



REMEMBERING
Ernest Hamel

April 16, 1926 - January 1, 2013



Ernest Daniel Hamel, born April 16, 1926 in Casavant, AB, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2013 at Sunridge Place in Duncan, BC with family at his side.

Ernie was predeceased by parents William and Frances Hamel, brother Melvin and sisters Aurlean McVean and Gloria Roberts and dear brother-in-law Glenn Lloyd. Survived by brother Archie (Katy)(California).

He is lovingly remembered by Audrey, his wife of 63 years and his children, Lloyd (Sandra) Amersham, England, Terry (Sandy) Victoria BC,

Bev (Ron) Duncan, BC and Debbie (Jeanne) Richmond, BC.

Bumpa was cherished by his grandchildren, Meghan (Matt), Laurie (Ian) Glenn, Matthew (Jessica) Danielle (Rickie), Jason (Jessica) and Jaclynne (Scott).

Ernie will also be fondly remembered by Harvey and Lorraine Lloyd and their family, Georgina Folz and family and Carol Eldridge, along with many cousins and nieces and nephews.

Ernie spent his early years in Alberta and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy at the age of 16 to fight in WWII. He moved to Vancouver after the war and bought an acre of land on River Drive in Richmond where he built the family home. The River Drive neighbours became a tight knit group of friends who shared the good times and hard times and stayed close for life.

Ernie was known for his love of and expertise with horses. He also enjoyed gardening, skiing, fishing and golfing and was an avid baseball and hockey fan. Ernie liked to cook and his friends and family spent many happy hours over the years in his back yard while he tended the barbecue. He and Audrey discovered travelling when they retired and made trips to Europe,

Eastern Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii and spent many winters being snowbirds in El Centro, California. They moved to Duncan in 2008.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sunridge Place for their dedicated and professional support and kindness during Ernie's stay there. Special thanks to Dr. Karen McIntyre.

