

# Reginald Vernon McDonald

September 27, 1930 – April 1, 2015

A family man with four children, a retired company man with over 45 years in the wholesale food business with W.H.Malkin Ltd (later Kelly Douglas), an oil painter of imaginative creations, an avid photographer of the outdoors, a golfer, a lacrosse player for the Kamloops Clippers in his early years, and in his heart – forever a cowboy – stemming from his early days growing up in the Nicola Valley where his great grandparents emigrated from Italy and homesteaded Diamondvale Ranch and later owned and operated a general store in Merritt, B.C. – Reginald Vernon (Vern) McDonald, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2015 at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria; his two loving daughters, Cheryl Leslie Marie McDonald, a Registered Nurse and strong advocate for his care and comfort, and Francis Kim Tremblay, a social services facilitator, were at his side. Vern's two boys, Reginald Michael McDonald, a practicing architect, and Carman Bradford McDonald, operating partner of an independent food store, together with his wife and many family members, their spouses and his grandchildren stood by him in his final days in hospital.

Earlier this year, in February, Vern and his bride, Hazel Shirley Mary (Okipski), celebrated 61 years of marriage together with their family at a wonderful dinner party out on the town. At 84, Vern lived a long and full life – if you knew him, then you would know his handsome smile. He will be missed and to his family, he will always be dad, grandpa and loving husband – rest in peace. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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