



REMEMBERING
Stuart Dunipace Ferguson

October 23, 1927 - September 13, 2016



It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Stuart, with family by his side.

Dad is survived by his children Judith (John) Langham, Doug Ferguson, Susan (Dan) Stoltz, Drew (Brenda) Ferguson and John (Kimberley) Ferguson, his sister Bernice Desaulniers, sister-in-law Louise Ferguson, stepchildren Don, Jan and David Bowes and their families and Kathy (John) Tait.

He is also survived by grandchildren Allison and Mike (Karen) Ellerby; Shane, Robert (Sarah) and Drew Stoltz; Cailan, Craig (Andrea) and Arran Ferguson; Jessica (Tomislav), Katelin (Phil) and Charlotte Bowes and great-grandchildren Kaci, Austin and Bryce Ellerby; Gordon and Jack Stoltz; Max and Ben Lavoie and many nieces and nephews.

Stuart was predeceased by his wife Margaret in 2014, first wife Beatrice, siblings David, Rod and Beverly, parents John and Annie Ferguson and grandson Stuart Ellerby.

Stuart was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the oldest of five, and was 13 when his mother passed away. He left school at an early age to help his father with his

younger siblings. Later, he worked for Canadian National Railway. Starting as a cadet in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, he enjoyed his time as a drummer and went on to be a champion bass drummer.

Dad married Beatrice and had three children, Judy, Doug and Susan, born in Winnipeg. Powell River Company mill needed a bass drummer and it was decided he would move his family to Powell River in 1956. Dad and Beatrice had two more children, Drew and John, born in Powell River.

Dad was involved in many activities over the years, especially soccer and track and field. He coached children, including his own, in soccer and refereed for many years. Later he enjoyed Villa games and his time in the 'Zoo.' Dad and his brother David coached track and field for years and had many top athletes in BC.

In 1975, Dad married Margaret Bowes. They had a wonderful life for 40 years. They loved to go fishing and boating in his boat the Dunipace with family and friends and loved to entertain at their house. With Margaret's encouragement, Dad got back into singing and joined Chor Musica and Powell River Chorus. Dad was involved in Kathaumixw and loved being a host family. They enjoyed going out and staying at the cabin at Canoe Bay and swimming in the ocean. Dad and Margaret also loved to go camping and took their trailer down to Arizona.

He was a loving husband and spent time with Maggie every day when she was at Olive Devaud Residence and Evergreen Care Unit. Dad was very involved in his grandchildren's lives and made every one of them feel special.

Family meant everything to Dad: family dinners, Christmas dinners, Easter egg hunts and Boxing Day with his sons hitting golf balls into the ocean.

Dad had a great sense of humour, loved to sing his silly songs and tell his stories. He had a twinkle in his eye, a great laugh and a beautiful voice when he sang. He was always whistling a tune and drumming his fingers on the kitchen table, which will not be forgotten.

Dad belonged to Royal Canadian Legion, Moose Lodge, Carlson Community Club, Myrtle Point Golf Club, soccer clubs and the pipeband, and he enjoyed singing O Canada at Powell River Kings games.

Many thanks to Dr. Bruce Hobson, Dr. Charles Van Zyl and staff at Willingdon Creek Village, with special thanks to house number five for dad's care.

The bowl of peppermints are on the table, Dad. Love ya and leave ya.

A church service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 1 pm on Saturday, October 15. A celebration of life will follow at 2:30 pm at Carlson Community Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Powell River Academy of Music is our dad's wish.

