

WILSON, John Galt [UNTD PREVOST '49< U-79500] (1930 - 2012)



March 29, 1930 - January 31, 2012 Galt is survived by his wife, Esther, children, Galt (Gerda), Blair (Mary), Paul (Nancy), Valerie (Sam) and stepson Fred along with 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Joan Evans and Barbara Harrison. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Galt was born in London, Ontario where he accumulated many happy memories including summers with family and friends on Lake Huron at Goderich. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in Business Administration and earned a law degree from the University of British Columbia. For 40 years Galt specialized in municipal law representing local governments throughout BC. He started his law practice in White Rock and lived and worked across the province including stops in Prince George, Kelowna and Victoria. Along the way, his work contributed significantly to the orderly development of many of BC's interior and Vancouver Island communities. He achieved many "firsts" including incorporating the towns of Houston, Mackenzie, Tumbler Ridge and the District of Metchosin. He chaired the Municipal Section of the Canadian Bar Association and was appointed as a Queen's Counsel. Galt was active at various levels of BC politics including a run for the legislature in 1972 as a Progressive Conservative. He held a number of elected and appointed offices including board member for School District #57 (Prince George), Chair of the College of New Caledonia and President of the BC Colleges Association. After retiring from law, Galt served on the National Board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada and then founded and chaired its B.C. Board of Directors. In his spare time, Galt was happiest at home doing projects. He loved landscaping, building things, and tending the farm near Victoria where he and Esther kept a small flock of sheep. Galt and Esther were "two peas in a pod" through a long and happy marriage. Galt's family is grateful to the outstanding staff and volunteers at Little Mountain Place. We thank you for your loving and professional care in Galt's last year. A celebration of Galt's life will be held at 3 pm on Thursday February 9th at Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street, Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Mountain Place or the BC Alzheimer's Society.

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