

The Rev. Canon Harold Ivor Groves (Ben) Ragg

The Rev. Canon Harold Ivor Groves (Ben) Ragg died in Shawnigan Lake on February 25, 2018. Born in Winnipeg, he grew up in Calgary where his father was Bishop from 1943-1952. With his father, both brothers, and one brother-in-law ordained Anglican priests, he knew his calling from an early age. Ben studied History at UBC, received his LTh from Trinity College, Toronto, was ordained Deacon in St Barnabas Church, Victoria, in 1952, and Priest a year later. After a curacy at St Simon's, Toronto, he ministered at Christ Church, The Pas, Manitoba, where he met his wife Marion; St. David's, Castlegar, BC; St. Luke's in Vancouver; a 3-point parish including St. David's, Blackwell (Sarnia), St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Bright's Grove, and Christ Church, Camlachie, Ontario; Christ Church, London; St. John's in Duncan BC; and St. Luke's Cedar Hill in Victoria. He retired in 1995, serving as Interim Rector at St. Martin-in-the-Field in Saanich, and he returned to St Barnabas, Victoria, as an Honorary Assistant. His work in hospitals as visitor and chaplain was greatly appreciated by many. He was editor of the Diocesan Post for several years. He considered some of his most important work to be his time as chair of the Diocesan Social Concerns Committee, which involved supporting First Nations land claims, health concerns, and other issues. His time at Christ Church, The Pas, where searchers tracking the lost Franklin expedition built the pews and other items in the church, sparked his keen interest in the search for Franklin's remains. In later years, he and Marion pursued their love of history in several trips to the UK and Europe.

Predeceased by his dear wife Marion, he is survived by daughters Heather Schreiner (John) of Kingston, Alix Holt of Ladysmith, and Claire Spencer (Dale) of Cowichan Bay; ten

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, Victoria, on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Sincere gratitude to the wonderful staff at Acacia Ty Mawr and St. Charles Manor.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

McCall Gardens

www.mccallgardens.com