

Allen Arthur Coates

September 14, 1925 – February 14, 2012

It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of Allen Arthur Coates. Al is lovingly remembered and cherished by his wife of 53 years, Ellen; his son Allen (Karen); his daughter Aleda (Steve); brother Doug; nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends.

Al was second-generation, Victoria BC born. His great grandfather arrived in Canada with the British Army in the 1812 war; thus, making Al a third generation Canadian. Al served his country in the Korean War onboard the HMCS Cayuga. He later met a Norwegian girl named Ellen Sjerdal in 1957 and lived his entire life in Victoria raising his family. After the war, he was employed with Capital Iron where he worked until his retirement. Al also served as President of the Sons of Norway from 2000-2002.

A celebration of Al's life will be held at the Sons of Norway House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. including a Last Post ceremony. The family wishes to express extreme gratitude to the staff of The Lodge at Broadmead and also the support of Lynn Bowker and Barbara Duncan. In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to Broadmead Care Society.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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