

Eric John Turner

April 1, 1930 – December 23, 2014

After a brief battle with cancer, Eric died peacefully surrounded by his wife of 55 years, Berit and his immediate family. Eric's Norman heritage gave him his wanderlust and questioning mind; he became an inspirational teacher, first at Lansing College, U.K., then at Le Rosey International School in Switzerland, and after a stint in the U.S., a founding member of faculty at Pearson College, Canada. He was a passionate believer in international education – he was an inaugural member of ECIS (European Council of International Schools), and on the ground floor launching the I.B. (International Baccalaureate). Eric was an adventurous traveller leading his family and students on sometimes risky journeys. He was modest, never blowing his own trumpet; he was diplomatic, and had a quiet, often a poignant sense of humour. Berit has lost her best friend; children, John, Charles and Catharina, their loving and caring father. His grandchildren, Alisha and Cole, Anna and Alexandra, and his great-grandson, Zaiden, will miss him deeply. A celebration of Eric's life will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 2:00 pm at McCall Bros., 1400, Vancouver St., Victoria. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eric's memory to Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

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