

Paul Daniel Blomkvist, MSW

May 28, 1932 Helsinki, Finland to Jan. 19, 2014 Victoria, Canada.

A good and gentle man, a proud Finn, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, Paul died in peace at Victoria Hospice. He is sadly missed by wife Deirdre, children Heidi (Craig), Jari (Kaija), Katrina, and step daughter Erica (Dylan) as well as sisters Inge and Kristina (Sweden) and Rode (Finland) and grandchildren and great grandchildren in Canada. He was predeceased by father Nestor Blomkvist, mother Tynna Keinanen, and sister Lisbet Virtanen.

Paul came to Canada in the 1950s, working first in mining, then opening Paul's Bakery in Sault Ste. Marie before being called by his Lord to work for seniors. When in his 30's, he upgraded himself from Gr. 9 to a Masters in Social Work and began work as a nursing home administrator. He developed seniors housing in Ontario, Saskatchewan and BC for not-for-profit boards. His family is proud of all he accomplished, although he did his work for the glory of God.

Grateful thanks to Dr. T. Rosenberg, Dr. E. Swiggum, Dr. E. Fretz, Heather and the Home Care Nurses as well as to the kind and caring staff of Hospice Victoria, the Red Cross Loan Cupboard, and Pastors A. Hewlett and D. Fuller of the Open Gate Church and Pastor Jukka Joensuu of Emmaus Finnish Lutheran Church.

Memorial Service to be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort Street, Victoria on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a private family inurnment at Royal Oak Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to Threshold Ministries/Victoria StreetHope, 105 Mountain View Drive, St. John, New Brunswick E2J 5B5.

McCall Bros. Funeral Home
www.mccallbros.com