

Harry Frederick Rogers

Harry Frederick Rogers (Feb. 13, 1919 - Oct. 7, 2008) passed away peacefully on

Tuesday. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Ivy; his

son Fred Rogers and his wife Peggy; his daughter Alison Uhrbach and her

husband Corvin; grandsons Jason Rogers and his girlfriend Chelsey Thomas, and

Mark Uhrbach and his wife Heidi; granddaughters Kim Hyrlik and her husband

Michal, and Karen Davison and her husband Anthony; and great-granddaughter

Ella Uhrbach. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at

First Metropolitan United Church in Victoria.

Harry was born in Calgary. He had an older brother, Ross. Harry attended

school in Calgary, majoring in Electronics and completing Senior

Matriculation at Calgary Technical High School. He held a series of

temporary jobs, the longest of which was at Massey-Harris Farm Machinery.

In 1942 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a Pilot

Officer Observer, later known as a Navigator/Bomb Aimer. He was posted to

the #7 Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron at Alliford Bay in the Queen

Charlotte Islands in B.C. From there he participated in hundreds of

anti-submarine patrols over the Pacific Ocean.

After his discharge, he returned to Calgary to begin university and court

his soulmate. He was successful in both operations. He married Ivy Smart on

Aug. 10, 1946. They shared a small apartment while Harry took courses in

Electrical Engineering at the University of Alberta.

Harry got a job at Edmonton Telephones, where he would work for over 30

years. For the last 15 years of his career, he was Chief Engineer. He

and Ivy also moved into a house and started a family. They had two children:

a son, Fred, and a daughter, Alison. The family was active at Metropolitan

United Church (later Knox-Metropolitan United Church). Harry was a founding

member of the 2-by-2 Couples Club, a member of the Men's Club and a member

of the church's board. In 1986 Harry and Ivy moved to

Victoria, where Harry

continued to be active at First Metropolitan Church. He was a member of the

Property Committee, the ActiMets Club and the Handbell Choir. He also took

up the sport of lawnbowling, and was a president of the executive of the

Victoria Lawn Bowling Club.

Harry was always willing to help in any way he could, but was never

concerned with how the credit was divided. The success of an event or

organization was his reward.

Harry had a passion for music, one he shared with his wife. He enjoyed

listening to opera and symphony, and loved dancing with Ivy at the Les Amies

club in Edmonton. He was also an avid reader, especially mystery, theology

and geography books. He always kept a map on hand, and often used them to

plan fascinating vacations for his family. After retiring in 1979, he and

Ivy did even more traveling. Harry particularly loved places where he could

sit in the sun and relax.

Harry loved spending time with his children, his grandchildren and, in the

past year, his great-granddaughter. His love extended not only to his

family, but also to friends who became honorary family members.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Music Committee of First Metropolitan

United Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.