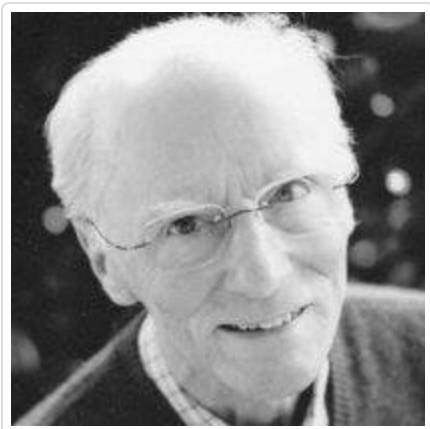




Dr. Alastair Rankin

September 11, 1927 - December 30, 2013

With deep sadness, we announce the death, on Monday, December 30th, of Alastair Semple Rankin, beloved husband of Freda Rankin, and father of Moira Rankin and Aileen Rankin (Justin Harder). It was a short, but seemingly long battle with cancer for Alastair and the family.

Alastair is also survived by his sister, Sheila Weait (David), and nieces, Shona Synnott (and children), Katrina Davison Dominguez (Mario and children), and Ailsa Hall (Andrew and children). He was also cherished by the many relatives on his wife's side of the family.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland to Alexander and Euphemia Rankin and raised in London, England. During the war, he was evacuated to Oxford with many other London children to escape the bombings. All of England had a role to play in the war efforts, and schools formed farming camps for the older children to work the harvests. It was hard work, but Alastair enjoyed it.

Alastair completed a year of study at the London School of Economics before being called to serve in the National Service Army Reserve in 1947 – 1949. He then returned to his studies and completed his Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1950.

Alastair became a chartered accountant and, although the career did not suit him, he had good “money sense.” He always saved and became a knowledgeable and capable investor.

After having immigrated to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1957, Alastair decided that medicine was the path he should follow and took steps towards

becoming a medical doctor. His medical schooling was delayed a year when he returned to England to care for his ailing parents in their final days. He graduated from the University of Alberta Medical School in 1967.

Alastair worked at the Justik Medical Clinic after graduating. He was also in the Canadian Forces Medical Services Army Reserve for some years. After only a year of semi-retirement at the usual age of 65, he went on to work at the Workers' Compensation Board, Lifemark Health, and lastly at Dr.

Bernstein Diet and Health Clinics. He worked until he was 86 years old.

Alastair was a man of many talents and interests. He enjoyed travelling and learned languages easily; at one time he spoke eight languages. He was an avid reader and enjoyed listening to music. He played the piano and was in his seventies when he resumed piano lessons. Alastair was a member of the Alpine Club of Canada. He loved to hike, camp, climb, and ski in the mountains. He also kept fit bicycling, swimming, jogging, walking, curling, and frequently exercising at the Kinsmen Sports Centre.

At Alastair's request, there will be no service. The family has created a memorial website, www.alastairrankin.com, where you are invited to share memories and leave condolences. In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for donations to Alastair's favourite charities, the Nepal School Project (Scarborough, ON) or First Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, AB), or to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ May and I are very sorry to learn of Alastair's passing. We met him, and Freda, firstly at a Les Amies ballroom dance. We were entertained at their home on quite a few Hogmanys. Alastair was a perfect gentleman and will be missed by all who knew him
Our thoughts are with Freda and the family.
The Dalziels

Ian & May Dalziel - January 03, 2014 at 01:18 PM

ST

“ Dear Freda and family,
I am very sad to read about Alastair's passing. I very much enjoyed curling with him for many years whether on same team or not- he was such a gentleman and easy to talk with- similar to you, Freda.
Susan and I send our condolences to you and your family.

S. John and Susan Tkachyk

S. John Tkachyk - January 03, 2014 at 10:39 AM

JH

Dear Freda, Moira and Aileen,

I am so sorry to hear your beloved Alastair has died. I was extremely fond of him. He was one of the sweetest people I ever met. (You forgot to mention the Ball-room Dancing). My favourite memory of Al was him telling Tony and me that the best part of his day was arriving home after work and seeing Moira and Aileen watching for him in the front window. You girls were his pride and joy. I do feel and share your pain.

Love
Joan Holloway

Joan Holloway - January 03, 2014 at 11:35 AM

FR

It is good to know that you are there at this sad time. Alastair and I were always brighter when we saw you at whatever events we shared. There have been many years of these events. They were happy memories that I am fortunate to have of Alastair and you, John and Mrs Tkachyk.

Forgive me, I may have inadvertently cancelled your loving words of comfort. I am not so competent with the computer as my offspring.

Freda Rankin - February 09, 2014 at 02:10 AM