

# Murray K. Phibbs, DSc. FCIC

Murray died peacefully at home with his music playing and Lilian, his wife of seventy years, holding his hand. We, his family, mourn our loss and give thanks for being part of his life.

He was born and grew up in Sarnia, Ontario. He was very sports-minded, playing softball and tennis in the summer. In the winter, it was basketball and hockey. As an annual event, he and his lifelong friends helped his Dad build a neighbourhood outdoor hockey rink. Sports became secondary when at fifteen, he decided it was time to crack the books and improve his school work.

He graduated in Physical Chemistry from the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto and finished his studies at Laval University, Quebec City, after his war service.

He joined the RCNVR and served in the UK and Far East as radar officer on HMS Trafalgar. The war over, he left the ship in Australia and made his way back to Canada, not by the Pacific but via the UK, so he could marry his British Wren, which he did.

Back in the work force, he joined the Pioneering Division of E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware and later returned to Canada to work at the new DuPont of Canada Research Centre, Kingston, Ontario. He held various positions including Research Manager and was honoured to be made the company's Research Fellow.

On retirement, Murray and Lilian moved West and the family followed. They had the joy of watching their grandchildren grow and develop. Da always had time to fly a kite, throw a frisbee, collect algae samples to be analyzed, and play tennis. We will all miss his quirky sense of humour.

Murray was predeceased by his parents, Mildred and Fred Glenroy Phibbs, his dear son-in-law, John L. Finlay and grandson, Evan Finlay. He leaves his wife, Lilian, and Les girls, Karen Anne Finlay and her daughter, Elspeth; Candace Howey and her husband, Colin, and their family; and Christine Phibbs and the A. Team.

We thank Yolanda and Tina; the kind, caring people at the Veterans Health Centre, Broadmead; Besame from Sidney Senior Care; and Rev. Daniel Fournier for his pastoral care.... and, of course, Dr. Rosenberg and his team. Each in their own way helped and brightened Murray's last days.

The family will gather at a later date – so many precious memories.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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