

James ROOKE

ROOKE, James Frederick Born in Eston, Saskatchewan on June 25, 1926, died in Victoria, B.C. on February 8, 2007. He was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Jean (Whaley) Rooke, his sister Gladys (Rooke) Leggett, brother Robert Rooke and his first wife Sheila (Dean) Rooke in 1994. Jim is survived by his wife Holly Rooke of Victoria, B.C., brother William Ernest Rooke of Eston, Saskatchewan and several nieces and nephews. Jim was educated in Eston, Saskatchewan and attended the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, where he graduated in 1951 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Following graduation, Jim took a position with the government of the Anglo Egyptian Sudan (Africa) along with Walter and Joy Doyle of Victoria and Arthur and Phyllis Strautman of Duncan, B.C. where he worked for 3 years. While on leave from Sudan in London, England, he met and married Sheila Dean from Winchester, England and they returned to the Sudan upon their return to Canada Jim accepted a position with Shell Chemical, London England. Until retirement in 1982 when they moved to Victoria. In 1996 Jim married Ruth Hollingsworth Worrall (Holly) of Honolulu.