

Dr. Steven Ilnytzky, PhD

Dr. Steven Ilnytzky, PhD. was born in Ukraine on October 23, 1928 and died peacefully on June 23, 2015 after suffering from dementia for several years. He leaves behind his immediate loving family, wife, Ruth and children, John (Lois) and Lesia and granddaughter, Mylan of Victoria, BC. Steve came to Canada in 1949 as a survivor and refugee of WWII. He highly valued education and worked hard to obtain several university degrees in the USA and Canada. He completed his studies with a PhD from McGill University in Entomology. Steve worked for the Federal and Provincial Ministry of Forests and retired from the Provincial Inventory Branch in 1994. Steve was happy and content being at home with family and friends. He enjoyed gardening, bee keeping, observed world and Ukrainian events and was a proficient handyman who liked helping others with their projects. He also enjoyed going to auctions, as he loved a good bargain. Steve held strong opinions and welcomed a good debate on a variety of topics. He was a patriot of his beloved Ukraine and was an active member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. He was also a supporter of the Ukrainian Community of Victoria. The family extends their deepest gratitude to the staff of the Water View Unit at the Gorge Road Hospital for the love and care provided to Steve during the past 4 3/4 years.

A Prayer Service and Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 2nd at 7 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1112 Caledonia Avenue in Victoria. A Funeral Divine Liturgy will be held on Friday, July 3rd at 10 am at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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