

JOHN ISFELD

April 28, 1926 - April 22, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, John Isfeld, on Monday, April 22, 2019, just days short of his 93rd birthday. John was born in Vancouver on April 28, 1926 and moved to Selkirk, Manitoba at a very early age. At age 19, shortly before the end of the Second World War, Dad joined the military, an experience that instilled in him a great sense of responsibility and discipline for the rest of his life. John married Eleanore (Perry) on November 29, 1952 and shortly thereafter they moved to St. James where they continued to reside on Rita Street for the past 60 years.

Left to survive John are his wife Eleanore; his five children, Linda (Jim), John Jr. (Cheryl), Brent (Geri), Tim (Dana) and Robert (Joanne); nine grandchildren, Christopher, Erik (Sophie), Darren, Andrea (John), Jason (Jaime), Kendra, Kaitlin, Ailaina and Leah; and three great-grandchildren, Ellawin, Eden and Wes. He was predeceased by his Icelandic-Canadian parents, father Trausti Guojonsson Isfeld and his mother Aurora Herdis Isfeld.

Dad enjoyed playing sports as a young man, most notably baseball and hockey, enjoying championship success with the Selkirk Fishermen intermediate hockey club in 1952 and throughout his life he remained a staunch fan of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Winnipeg Jets. Throughout his working life John was a professional commercial painter, retiring from the University of Manitoba in 1996, at age 70. He worked hard to support his family and never once complained, and yet he always found time on evenings and weekends to gladly lend a helping hand to any home or cottage renovation project his children needed help with.

Dad took extreme pride in his family and kept a huge "wall of fame" collection of pictures and diplomas chronicling lifetime milestones of all his children and grandchildren. He was persistent and relentless in all that he did, reminding us that if something was worth doing, it was worth doing right and he always wanted us to remember that no matter how bad things might seem there was always someone else that was worse-off.

The family would like to thank all of the caring nurses and doctors who treated Dad with compassion and dignity during his time at Grace Hospital and Misericordia Cornish 5.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the cancer foundation of your choice.

Cremation has taken place and a private interment will be held at a later date.

Rest in peace Dad,
until we are all together again,
our lives will never be the same without you.

Condolences may be sent to www.wojciksfuneralchapel.com