



REMEMBERING
William Henry Nightingale
August 7, 1929 - February 11, 2021



William Henry Nightingale II passed away, aged 91, on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at Kootenay

Street Village in Cranbrook. "Bill" to those who knew him, was born August 7, 1929, in Montreal,

Quebec to William Henry Nightingale II and wife Jessie Kathleen "Kay" Nightingale (née Skinner).

He was raised on the family farm in Lac Beauport, Quebec, a small community near Quebec City

that was also home to a large number of his extended family members. During his youth in Lac

Beauport (now a popular ski resort destination), Bill developed a love of the sport that would

eventually transform his quiet hometown and, later, have a firm hand in shaping his life after

retirement.

In early adulthood, Bill began a career in the Canadian Armed Forces. It was through both their work in the Air Force that Bill met Marian Barbara Mugford, whom he married on September 4, 1953. The couple were eventually blessed with five children - four boys and one girl. The family moved

regularly for Bill's military career but eventually landed in Ottawa, ON, where they stayed until Bill's retirement. Bill kept his family active by introducing his children to sports and camping, with many of their weekends spent at campgrounds.

Looking to move closer to Marian's family in British Columbia following his retirement from the Air

Force, Bill's life-long passion for skiing was the determining factor when the Nightingales chose the location in which they hoped to settle into retired life and enjoy their later years. Bill discovered several new hobbies in retirement - most notably, he joined the Kootenay Harmony Chorus and enjoyed singing in their local performances. Perhaps more than anything else though, it was he and Marian's love of travelling that shaped their life in retirement. They put out to sea on many cruises and were known to often take off in their RV for weeks, sometimes even months at a time - bringing their dog(s) right along with them on their journeys all across North America. Though none of his children or grandchildren lived particularly close to Cranbrook - in fact they were spread as far west as Vancouver Island, as far east as Ottawa and Toronto, and as far south as Houston, Texas - it was RVing that enabled Bill to play an active and caring role in each of his eight beloved grandchildren's lives.

Bill will be missed by all who knew him. He is particularly mourned by his four sons and their wives:

Bill Jr., Geoff & Ester, Brian & Judy, and Larry & Teresa. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren:

Christina, Thomas, Kathleen, Kelly, Michelle, Jennifer, Alex and Maria; and his four great

grandchildren as well: Piper, Danielle, Laila, and Ellie. Additionally, Bill is also survived by his sister

Edythe. He was predeceased by his wife, Marian, in 2018, and his daughter, Noreen, in 1999.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, there will be no funeral service at this time. The family hopes to hold a graveside service and/or memorial celebration this coming summer, legal restrictions and health safety conditions permitting. Bill will be peacefully laid to rest in a family plot at Fort Steele Cemetery, next to his wife of 65 years, Marian and their only daughter, Noreen.

