

John Elmer Curtis

Elmer was born in Victoria and lived his early years at 1250 Pandora Avenue. He graduated from Victoria High School and had a keen mathematical mind. Soon after graduation, Elmer enlisted in the Air Force during World War II and flew transport planes as a Navigator Flight Lieutenant all over Europe, yet seldom talked about his experiences until later in life. After the war, he became a Surveyor for the BC Government and mapped the Northern Interior of the province from many mountain tops. When computers started coming on the scene, he changed careers and became a Systems Analyst programmer, back when the programs were still punched out onto paper cards. He was part of the team that developed the first computerized inventory of the Liquor Control Branch, yet never personally owned a computer! Elmer was passionate about gardening and instilled this love onto his children. He took great pleasure being a member of the Uplands Golf Club, golfing well into his 96th year. Elmer was also a loyal member of the Pro Patria Legion on the Gorge and enjoyed many Friday lunches with friends. His happiest times were spent at Shawnigan Lake, cherishing the cabin his father built in 1925. It was here that Elmer and his two sisters Evelyn and Lillian shared many summers with their families.

Dad passed away in his 100th year and was always smiling, kind and friendly to all. He lived in the house on Veda Place he bought in 1954 with his new bride Maxine, and lived there continuously for 70 years. He was always willing to help his family in whatever home projects were happening. He will be sorely missed for his sense of humour and loving heart.

Elmer leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Maxine, his daughter Gail (John) Sutherland, son Greg (Shannon) Curtis, granddaughters Kristy (Terence) Prince and Alisha Curtis, as well as great grandson Franklyn Prince.

A celebration of his life will be held in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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