

Raymond Charles Douglas Gould

GOULD – Raymond Charles Douglas died peacefully at home on December 27, 2011. He was born on March 2, 1925 in Camrose, Alberta. Raymond is survived by his wife of 56 years, Hazel (nee McKenzie), daughters Linda (Dave) and Susan (Rob), and son Brian (Lana). He is also survived by his grandchildren Christine (Christopher), Jason, Keelan, Neva, Annika, Chloe; great-grandchildren William and Noah; nephews Roderick and Richard Murray, James Coy; brother-in-law Ian Murray; and cousin Pam Puley. He was predeceased by his older sister Muriel (Ian), who died in 1964.

After moving from Alberta to Vancouver when he was 7, Raymond lived with his family in a duplex in the West End in Vancouver. This is where he developed his interest in swimming, sailing and exploring on the North Shore Mountains. Following 2 years of service with the RCAF near the end of WWII, he attended UBC and completed a degree in Engineering Physics in 1950, which subsequently led him to the oil-patch in Alberta. It was there that he met his lovely tall wife Hazel, who was also working in the oil business. After marrying in 1955 in Calgary, they both left their jobs and started the Tall Girl Shop Ltd retail clothing store for tall women. Their expanding and successful business led them to Toronto, Ontario in 1986. In 2009, they retired to Victoria, BC to be close to family. Raymond lived a full life that included many adventures and travels. These included a solo motorcycle trip around the perimeter of the US in his early 20s, several trips with his family to Hawaii and the Caribbean, trips to Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Fiji, Bali, Thailand, and other exotic destinations. He sailed the Bahamas and Virgin Islands with his family in the late 70s on their 41 foot family sailboat. He had a lifelong passion for aviation and was an accomplished pilot flying small planes, gliders (SSA diamond badge), and model airplanes (built from scratch).

He also enjoyed scuba diving, skiing, and swimming. He had a passion for several styles of music, and his love of music was passed on to his children who have gone on to become accomplished musicians.

A small private family gathering will be held this week, and a celebration of his life will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered below.

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