

Neil John Stewart

Neil John Stewart passed away peacefully at the age of 92 in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, B.C., on April 5, 2016. Neil is survived by his wife, Sheila; sons, Ian (Judy Piercey) of Edmonton and Sandy (Darlene Leavitt) of North Saanich, B.C.; brother-in-law, George Mackintosh of Edmonton; nephew, Bruce Wilson (Margaret) of Edmonton; grandsons, Callum and Andrew and great-nephews Scott and Stewart of Calgary. He was predeceased by his son, George Neil.

Neil was born on October 3, 1923 in Edmonton, the son of John and Catherine, where he took his early education. He married Sheila Moyra Mackintosh, daughter of George Mackintosh and Mabel McIntosh, in Edmonton on May 17, 1952. His formal education included a BA from the University of Alberta, an LLB from the University of British Columbia and a Business Administration Certificate from Northwestern University in Chicago.

Between university semesters, Neil worked in the Canadian North as a hard rock miner, truck driver, deckhand, bulldozer operator and labourer.

Neil served his country during the Second World War, going ashore during the D-Day invasion of Normandy and served with the Canadian Grenadier Guards until the War's end. His regiment also played a major role in the liberation of the Netherlands during which time he formed lifelong friendships.

He was awarded the French Legion of Honour last year for his part in the liberation of France. After graduating from law school, Neil practised law in Edmonton before moving to Calgary where he had legal and executive careers with Amoco Canada, which later became BP Canada. In 1971, he moved to Ottawa where he served as vice-chairman of the National Energy Board and later, during the OPEC crisis of 1973, as chairman

of the Energy Supplies Allocation Board. He returned to Calgary in 1976 as executive vice-president of Amoco Canada.

In Calgary, he was active in civic affairs, amongst them the United Way, the YMCA and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. Upon retirement, Neil continued his interest in the military. He served as an officer in the King's Own Calgary Regiment, laterally as an honorary lieutenant colonel, from 1989 to 1998. As well, he was the founding chairman of the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary.

Neil cherished his family and friends. He travelled and read widely and could speak authoritatively on many subjects, especially military history. He played the bagpipes and had boundless curiosity and energy and loved music, books, Canada, Scotland and dogs. Neil will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Uplands Golf Course in Victoria on Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Society, the YMCA of Victoria, the SPCA or charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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