

Roy Herbert Collins

Roy died peacefully after a brief battle with cancer on April 5, 2021, in Abbotsford, BC. Roy was born to James and Irene (Smith) Collins, August 29, 1926 on Bowen Island, BC.

Roy was predeceased by his first wife, Mary (Gowe), in 1999, their son Daniel in 1976, and his siblings Margaret, Bertha, Jim, Ione (Betty) and Jean. He is survived by his wife Joy (Gonzales), children Jim (Carel), Lani, Andy, Elizabeth (Wolf) Alex, and John; grandchildren Sarah (Charles) Baidoo and Dan; great-grandchildren, Roy Kwesi, Koby, and Kofi. He will also be missed by his sister Marion, and many other relatives, friends, and neighbours.

Raised on the family farm on Bowen, Roy served in the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers and the Canadian Army in WWII. Roy's post-war career was largely in the forestry sector (which along with his Island upbringing instilled Roy's love of nature in his children and grandchildren) until his retirement as Manager of the Lost Lake Seed Orchard in Saanich. After their marriage in 1952, he and Mary moved to Victoria in 1963 and raised their six children. For many years, Roy and Mary actively supported the Layritz baseball program, volunteered with the Dixieland Jazz Festival and journeyed throughout Canada and the US, trailer in tow.

Roy and Joy began a new phase in their lives in 2001. Both their families were happy that they found each other and had a wonderful 18 years of marriage. During this time, they watched their grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow, shared their love of reading, and enjoyed the peace of Bowen at Roy's home on Bowen.

A special memory for all Roy's children, grandchildren, Joy, Carel and Wolf is joining him in Scotland to fulfill his commitment to hike up Ben Nevis (again) on his 80th birthday.

Arrangements by McCall's Victoria. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Salvation Army (Dad had fond memories of the "Sally Ann" from when he was a young soldier) or another charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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