



REMEMBERING
William Robert O'Hara

December 12, 1927 - June 17, 2018



William Robert (Bob) O'Hara

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend died peacefully at the Cowichan District Hospital, Duncan BC on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

Born in Montreal on December 12, 1927, Bob grew up in Winnipeg and was schooled by the Jesuits at St Paul's College. Bob began his working life as a banker with the Royal Bank in Winnipeg and met Wref in Kamloops. They celebrated 63 years of marriage in April of this year. While in Kamloops, Bob met the Burns family which led to a move to Yellowknife in 1956 to manage Precambrian Mining Services. He joined Wardair in 1958 in its early days in Yellowknife. Bob was very proud of his association with Wardair where he was employed for over 30 years, latterly as vice president of the cargo division stationed in Toronto.

Bob lived his life with zest; he played many team and individual sports such as football, baseball, squash, golf, cycling and he liked to run. He and Wref sailed, skied and back packed in the mountains. And Bob loved his toys: sail boats, tractors, cars, cameras and motorcycles.

Bob and Wref lived in Kamloops, Yellowknife, Edmonton, St. Albert and Toronto and then retired to the beautiful Cowichan valley for many years of a happy

retirement.

Giving back to his community was important to Bob. He served on school boards both in Yellowknife and in St. Albert and volunteered as a ski patroller in Alberta and Ontario. In the Duncan area, he was a driver for cancer patients for over 17 years, canvassed for Heart and Stroke for many years and enjoyed volunteering at the Chemainus Theatre.

Bob was predeceased by his father Michael A. O'Hara, mother Margaret O'Hara (nee Burns), sister Joan Grassby, and brother Michael B. O'Hara. His life is celebrated by his wife Wreford (nee Canty),

his children, Megan O'Hara and husband, John Innis of Cowichan Bay, Shelagh Hohm and husband David of Edmonton, Michael O'Hara of Edmonton and Kevin O'Hara of Toronto. He was immensely proud of his five grandchildren, Alison, Peter (Britt Sanders) and Liam Innis, Allegra Hohm and Sean O'Hara.

The family is grateful to the medical and nursing staff of the CDH for their kind and respectful care and in particular to Dr. Murray Archdekin.

In lieu of flowers, Bob's friends might consider a donation to the Cowichan Hospice Society.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at St Edwards Church on Monday June, 25, 2018 at 1:30 pm with a reception following.

