

Jerome Leonard “Joe” Armitage

Joe passed away in the loving arms of his wife and surrounded by his family in Victoria Hospice, on August 9, 2008. Predeceased by his brothers, John and Jim, he is survived by Irene, his loving wife of 62 years; his sister, Mary; children, Jim (Mary), Cas (Bob), Linda, Diane (John), David, Karen (Mark); 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Joe was born in Victoria, B.C. and resided in the West Saanich area, attending schools there. He then went on to St. Louis College before joining the RCAF. He was a navigator in Mosquitoes and a radio operator during the war. After the war ended, Joe re-enlisted in the RCAF as a telecom operator and spent 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ years with the military. After retiring, he moved his young family back to Victoria where he started into the service station business. Joe was a well-known businessman in this field, especially at Armitage Shell at Fort and Yates. He moved on to many other stations and had a large following of loyal customers. Joe was a member of the Vintage Car Club for many years, and his hobbies of vintage cars, license plates and memorabilia kept him very busy. He always had his eye out for a bargain. Besides being a much-loved husband, father and grandfather, Joe had many friends that were an important part of his life, and he will be missed by everyone. Joe was a member of the Air Force Officer's Association, the Air Crew Association and the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch No. 292, Royal Canadian Legion. The Funeral Service will be conducted from North Douglas Pentecostal Church, 675 Jolly Place on Monday, August 18th at 1:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Private Family interment at Hatley Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Victoria Hospice Society, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1J8.