

Allan Tolsma

Faithfulness, integrity, diligence, humility, generosity: words that describe one who has received the “crown of Life” after 92 years as a dedicated husband and father. He leaves a legacy of enduring faith in Christ and a loving family with his wife Luella: Dorothy/Bill (Darcie/Craig: Avery, Emily; Danell/Avery); Rick; Peter/Sheila (Rebecca/Tyler; Daniel; Leah); Allan/Angela (Sarahanne; Emma; Katarina/Danny: Logan, Serena; James); Yvonne/Paul (Maria/Winston; Laura); Tom/Wendy (Alysia/Aaron: Jacob, Isla, Liv; Rachel/Jarrood: Ivy, Emmy; Derek/Heidi; Charlotte; Clinton). Born in the Netherlands to a family of 10 children, Allan immigrated to Winnipeg in 1950 following his childhood sweetheart, whom he married in 1953. To provide for his family he had multiple jobs: market-gardener, milkman, taxi driver, and insurance salesman. In 1972 they moved to Victoria, where he founded Allan Tolsma Insurance Agencies. Several of his children and grandchildren work in insurance to this day. His entrepreneurial success enabled him to enjoy time boating, fishing, and gardening. After 26 years as a generous and hard-working businessman, he retired, returning to his love of gardening and travelling with friends and family. He loved meeting (bright and early) with coffee buddies, singing hymns and old Frisian songs, and getting ice-cream with anyone who would go. “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine” (Is 43) – Allan/Dad/Pake is now home. Heartfelt thanks to VGH and Gorge Road Hospital staff for your kindness.

Live-stream service March 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm, newlifevictoria.com/video. Donations may be made to Alzheimer Society. Offer condolences below.

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