

Austin Derbyshire

21 June 1912 – 2 July 2010

Austin left us peacefully on July 2. He was born and raised in Stockport, England. He joined the R.A.F. in 1935 and became an Engine Technician, a trade he had a natural talent for. He served throughout the U.K. and also in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan as part of a wartime training program. After his release from the R.A.F., he moved to Canada in 1947. He loved Canada. As a qualified motor mechanic and motorcycle enthusiast, he rode and worked across most of Canada. After a few years, he arrived on Vancouver Island where he opened up a garage in Horne Lake. Eventually he moved on to Victoria, where he met and married Elsie Hillier. He took on a job at Esquimalt Dockyard where he progressed to Marine Engineer and became a Canadian Citizen. When he retired, he involved himself in volunteer work for various causes. Austin loved dancing, golf, bowling, motorcycles, dogs (they always came to him), tinkering in his basement and a pint of Guinness. He is predeceased by his wife, Elsie and four sisters, Genevieve, Margaret, Annie and Marie and his nephew, Anthony. He is survived in England by his niece, Angela Jones; nephew Michael Booth (Sarah) and Anita Booth and their extended families; his stepson, Dennis Hillier in Comox, BC. Austin was a quiet man with a gentle, quick witted compassionate manner. He had many many friends in his journey through life. Always a respected gentleman and always there to help.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated in ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH on Tuesday, July 13th at 12:10 Noon. Flowers are gratefully declined; donations in memory of Austin would be appreciated to Catholic Development and Peace/Haiti, 10 St. Mary Street, Unit 420, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 1P9. Please make cheques payable to "Development and Peace". Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.

A life well lived. We who knew this wonderful man will forever

miss him.