

William Edward (Ted) Greenhalgh Archdeacon

May 25, 1918 – September 28, 2013

Our father passed away peacefully on September 28, 2013 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Dad had a long and happy life nurturing and caring for the people in his parishes. He leaves behind his son Barry (Mignonne); daughter Nancy; 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

He was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and was the sixth of eight children. Dad spent his childhood playing and going to school in Northern Saskatchewan. He received his calling and entered Emmanuel Ministerial College in 1938. Upon graduation as a Deacon he was sent to the Little Pine Native Reservation and other outlying parishes.

Dad was Priested on April 11, 1942, and married our mother a year later. With Mom by his side he started his ministry which was to last for 71 years. His first two parishes were Paynton and Radison in Saskatchewan. In 1944 he was asked to come to the Diocese of BC to St. John's Ladysmith as their new Minister. From Ladysmith dad moved to St. Albans, Victoria, where he raised funds to build a new church hall. In 1957 he was asked to move to Duncan to assume duties for three parishes, St. Peters Quamichan, St. Andrews, Cowichan Station and also to hold services in a little hall at Maple Bay. Dad was at Duncan for 9 years and moved back to Victoria to St. Michaels and All Angels on West Saanich Road. Settling in was not to be and after a short 5 years in this parish he accepted what would be his last parish at St. Matthias on Richmond Road. Dad retired in 1983 from St. Matthias and went to work at Christ Church Cathedral where he would actively remain for the next 31 years.

Dad led an active and full life, filled with love, humor, and laughter. He always had an easy smile accompanied with a twinkle in his eye and a wink coming in close second. Dad touched many lives in his Vocation as a Minister and through this ministry, which continued right up to his death, made many friends and was a friend to countless more.

He had a beautiful tenor voice and could be heard lending his voice to the Church Choirs and Linden Singers, as well as performing with the Barber Shoppers for many years. He was an active member of the Mt. Newton Masonic Lodge and he was the Padre for the St. John's Ambulance.

In his free time he could be found in the garden nurturing his Dahlia's and Sweet Peas. He enjoyed both lawn bowling and alley bowling. Dad loved his sports; hockey, football, curling, golf and could often be found engrossed in the game that he was watching as well as adding his own colorful interpretation and commentary of the event.

Dad was an unassuming and modest person and he would have been overwhelmed to see the out pouring of love that has been shown to his family.

Both Barry and I are grateful for his ministry and for the strength of family that he has instilled in both of us. We will more than miss him, but we are strengthened to know that we will see him again in a far better place.

Thank you all for your support.

Ted's funeral will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria BC, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Our family would like to thank Dr. Cuthbert, Dr. Stigant, Dr. Peppler, Dr. Cavers and the nursing staff on the 8th floor of the Royal Jubilee Hospital for the kindness and care given to our Father. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dad's name to Christ Church Cathedral or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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