

RUSSELL, Albert Thomas (Al) [UNTD TECUMSEH '61] (1940 - 2013) Age: 72



Albert (Al) Thomas Russell, beloved husband of Donna and father of Allan and Lisa, passed away from cancer on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the age of 72.

Al was born in St. James, Manitoba on December 8, 1940. His family moved to Calgary in 1950 where he attended King George and Crescent Heights Schools. He graduated from the University of Calgary with a B.Ed. Degree and commenced a thirty-three year career with the Calgary Board of Education, retiring in 1995. He taught at Rosedale, Langevin, G.P. Vanier, A E. Cross, and King George schools. He worked as a social studies consultant and an assistant superintendent and was principal of H. D. Cartwright and A. E. Cross Schools. Al was well respected in the education community and was dedicated to his students, their parents and the teachers he worked with. His students always came first and he enjoyed taking them on outdoor education trips. He coached many teams in both the school system and community. During his youth he joined the army cadets, reaching the rank of lieutenant and spent several summers at Vernon as a cadet and officer instructor. During university he joined the UNTD Program (navy) and spent two summers at Cornwallis. He was a member of the CRTA, ARTA, Junior High Principal's Association, Past President of the Triwood Community Association, Rotary (Olympic Club), and the Men's Folk Singing Group.

Al enjoyed hiking, cross country skiing, wine making, stained glass work and music. He enjoyed playing the guitar, autoharp and singing folk music. He loved to travel, especially with his grandchildren to Disneyland. One of his greatest pleasures was spending time with family and friends at the cabin on Lake Windermere and captaining 'his' boat.

Al was very proud of his family and enjoyed watching and participating in their activities. Al is survived by his wife of forty-eight years Donna; his son and daughter-in-law Allan and Kelly; his daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Andrew; his grandchildren, Madison, Ty, and Payton; his brother and sister-in-law Dennis and Jean; and his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Louise and Albert (Russ) Russell and his brother Craig.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church (1102 – 23rd Avenue N.W.) on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Alzheimer Society of Calgary, Suite

201, 222 – 58th Avenue S.W., Calgary, AB T2H 2S3, Telephone: (403)290-0110,
www.alzheimercalgary.com or to the charity of the donor's choice.

In living memory of Al Russell, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS &

HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 CENTRE STREET NORTH, Telephone:
403-276-2296.