

Herbert (Bert) Lincoln Matthews

March 16, 1922 – May 4, 2014

Born in the Village of Alert Bay, Cormorant Island, B.C., Bert passed away with his family by his side after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Bert was predeceased by his brother, Daniel (Dan) Matthews and survived by sisters; Dorothy (Dot) Gorbatuk, Roberta (Billie) Stange and Ethel (Lovie) Petrie. He is also survived by his loving wife, Inez May Matthews (Tame) of 68 wonderful years; daughter, Rosemary Tull (Gregory); sons, Robert (Bob) Matthews and Martin Matthews Susan (Sue) McKinney; grandchildren, Russell (Nicole), Leanne (Jack), Tim (Yuka), Casey (Tanya), Mathew (Matt) and great-grandchildren, Reid, Katelyn, Madelyn, Cassidy, Tyler, Dylan and Myles. In WWII Bert served his country and defended the lands that he cherished so much. Bert served as Flight Lieutenant in the RAF 120 Coastal Squadron based in Northern Ireland and Iceland flying VLR (very long range) Liberator (B24) bombers. His principle task as an Astro Navigator and Bombing leader was to assist in closing the mid-Atlantic gap in the Battle of the Atlantic. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for bravery in 1943. Bert graduated from UBC in 1950 with a BA and LLB. He attended UVIC in the early 1970s with a desire to explore Psychology Methods and Research. Bert practiced law for 40 years in Victoria. He was an avid golfer at the Uplands Golf Course, squash player at the Victoria Racquet Club, enjoyed gardening and was an active parishioner of St Michael and All Angels Church attending church and volunteering in his community. Bert had a strong interest in artificial heart transplantation and early detection procedures and technology of prostate cancer. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and professional associates for his hardy laugh and warm smile. The name

Herbert means "Illustrious Bright Warrior" and that he was for 92 years. The family would like to extend profound respect and appreciation to Dr. M. Mann, Dr. D. Trerice, Dr. J. Goulart and the RJH Oncology medical staff.

Remembrance and Celebration of Life Service is to be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 4733 West Saanich Road at 2:00 pm on Saturday May 24, 2014. In lieu of flower memorial donations may be made to BC Cancer Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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