

Frederick William Smith

SMITH, Frederick William – It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Fred; a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He was born December 13, 1925 in Camrose, Alberta. After a courageous battle with Emphysema, Fred passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on February 23, 2004 surrounded by his family.

He will be lovingly missed by his wife of 53 years, Patricia; daughter, Gaylan and son-in-law, Terry, granddaughter, Olivia; daughter, Jo-anne and grandsons, Christopher and Tristan; brother, James and wife, Evelyn; and his many relatives and friends.

In 1946 in Victoria, he met his lifelong companion, Pat. Later he became a glassblower for Bayliss Neon where he began to learn the Neon Sign Business.

In 1958 he moved with his family to Vancouver where he joined Neon Products. He enjoyed a successful career in sales.

Throughout the years he became a respected leader in the North American Sign Industry. Fred retired in 1988 as the Executive Vice President and Manager of the Jim Pattison Sign Company.

In 1990 Fred and Pat retired to Victoria where they enjoyed many happy retirement years.

Fred will be especially remembered for his hard work ethic, strong opinions, sense of humour and his ability to give those he loved the feeling that he would always protect and take care of them.

Special thanks to Dr. D. Yam and Dr. E. Gough and the kind hospital staff.

There will be a celebration of his life for family and friends at SEQUOIA GARDENS MEMORIAL, 4665 Falaise Dr. on Friday, February 27, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow at Sequoia Gardens Memorial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Lung Association.