Major Byron “Vic” Burton Tweedy

TWEEDY, Byron Burton Victor – Major (Retd.) C.D., passed away at home on October 9, 2011. Born in Toronto June 30, 1931, he was the son of the late Forrest Byron and Una (nee Southall) Tweedy. He was raised and educated in Weston, Ontario, graduating from Weston Collegiate and Vocational School in 1949. He attended Victoria College, University of Toronto for one year.

Major Tweedy served over 33 years with the Canadian Army (Regular) and Canadian Armed Forces from 1951 to 1984. He was a loyal member of The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps until unification of the Forces when he became a member of Logistics Branch.

A true United Nations and NATO soldier, about fourteen years of Major Tweedy’s service was spent overseas in Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Cyprus, Vietnam and Germany three times. A graduate of The Canadian Army Staff College, he held a variety of command, staff and other appointments throughout Canada and abroad.

Major Tweedy’s last posting was to Headquarters Maritime Command (Pacific) in 1981 at which time he took up residence in Sooke, where he resided until the time of his death. An inveterate traveller, there are few parts of the world which Major Tweedy did not explore. He prided himself on having visited more than seventy nations.

Though he remained single until his late fifties, Byron became a devoted family man and is sadly missed by his beloved wife, Margarita Mancera Tweedy (nee Canedo), and their daughter, Byrona Sophia Michelle Tweedy, both of Sooke. He also leaves a son, Doctor Christopher Charles Peachell McClure of Florida, USA and grandchildren, Michael Joseph, Laura Elise, Addie Rose Peachell McClure and Grace Peachell McClure. Meeting his then 21 year old son in 1986, for the first time, was a highlight

of Byron’s life.
Byron was a member of Branch 54 Royal Canadian Legion, Sooke; several Royal Ordnance Corps Associations; the Canadian Coast Guards Association; the Royal United Services Institute; the Sunshine Club (hiking); the Outdoor Club of Victoria (hiking); and the Adoption Council of British Columbia.
At his request, Major Tweedy will be given a Legion funeral by the Sooke Branch.
Family and friends may pay their respects at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The funeral service will be conducted by the Reverend Don Lee at Sooke’s HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, 1962 Murray Road, on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. A reception will be held in the lower church hall following the service. No flowers by request.
Interment will be in the Tweedy Family Plot, Hillcrest Cemetery, Smith Falls, Ontario. Though Major Tweedy himself had never resided in Smith Falls, he considered his “roots” to be there. His Tweedy forbears had all lived out their lives in that general area from the time of their arrival in Canada from what is now Eire about 1832 until his father’s departure in the 1920s.