

Wilfrid Kenneth Wardroper

WARDROPER, Wilfrid Kenneth, born January 12, 1922, died February 26, 2009 in Victoria, B.C.. Husband of beloved wife, Nancy, née Wilson (deceased) and sons, Lawrence and Andrew (of Ottawa, Ontario), brother to John Wardroper (London, UK). Ken was born near Duncan and lived in Cowichan Station until 1939 when he joined the Canadian Army upon the outbreak of WWII. He served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment during the Normandy invasion, and the liberation of Holland. He attained the rank of Captain with the regiment and was invalided out of the service when seriously wounded for the second time in April 1945. A lengthy recovery followed, after which he joined the Department of External Affairs as a foreign service officer. He served his country in this capacity for a further 37 years, his last overseas posting being Norway where he held the position of Ambassador. He followed his public service by joining the Council of Canadians, determined to preserve the country and people he loved and led them as interim leader after the resignation of its founder, Mel Hurtig. His career, like his life, was the result of single-minded devotion to those things that mattered the most, his family, and his duty to his country, seeing obstacles as opportunities to achieve great things. He will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m. in MCCALL BROS. FAMILY CHAPEL, Johnson and Vancouver Streets, the Reverend D. Hatfield officiating, followed by a reception in the Family Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.