

John Norman (Jack) Campbell '49 C

It is with weary hearts that after a number of months of declining health, we must announce the passing of John Norman Campbell on April 22, 2016. It is impossible to sum up a man who was so important to us in a few short paragraphs, but we will try. Known as Jack to those closest to him, he was born in Melfort, Saskatchewan on July 4, 1922. His parents, John and Mary, had made their way there with the National Bank after emigrating from Oban, Scotland. The family, including his sister Mary "Cal" Campbell, settled in Kindersley shortly thereafter. Despite the tough times of that era, an idyllic upbringing was enjoyed in small town Saskatchewan.

After graduating high school, dad enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force as an airframe mechanic, and made many stops before finally being stationed in Skipton-on-Swale, England. It was here that he met his future bride Marjorie Thompson, whom he would affectionately call "that cute little rascal." Jack and Marge married before he was shipped home, and during their ten months apart he enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan and patiently awaited the arrival of his bride. After 4 years he graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1949.

The focus of his working life was the dairy business. Starting out as a dairy inspector for the Government of Saskatchewan, he moved onto management positions with Purity Dairy's and eventually made his last move to Dairy Producers Cooperative, where he completed his career as Plant Manager. During this time, he was heavily involved in various Food Science organizations and had a large impact on dairy quality. His knowledge was sought out from well beyond the borders of Saskatchewan. We always knew dad was a highly respected man both inside and outside of his professional life, but it wasn't until the insistence of his friends that we make special note of this, that we truly understood just how much. He was very unimpressed with pomp and circumstance, instead choosing to impress those around him with a sharp wit, keen sense of humour, and broad intelligence that never ceased to amaze us. Dad truly was a "Jack of all Trades". He could successfully lead labour relations, grow a perfect tomato, complete a crossword in record time, and build a perfect fire.

We must mention his love of golf. He had a lifetime membership at The Riverside Golf and Country Club, and was very pleased to have scored a hole in one on two separate occasions, well into his seventies. Despite all his accomplishments in life, we believe his main purpose was to provide for his family. Well done dad....time to rest.

Jack was predeceased by his parents John and Mary Campbell, and also by his sister Cal, who sadly passed just four short months before him. He is survived by his loving wife Marjorie, with whom he celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last August. He is also survived by his children Beverly (Allan) Evans, John (Cathi) Campbell, and Carol Lindsay. Also surviving are grandchildren Jennifer (Patrick) Rennger, Jordan Evans, John Brewer, Katlyn Campbell, Taylor Lindsay, and Brett Lindsay, and one great-grandchild William Rennger.

The family wishes to thank the staff at St. Paul's Hospital and the Veteran's Village at Sherbrooke Community Centre who cared so lovingly for dad these past few months. Thanks must also be given to Lyle Burkell and the Saskatoon Funeral Home for gently walking us through this most difficult time. Interment will take place at a later date. Condolences may be left at www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the SASKATOON FUNERAL HOME, 306-244-5577. "From the lone shieling of the misty island Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas - Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland And we in dreams behold the Hebrides." - See more at:

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