

Harold MARTIN

Obituary



MARTIN, Harold Robertson (Harry)
December 21, 1919 - July 30, 2013

Harry passed away peacefully on a beautiful summer evening at the age of 93; he was predeceased by his wife Joan in 2004. Harry and Joan were married in Vancouver on July 30, 1949. He is survived by his two children Barbara Geddes (Steve) and Brian (Sheilagh); his four grandchildren, Tricia, Gregg, Tracy, and Neil; and his older brother Lawrence.

Harry was born in Winnipeg and moved to Vancouver with his family when he was 14 where he started his working career delivering groceries by bicycle. He soon joined Woodward's which was the start of a life-long career, interrupted only by service to his country during World War II where he saw action in Italy. He returned to Woodward's to resume his career after the war where his good fortune continued and he met Joan who was also working at the store. After a long and distinguished career at Woodward's, he retired in 1981.

Harry spent many years giving back to his community through his work and commitment to the Kiwanis Club of West Vancouver. He was the driving force behind the development of new housing for low income seniors. He enjoyed golfing with his friends, trips to Palm Springs with his family and appreciated the beauty of nature. He had a close relationship with all his grandchildren, and enjoyed seeing them grow to adulthood. Harry was a kind, gentle and loving soul who possessed a sense of humour to be admired. His generous nature and personality were instantly recognized by everyone he met. To know our father and grandfather was to love him; he was a fine man.

He lived the last few years of his life at Amica in West Vancouver, a wonderful community of residents and staff that suited his style perfectly. Barb and Brian are very grateful to Dr. Wayne Smith for his dedicated care for Harry and to the staff of Lions Gate Hospital for their special care and attention to his comfort and well-being.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held on August 16 at Seymour Golf Club from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Guest Book

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