

WILFRED MCCLUSKEY



WILFRED MCCLUSKEY With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Wilfred McCluskey on September 8, 2013. Left to mourn are his son Ken and wife Andrea; daughter Jill and husband Mark; his pride and joy, his grandchildren Chris (Kari), Amber, Kyle (Lisa), and Kelly (James), and great-grandchildren Jana, Hunter, Kail, Kaddy, Easton, and Kye. He lost his loving wife Yearly, his soul mate, in October of 2010. Dad grew up in Winnipeg's North End. After graduating from St. John's Tech, he worked for a spell in the Vancouver shipyards before returning to Winnipeg to take up a position with Underwood Typewriter. Later he spent many happy years as owner of Fred's Flowers. He finished up the last decade of his working life with the physical plant at the University of Manitoba. From day one, Dad's passion was hockey, and he tended goal for various teams in Canada and the U.S., and in 1948 to 1949 played for the Wembley Lions in England. Dad and Mom lived life to the fullest, enjoying gardening (tending his precious gladiolas), travelling (including a memorable around-the-world tour), and wintering for many of their retirement years in Merida, Mexico. Back in the 1940s, Dad and Mom were suspended from high school for holding hands in the hallway. They never let go. That hand-holding set the stage for marriage a few years later and for 66 anniversaries thereafter. What a gloriously happy home they created for us. During his life and final illness, Dad had support from many relatives, friends, and old sports and Salisbury House buddies. Thanks also, from the bottom of our hearts, to all of the incredible staff and residents at Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg who cared for him over the last three years. They truly loved "Papa," and treated him with affection, dignity, and respect. In keeping with Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private family gathering and interment will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit our website. Chapel Lawn www.chapellawn.ca 885-9715