

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Edwin Clark, OMM, CD (Ret'd)

LCOL Robert E. Clark, (Bob) passed away peacefully at his home in Sooke, BC at the age of 80. Bob was born in Sarnia, Ontario.

Bob is survived by and will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Edelgard (Gardy). He will also be dearly missed by his son James (Jimmy) and daughter-in-law Jolene, his daughter Brenda and son-in-law Stewart, his daughter Tracy, his grandchildren Katelyn, Hillary, Braeden and Sean, and his feline side-kick Kerli. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister Susan Dickieson and her husband Daryl, his brother Peter Ward and his wife Ruth, his brother Fred Ward, and his sister-in-law Donna (wife of his predeceased brother Don), as well as his many nieces and nephews in Canada and Germany.

In 1951, Bob enlisted in the Canadian Forces as a career infantry soldier with the Royal Canadian Regiment, sailing almost immediately for duty in Korea. In 1955, he married Gardy while stationed in Germany. The family enjoyed their European and cross-Canada postings and made the most of opportunities to learn about and enjoy different cultures.

Bob and Gardy settled in Sooke in 1980, and Bob served his last few years of military service as Commanding Officer of the Vernon Army Cadet Camp.

Upon retirement after 37 years of distinguished military service, "the Colonel" pursued his passion for politics, serving the community of Sooke and the Capital Regional District as Regional Director for two terms.

Ever active, even in retirement, Bob continued to work tirelessly, productively and wholeheartedly within the community. With his Scottish heritage and his love of march music, one of Bob's last proudest achievements was the establishment of Sooke's own marching band, the Sooke Pipes

and Drums.

Well-known for his hearty laugh, Bob was a generous, straightforward and warm-hearted soul who was loved and appreciated by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the Sooke Royal Canadian Legion 54, 6726 Eustace Road, Sooke, BC on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 at 2:00 pm.