



REMEMBERING Harold Bell

December 12, 1936 - March 19, 2021



Harold Alvin Bell, born 12 December 1936, Chilliwack B.C.; died 19 March 2021 in Duncan, B.C. Harold grew up in Sardis where he delivered papers, picked hops and berries to finance his love of ice cream. He graduated from Chilliwack senior high in 1955. His sister introduced him to his wife of 63 years. After the wedding Harold and Shirley (nee Cope) moved to Port Alberni where he began his 37 year career as an assistant ranger in the BC Forest Service. He was stationed in Harrison Hot Springs, Langford, Echo Bay, Lund, Cultus lake and finally to Duncan. He loved driving the resource roads of BC and the intensity of wildfire suppression.

His family grieves his loss. He is survived by his wife Shirley and his children, Ken (Marie), Bruce (Sonya), grandchildren Matthew, Brendan (Justine), Nicholas, and Elena, and great grandchild Carson. He was predeceased by his parents, Norman and Ethel (nee Rushforth), siblings Norma and Robert.

He was an enthusiastic gardener, and enjoyed camping, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and winemaking. His favourite summer place was "the puddle" at Tuc-El-Nuit in the Okanagan. After retirement he and Shirley spent many winters in Yuma, and summers in their 5th wheel with other members of the Vancouver Island Trailer club.

He collected and battled many health challenges over the years and lived a full life to the end thanks to the great work of Dr. Robinson and Dr. Fretz. Because of the Covid pandemic, there will no service at the time.

