

Thomas Derek (Bud) Abbott

October 2, 1928 – December 22, 2011

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Bud, after a short battle with pneumonia. Bud passed away at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, Extended Care Unit 2, surrounded by his family. Predeceased by his parents, Christopher and Sally and his wife, Mary. Survived by his daughter, Susan Abbott and son-in-law, Colin Pain. He was born in the Lake District of England, in the Village of Askham. After training as a radio operator in Wales, he served with the Palestine Police. He moved to Bermuda in the early 1950's to set up the first radio system for the police. He met and married Lois Morran in Bermuda. After daughter Susan was born, they moved to Winnipeg in the fall of 1952. Bud worked as a policeman for the Winnipeg Police for 33 years, retiring in 1986. He and his wife, Mary moved to Falcon Beach and then to Sidney, BC in 1989 and shortly after to Saanichton BC. Bud was an active Ham Radio Operator throughout his life and remained in touch with his many "Ham" friends until his death. He spent most of his time on-line, over the past few years, talking with friends from around the world via Skype. A detective at heart, he had a keen memory for detail and continued to share many stories with family, friends and careworkers. Dogs always had a soft spot in his heart. Susan and Colin wish to thank the staff of the Saanich Peninsula Hospital for their care over the last few years, especially the staff of Extended Care Unit 2 over the last year. A special thanks to Louise and Heather for your kindness and friendship.

At Bud's request there will be no service. His ashes will be returned to England and interred at St. Martins Church in the Martindale Valley, close to his parents. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your favourite charity. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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