

# Ralph Allan Quackenbush

July 17, 1922 – October 31, 2012

Passed away peacefully at Saanich Peninsula Hospital with his wife of 63 years by his side. Ralph was born in Havelock, Ontario, the youngest of 8 children. He grew up on the family farm and at age 18, Ralph volunteered in the Canadian Army (Hasting and Prince Edward Regiment). He was wounded in Italy and taken to Toronto. While recovering in Christie Street Hospital, he met Audrey Allison who was volunteering and the two hit it off and were married on July 9, 1949. They initially settled in Toronto but moved to Stittsville, outside of Ottawa, where they raised 4 sons. Bridge was a cornerstone of Ralph and Audrey's social life and wherever they went they would find and create a bridge club and make friends along the way. Ralph patiently taught his kids to play bridge at an early age so he would never be without a foursome. Ralph worked for Avro Canada and finished his career with Atomic Energy of Canada. In 1980, Ralph retired and moved to Brentwood Bay, B.C. In retirement, Ralph and Audrey travelled widely, wintering in California and taking trips all around the globe. Ralph was a loving and caring father who was always looking out for his kids and lending a helping hand. The first memories of the kids was camping in a small Shasta Trailer and going out to the parks of Ontario and beyond. Ralph is survived by his wife, Audrey and his sons, Steven (Jane), Paul (Marion), John (Michelle) and was predeceased by his son, David and brother and sisters, Lyle, Randal, Warden, Elfa, Laura, Alma and Elza. Ralph touched many people in his life and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at Saanich Peninsula Hospital for the care Ralph received.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Church at 1973 Cultra Avenue in Saanichton. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity

of your choice. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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