

Alfred Nelson Foxgord



July 31, 1930 - August 1, 2013

Passed away peacefully after a period of illness on Thursday, August 1, 2013, surrounded by his family. Born in Victoria in 1930, Alf is predeceased by his beloved wife Georgia (Ross), brother John and sister Kathleen (Evans). He is survived by daughters Maureen Foxgord and Elaine Foxgord; son John Foxgord (Joanne White); his granddaughter and light of his life Jane Foxgord, as well as four nieces and nephews, and several generations of their children. Alf was a proud alumnus of Victoria High School and, after graduating in 1948, went on to earn his teaching certificate from Victoria Normal School in 1954, as well as a subsequent BA from UBC. During this time he was also very involved in the University Naval Training Division (UNTD) of the naval reserves (1949-1966), and regarded this experience as a foundational and lasting influence in his life. He was very proud of his naval reserve credentials: CD, LCDR RCNR: Retd. Also a passionate teacher, Alf taught in several BC schools (mostly in Victoria) from 1954-1985, including, for many years, at his alma mater: Victoria High School. Alf met his wife Georgia on a blind date on October 23, 1958. She accepted his proposal on Boxing Day, and their wedding was held in the summer of 1959. They were married for over 30 years before she became ill; he nursed her for many months before her death in 1993. Throughout his life, Alf was involved in many organizations and interest groups. Several years after his wife's death, he became increasingly involved in the Post-Polio Awareness & Support Society of BC (PPASS), serving as its president for several years. Alf will be remembered for his many loves: love of family, his cat Luna (and many others before her, including recently deceased Tiger), reading, politics, creative cooking, poetry and essay writing, and sharing memories of family, teaching, and time in the naval reserves. He was smart, loving, creative, and imperfect (just like the rest of us), and his passing has left an enormous hole in our hearts. Special thanks go out to Dr. Caroline Stigant and Lesley Blackman (together with her team at Estevan Pharmacy) for their care and expertise.

No service by request, but a celebration event is being planned. Donations may be made to the Post-Polio Awareness & Support Society of BC (PPASS) or the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation.

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