Harry Evans

EVANS, Dr. Harry MacDonald (b.1920) Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, died peacefully at Belvedere Care Centre in Coquitlam September 20, 2014. Harry was born and educated in Victoria, attending Victoria College before completing his Science degree (Math & Physics) at UBC. As a member of the Canadian Army Signal Corps, he taught radio operators during the Second World War, where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant and later Captain in the Reserves. Married Peggy Sedgman in 1942 and raised four children in the Victoria area. Trained as a teacher, Harry worked for the Ministry of Education while attending university, which led to 22 years as Assistant and then Registrar of Teachers for the Province of B.C. In 1968 the family moved to Coquitlam when Harry accepted the position of Registrar with Simon Fraser University, where he remained until his retirement in 1985. Throughout his life Harry was recognized as a person of great integrity and common sense, and was often sought out for his well informed and wise counsel. In recognition of his devoted service and many contributions to education, SFU honored Harry with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1986. Harry, always on the go, was also an avid fisherman who especially relished the tranquility of the wilderness; he and Peggy enjoyed many trips in their succession of VW campers, exploring B.C., Canada and the continental USA. Now with Peggy, who predeceased him in 2003, Harry will be deeply missed by his immediate family: children Patricia Holborn Alexander (Bruce Alexander), Susan Evans (Ted Harrison), Peter Evans (Jeannie), John Evans (Ria Zapf), and grandchildren Tom Holborn (Sonata Almeron), Marybeth Harrison, Mark Boden, Braden Evans, Ryan Evans (Joanne) and Vanessa Evans. Harry is survived by his sister Darline and other extended family on Vancouver Island. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. R.M. Carkner and the staff of the Residences at Belvedere and Belvedere Care Centre, whose interest and caring is most appreciated. No flowers or service by Harry's request. Donations to the Simon Fraser Scholarship Fund or a charity of choice gratefully appreciated. To view and add online comments, please visit Harry's Guest Book at http://legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/

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