



## In Memoriam

GUTTORMSON, Kristjan Vigfus (Kris) (1929 - 2010) Age: 80

UNTD CHIPPAWA 1950 U-30750



GUTTORMSSON, Kristjan Vigfus December 19, 1929 - May 15, 2010 It is with heavy hearts that we announce the quiet passing of Kris at the Vancouver General Hospital in his 80th year. He is predeceased by his parents and eldest brother, Thor. Kris is survived by his loving family: Alice, his wife of 47 years; son, Erik; daughters, Karen and Leah (Patrick); sister, Norma; brother, Myrle; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Quinn and Lauren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Kris was born in the mining town of Flin Flon, Manitoba to Dr. Petur Guttormsson and Salin Reykdal.

He took pride in his Icelandic heritage. In 1943, he moved with his family to Vancouver graduating from Prince of Wales in 1947. Kris completed his BA at the University of Manitoba. As a university student in 1951, he joined the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and trained at HMCS Esquimalt. He served on HMCS Beacon Hill and HMCS Sioux. In 1953, Kris completed his commission as Sub-Lieutenant. Before terminating his service in 1956, he served as watchkeeping on board HMCS James Bay and held the position of Instructor on the Naval Base in Esquimalt. In 1961, Kris acquired his designation as a Chartered Accountant embarking on a career in Vancouver as an accountant and comptroller primarily with the ESCO Steel Foundry as VP of Finance. Previous to this position, he had been employed by White Pass & Yukon Railway and travelled to Whitehorse for accounting assignments. Before accepting full retirement, Kris continued to provide financial advising to many Lower Mainland companies, including Wedge Clamp, and also, found time to travel. Kris was a member of the Shaughnessy Golf Club and the Arbutus Club where he enjoyed tennis, curling and spending time with his family. Dad will always be remembered for his endless thirst for knowledge, unfailing sense of right from wrong, his generous nature and his great sense of humour. His laughter will always be in our hearts. Grateful thanks from the family to the ACE staff at VGH. To honour Dad's wishes, a family gathering will be held to celebrate his life in June. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Kris's memory to a charity of choice.

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Kris had at least 2 UNTD summers; 1951 & 1952.

He was Commissioned SLT RCN(R), Sen. 1 May '53, O-29771, attached to CHIPPAWA.

Promoted to LT RCN(R), Sen. 1 May '55.