with grandchildren; singing in the Vancouver Barbershop Chorus and "Let's Sing Again" on TV (under Louise Rose), and going to China with the Newcombe Singers. Everyone got a charge out of his many special sayings, all said as light-hearted exclamations: you bet! trez beans! good night nurse! oh my shattered nerves! abso-cotton-pickin-lutely! you are indubitably welcome, I'm sure!

George was pre-deceased by his son Doug, daughter Betty, and wife Blanche. He is survived by his daughter Ginny & her husband Dick, his son Bruce & his wife Christine, his son-in-law Wally, 7 grandchildren, and 12.5 great-grandchildren.

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