



John Allison Forbes

September 19, 1922 - November 25, 2015

John Allison 'Al' Forbes passed away peacefully on November 25, 2015. He was born in Evansburg, Alberta in 1922 to Annie and Prescott Forbes. At a young age, Al and his family, including sister Elaine and brother Wendell, moved to Drumheller, Alberta.

Al had a talent for drawing and humour, and drew cartoons for his high school newspaper. Without his knowledge, Al's mother sent a painting to the Banff School of Fine Arts, where he was subsequently accepted. After graduating, he taught in a one room school house during which time he gained his teaching certificate. He enlisted in the Air Force and flew Lancaster bombers in World War II.

After the war, in his mid-twenties, he began his tenure at the University of Alberta in the Department of Education. He switched to the Faculty of Fine Arts, and taught Art History until he retired. He taught a popular course in Rome for 10 summers. He was an active, involved father who loved to attend his three sons' sports events and other activities. He travelled extensively with his family.

Al was predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years Shirley in 2005. He is survived by his sons Ceri (Jennifer), Drew and Sean, Cindy, and four grandsons, Sam, Scott, Mark and Will. He will be missed by many, as he was

a true and engaging friend. He was much loved by his sons who remember him as a great and loving father.

A celebration of Al's life will be held at the University of Alberta Faculty Club, 11435 Saskatchewan Drive (Second Floor), Edmonton, on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 2:30 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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University of Alberta Faculty Club
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