

William Arthur (Bill) Haynes

William Arthur (Bill) Haynes, of Victoria, passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at Parkwood Court in Victoria. He was 92 years old. Bill was predeceased by his first wife, Jean Hattie Rattray. He is survived by Darleen, his loving wife of 22 years and his son, John (Suzan) and grandchildren, Robert and Allison. Bill will be remembered by Darleen's family, daughters, Jillian (Trevor); Hayley (Tom); her son, Glen and grandchildren, Paul, Timothy, Erin and Thomas.

Born in Cranbrook on November 27, 1920, Bill attended Normal School in Victoria, where he received his teaching degree and afterwards taught high school level physics. He enrolled in the RCAF during the early years of WWII where he was selected for a top secret team assigned to the British RAF command to design and install the world's first radar defence system, credited for saving Great Britain during the Battle of Britain. After the war, Bill attended the University of Alberta where he received his degree in Physics. He was hired by Hughes Aircraft Company as an engineer, moved to California and worked in many capacities until his retirement. He returned to Victoria in 1983.

Bill was a man of many interests and accomplishments. He was a magician, photographer, woodworker and all around craftsman and was known for his grandfather clocks, carved chess pieces and stained glass creations. Always quick with a pun or joke, he had a twinkle in his eyes and an easy laugh. He will be remembered by all as a giving, kind and gentle man.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Metropolitan United Church, corner of Quadra and Balmoral, on Saturday, September 7th at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception at the Church immediately following the service. If desired, donations may be sent to Victoria Hospice or a charity of choice. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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