John Gordon Cunningham

Born August 15,1922 at Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. Died at Victoria, BC January 31, 2011, aged 88 years. The family of Gordon Cunningham is saddened to announce the death of their much loved patriarch. He died peacefully, his wife and family with him, as his valiant heart finally ceased its beat. Gordon was the last member of his family of four brothers and four sisters. He is deeply mourned by the true love of his life, Joyce, his wife for sixty-eight wonderful years; his three sons, Gordon, Richard and James, and their wives; eleven grandchildren and their spouses and partners; eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In all, thirty-seven people called him Dad or Poppy.

Gordon had a distinguished career with the Post Office, rising, by virtue of his own initiative and ability, from its lowest to its very highest ranks . During his career he was Post Master of the Arctic in the early 1950s, Director of Public Relations in the 1960s, Executive in charge of the introduction of mechanization and the postal code in the 1970s, District Director of Ontario and post-retirement, as a consultant to the U.N. His work took him and his family from Saskatoon to Ottawa, Saint John, Toronto and in retirement, he and Joyce lived on the beautiful sandy beaches of Georgian Bay, before finally settling in Victoria.

Joyce and Gordon had a glorious and happy life, with many adventures as they travelled the world together. Their chief joy was watching and nurturing their growing family. The times when all were together, especially the years on Georgian Bay, which became the family focal point as their sons raised their own families and the grandchildren began to arrive, are fixed in the hearts of all.

The many friends of Gordon and Joyce are invited to the Funeral Service commemorating Gordon’s life, to be held at

Christ Church Cathedral, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 4th. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Fairfield New Horizons Seniors Centre or the charity of your choice. He was a gentleman. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.