



## **REMEMBERING John Buchanan**

April 13, 1922 - January 17, 2014



A wise, independent and compassionate man who was a proud Canadian passed away peacefully a few months short of his 92nd birthday.

Born in Toronto, Ontario to parents Montgomery Buchanan and Georgia Leeson, he was the youngest of three children. John joined the Canadian Navy in 1939 and served on the H.M.C.S. St. Laurent in World War Two. From 1950-1953 he served his country again in the Korean War. A Mariner at heart, he spent the remainder of his working career aboard the B.C. tugboats and knew the Coastline intimately. In 1943, while on leave from the navy, he met Mary (Berg) at a Purdy's Chocolate shop in Victoria. After a hiatus of 25 years they happened to meet up again and were married in 1971. John also inherited a ready made family of five from Mary's former marriage and readily embraced his new life. Mary and John settled in Parksville and shared the next 30 years of lovely times together especially enjoying all holidays that involved ocean life. John is predeceased by his beloved Mary, and sisters Adele Kmit and Lois Weir. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and supportive daughter Lynda McConnell and husband John, grandson Wayne Margretts and wife Sue, great grandchildren, Jessica and Garrett, family members, Vicki, Jay, Janice, Lori and their families, niece Michele Maybury and husband Michael and very special friends Steve and Tara. The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the truly marvelous staff at "The Lodge" on 4th in Ladysmith. Their commitment to dignity and care was stellar. Upon his cremation John and Mary will be laid to rest at sea in the springtime at "High Tide" as requested.

"The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea, in a beautiful pea green boat."

