Haydn Robert (Bob) Stinchcombe



Haydn Robert (Bob) Stinchcombe passed away on December 23rd at his home in Victoria. Born in 1934 to Hettie and Robert, Bob spent his years to 1941 living in Risca, Wales. Like many UK children of this era, Bob spent much time "under the stairs" as hostile planes dropped land mines and high explosives to destroy the factories manufacturing aircraft wings for the hurricane fighters. Luckily, they missed both his house and the factories.



Over the following years Bob lived in various communities in south Wales: Cwmdare (mining), Bishton (agricultural) and Welsh speaking Cwm Gwaun. He attended Larkfield and Chepstow Grammar Schools. Following high school graduation, Bob worked for British Rail before serving in the Royal Air Force for the customary two years. After the RAF, Bob went on to prepare for a career in teaching at Coleg y Drindod.

In 1956 Bob began his teaching career in London, England before joining a flood of British teachers emigrating to Canada, to fill the need of a lack of teachers, a shortage caused by the post war baby boom. After a year in Saskatchewan, Bob moved to Princeton, BC and taught at the Elementary Junior Senior High. It was in Princeton that Bob met nurse Susan Elizabeth Avery who became his dear wife for sixty-four years. Together they raised four great children – Rob (Rita) Burnaby; Guy (Sayuka)Waterloo; Sarah (John) Medicine Hat; and Richard (Chikage)Tokyo. Bob and Susan are very proud of their six grandchildren: Chris, Lucas, Kaila, Cyndi, Kendra and Tom.

Shortly after graduating from UBC, Bob and his family moved to Vancouver Island, where he continued his teaching career while Susan nursed in Victoria hospitals.



Bob and Susan had a passion for travelling and went on many great trips with friends. He inspired his children and grandchildren to go on their own adventures by telling stories about his travels and the latest non-fiction book that he read. He was passionate about leading a healthy lifestyle, and loved to play and watch rugby, soccer, field hockey, golf, squash, and cycling. After retirement, he joined the local teachers walking group, the Ramblers, in which walks were often planned around sharing lunch with the group.



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