

**CARSON, Lorne Vance (Vance) [UNTD CHIPPAWA '47 U-13550] (1926 - 2014) Age: 88**



July 27, 1926 – Roblin, Manitoba October 31, 2014 – Calgary, Alberta

Vance Carson, beloved husband of Sybil Carson (nee Macdonald) of Calgary, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2014 at the age of 88 years.

Vance graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1951 with a BA degree and financed his 4 years of University by attending the University Naval Training Division in Esquimalt during the summers and acquired his commission in the Royal Canadian Navy. He then met Sybil while they were volunteering at HMCS Chippewa in Winnipeg during the flood of 1951 and they began a future of memories together. Joining Schlumberger Canada as a junior field engineer, Vance advanced to Senior Management positions where he was transferred to other divisions in Michigan, New York and then eventually, Beirut, Lebanon. While stationed in Beirut, he had fantastic travelling opportunities such as exploring his enjoyment of sailing; spending a summer cruising around the Greek Islands with his family.

Vance retired from Schlumberger when he turned 47 and returned to Canada where he and Sybil built a home-style ranch on Rider Lake Mountain outside Chilliwack, complete with guest cabin and stable. His love of the sea called upon him to buy a sailboat in England, which he then sailed through the French canals to the Mediterranean, through Gibraltar to the Atlantic ending up in Barbados. He sailed the Islands for 8 years with Sybil, family and many friends joining regularly.

With the sailing lifestyle conquered, Vance turned his thoughts to family and joined Sybil in Calgary as their permanent home together. His passion for woodworking started a third chapter of his life. Building furniture for family and friends quickly escalated to household renovations, performed in a business partnership with good friends. At the age of 75, the heavy lifting took a physical toll and Vance reduced his activities in construction, instead turning his attentions to travel. The freedom of retirement allowed Vance and Sybil to experience interesting Cruises, travel across Canada, USA, Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland and Italy. He formally retired from his handyman career at the age of 82.

Vance always set goals for himself; and with the love and support of his family, he met them all during his 88 years.

Recently he was asked the question, “What else do you want to do?” and he replied...”My bucket is empty.”

Besides his loving wife of sixty-two years, Vance is survived by five daughters and three sons-in-law, Karen and Gene Blakely, Cathy Carson, Lynda and Rory Smith, Tracy Carson and Jane and Scott Sibley; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Wright and Margaret Beddoes and numerous relatives. A Gathering will be held at a later date. Condolences may be forwarded through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com).

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, c/o Tom Baker Cancer Centre, 1331 – 29 Street .W. to the Chinook Hospice, 1261 Glenmore Trail S.W., Calgary AB Calgary, AB T2N 4N2 Telephone: 1 (866) 412-4222. [www.albertacancer.ca/memorial](http://www.albertacancer.ca/memorial) directly T2V 4Y8, In living memory of Vance Carson, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Park Memorial, 5008 ELBOW DRIVE S.W. Calgary, AB, T2S 2L5, Telephone: 403-243-8200.

Vance had 4 UNTD summers; '48, '49, '50, '51. He would have been Commissioned in the Fall of '51, but by 1952 is not in the Cdn Navy List. In his U of Manitoba '51 Grad write-up he alludes to thinking of going into Dentistry. He didn't, but he certainly appears to have cut his teeth in a wide variety of pursuits.

In July, 2012 a photographer took a number of shots of Vance and his family on the occasion of his 60th wedding anniversary. Worth a look. Vance appears in the last 3 shots.

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