



REMEMBERING
Robert and Hazel MacKinnon

December 7, 2022

Robert D. MacKinnon

June 19, 1926 - December 7, 2022
2021

"Now is the hour when we must say goodbye". With my talented wife Hazel playing the piano

and singing, Les on vibes, Murray on accordion, and me on the drums, Music Unlimited ended

every dance we played with this well-known song. That was many "musical years" ago. I now say

goodbye to my wonderful, talented daughters Marlene Creaser (Mesa, Arizona) and Diane Butcher

(Duncan, B.C.), who brought musical joy to my life. "So long, Farewell" to my granddaughters

Caelan (Sean) Brennan (Arizona), Brielle (Levi) Hawkes (Arizona), Ashleigh Butcher (Victoria, B.C.)

and Mia Butcher (Victoria, B.C.) for their outstanding academic and musical talents that made me

the proudest "Poppy" in the universe. "So long, it's been good to know you" to my sons-in-law Jim

Creaser and Marty Butcher, two super talented guys. I had a very successful 42 - year advertising

career with Eaton's in Calgary, retiring in 1991 to enjoy golfing with Hazel-we spent many happy

hours hitting that little white ball around the course. I was lucky to get a hole-in-one on June 6,

2000, in a seniors' tournament (par 3, 167 yards). "It don't mean a thing, if you ain't got that swing".

Dad passed away peacefully in hospital after a short illness. At 96, it was remarkable that he was

able to live an active life (including living in his own home and driving) until the week before

his death. "It took a village" to support Dad to maintain such quality of life, and we extend our

deepest thanks to Dr. Ismail, Dr. Burger, nurses Pat and Leah, and staff at Valley Medical Clinic;

Jason and staff of Mann's Pharmacy; Cathy (foot care nurse); Lance and Joey (for maintaining the

yard to Dad's very particular standards); staff at Save-On Foods (who always gave a shout out to

dad when the fresh Greek salad had arrived), Cowichan District Hospital ER and 2-south health

care professionals and support staff, and all of Dad's friends and neighbors (both near and far)-all

of these relationships were so very significant for Dad. Such a very rich village.

Dad was predeceased by his mother Edith Wilson, father Rev. Dr. R.H. MacKinnon, nephew Kirk,

sister Edith, brother Jim (2017), brother George (2022), and wife Hazel (July 2021). At Bob's request

there will be no service, reception, or memorial. Cremation has taken place at H.W. Wallace

Cremation and Burial Centre (Duncan, B.C.).

Online condolences may be made at www.hwwallacecbc.com

