



REMEMBERING

Vern Gerald Wellburn

September 22, 1925 - May 11, 2012



WELLBURN - Gerald Vernon (Vern) September 22, 1925-May 11, 2012. Vern passed away peacefully after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving family, son Gerry, daughter Kathy, sister Lois, and his four grandchildren, Kate, Kit, Jenny and Malcolm. Vern was born in Cumberland, BC and moved to the Cowichan Valley in 1929 where he attended school. He joined the army in 1944. He graduated from UBC in 1948 with degrees in forestry and engineering. While at UBC Vern met and married Frances Schofield and they lived in various logging camps, including Vancouver Bay, Youbou and Bear Creek where he worked for BC Forest Products. They later moved to Vancouver and in 1964 he became the vice-president of forestry and logging for the Tahsis Company. In 1972 Vern joined the Faculty of Forestry at UBC as a special lecturer and in 1975 he became the western vice-president of the Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada until his retirement in 1990.

Vern married Pat Graham in 1992 and they retired to Duncan. They had a wonderful time traveling, going on vintage car tours and walking their two dogs. Vern was predeceased by Pat in April of this year.

Vern had a love of forestry and antique cars. He was a strong supporter of the BC Forest Discovery Centre. He served as a director there, as well as for the BC Logger's Association and the Pacific Logging Congress. He was a past president of the BC Association of Professional Foresters. Vern was also a past president and enthusiastic member of the Vintage Car Club of Canada where he made many lifelong friends. Our special thanks to Dr. Roy and Chun Yu An (Molly) who helped make his last days more comfortable. A celebration of life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00p.m. On Saturday May 26, 2012 at the Travelodge Hotel and Convention Centre, 140 Trans Canada Highway in Duncan, BC. If so desired, in lieu of flowers,

donations in Vern's memory may be made to the BC Forest Discovery Centre 2892 Drinkwater Road, Duncan, BC V9L 6C2. Online condolences may be offered at www.hwwallacecbc.com.

