

ALLAN CHARLES TURNOCK



ALLAN CHARLES TURNOCK September 11, 1930 - June 6, 2018 Al will be lovingly remembered by his wife Allie; daughters, Kathy and Liz (Jeri); sister-in-law Betty; brother Roy (Kitty), and many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Harriet, his son John and brother Bill. Al was born at home in the North End and grew up on McAdam Avenue. He walked across Main Street four times a day from age six while attending Luxton School. He graduated from St. John's High School in 1949, and worked summers at Anderson's Camp near Sioux Lookout, ON, mentored by his uncle Vic. It was there that Al learned about the Precambrian Shield, inspiring him to study geology at the University of Manitoba, where he graduated M. Sc. 1956. After graduation, Al's great adventure was being a prospector during the uranium rush north of Lake Athabasca, where he survived living in a tent for a winter. He moved to Baltimore to attend The John's Hopkins University, where he completed his Ph. D., and was then a fellow at the Carnegie Institute Geophysical Lab in Washington, DC. During that time, Al met Allie and they were married in Centreville, Maryland, in 1962. Al and Allie moved initially to Ottawa and then to Winnipeg, where Al had been invited to teach at the University of Manitoba. He remained a Professor of Petrology in the Geology Department from 1965 to 1996. Al enjoyed his teaching, interacting with students, research, and field trips. From 1996 to 2010, as a Senior Scholar, Al was an invaluable resource to the Geology Department. Al was the epitome of patience and kindness, practiced frugality yet was generous, and enjoyed being helpful. He was a gentle man who lived lightly on the earth. An avid reader, he was a fund of information. Playing bridge, puttering in the yard and garden, and fixing things brought him pleasure. Al was a keen participant in fitness and yoga classes, walked or cycled to work, and played volleyball for 50 years. He cherished and was proud of his children and wrote that he attributed "both his long life and happiness to the love and care shown by his wife Allie." Please join us at a celebration of Al's life on Saturday, June 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 933 Summerside Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations in Al's memory may be made to either: The St. Boniface Hospital Foundation <https://www.saintboniface.ca/foundation/en/donate/> or The Compassionate Friends <https://www.compassionatefriends.org/how-you-can-help/> NEIL BARDAL FUNERAL CENTRE 204-949-2200 neilbardalinc.com