



## REMEMBERING

# Norman James Martin

July 18, 1913 - December 27, 2016



Retired Duncan businessman died at the age of 103. This very special Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, "Pop" has very gently and peacefully died at home after having Diane's family with him for Christmas. He was predeceased by his first wife Eula and second wife Clara. His sister Gladys and brother-in-law Charlie and son-in-law Brian.

He is survived by his son Ron (Sharon) Susan, Jamie (Debbie) Tyler and Kyle, Lisa. Daughter Diane: Cameron (Allison and her daughter Caitlan) Brandon. Catherine, Hudson and Spencer. Douglas (Lindsey) Riley and Morley. His son Bruce (Camilla) Scott, Nicky (Kevin) and very special great-grand daughter Madelyn (and soon to be a big sister). Clara's family Donna (Don), Guy (Tasha), Greg (Kim) Emily. Ken (Diane) Tricia (David) Alex and Maya. Michelle (Todd), Amy (Steve) Molly, Garrett and Paige. Cathy (John) Julie and Carl. Clifford.

The owner of Martin's Mens Wear for all his working life. The store was started by his parents in 1932. He was a quiet man but very fair in business. Hundreds of people charged in the days before credit cards;no interest! If people were off work then "pay when you can". Everyone did! On retirement in 1980 his son Ron took over;on Ron's retirement Dads grand daughters Susan and Lisa are now the owners. Dad was always very pleased the store was still in business after "84 years'.

He was very involved in the Kinsmen Club and Rotary. He loved golf and started playing when the course was by Downtown Duncan before it moved south of town.He travelled a great deal especially with Clara in his retirement. Many trips back east to stay with Bruce, Camilla, Scott and Nicky. Trips to Europe, Hawaii, Palm Springs and Arizona;always with some golf planned.

His family and Clara's were very important to him and he loved family get togethers big and small.

He lived all his life in good health and was still playing bridge at "102". He enjoyed reading the paper every morning and watching the Blue Jays and the Canucks. Sunday lunches at the Doghouse and long drives around the Cowichan Valley stopping at Tim Hortons for a coffee and doughnut!

"THANK YOU" to all the VIHA staff that allowed Dad to stay at home.

A "VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU" to Lindsey who came everyday for a visit. Always with a cheery "HI POP"!

No funeral by request. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cowichan District Hospital Foundation, #4 - 466 Trans Canada Hwy, Duncan, BC V9L 3R6

