

Harry Charles Amabilino

July 11, 1918 – June 10, 2013

Harry was born to William and Eleanor in London, England, the youngest boy of six children (William, Eleanor, Flora, Norma, Edith). Predeceased by spouse, Gladys (1998). Survived by daughter, Christine (Fred), sister Norma, and a large adored extended family in B.C., England, Australia and New Zealand. Harry passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital after a heart attack in the early morning of June 10. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Harry joined the British army in 1939, marrying Glad, the love of his life in 1940. All too quickly he was posted to India during WW II where he served for four and a half years. He was discharged from the army as “exemplary” in 1946.

The family moved to Victoria, B.C. in 1951 to join his two sisters, Eleanor and Flora. He mainly worked in cost accounting positions for construction firms such as Luney Brothers and Hamilton, for the BC government (Ferne), and for hotels, retiring from the Old England Inn (Victoria) in 1975. In his spare time, he and Glad designed and built five houses on Vancouver Island.

For the past 14 years he lived independently in a James Bay condo, becoming a well-loved resident. He served on the Strata Council and was known for his cheerful greetings and interest in the welfare of his neighbours and friends. A passionate Arsenal soccer fan, he also enjoyed watching cricket with his Beacon Hill cronies. He was an avid cyclist from age 3 to 92, and raced with the Priory R. Wheelers cycle club. He bought his first computer at 80, booking his own travel arrangements on-line.

Harry's personality was marked by an enthusiasm and zest for life that were hallmarks throughout his 94-plus years. He was

a lovely man, a joy to know and to be around.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held 3:00, July 11, 2013 at McCall Brothers, 1400 Vancouver St., Victoria. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Canadian Institute for the Blind or the Victoria Symphony would be appreciated. A special thank you to Dr. Nadra and the CCU staff at Royal Jubilee hospital for exceptional care afforded Harry. Condolences may be offered below.

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