In Loving Memory of

Allistair James Hamilton

May 20, 1934 ~ August 22, 2025

Celebration of Life

Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Vancouver Golf Club

Celebrating the Life of

Allistair James Hamilton

Al was born in Rose Valley, Saskatchewan on May 20, 1934, to Alexander & Ethel Hamilton. He was one of several siblings (Bill, Scott, Marie, and Pat) and later became an adored uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Al lived on a farm until seven years old, when his father passed away. Afterwards, his mother relocated the family from the farm into town. When he was thirteen years old, their mother moved with Al and his sister Pat to a strict bible school in Carlea, Saskatchewan for next three years. After he finished grade ten, Al left school and focused on work. Throughout his early twenties, Al moved frequently, living alternately with Bill, Marie and Pat while working in sawmills across BC, along with several odd jobs throughout the region. Eventually, Al received his welders' ticket, later becoming a gang saw repairman for Akhurst Machinery in Vancouver, BC.

While Al was working at Akhurst Machinery in Vancouver, his job required him to test parts at the nearby shop, Industrial Non-Destructive Testing. There, he met Carol and in 1972 they married. At that time, Al drove a hot rod; a Dodge SuperBee. Al gave up his bachelorhood at age thirty-eight to marry Carol and became a stepfather to her three teenage children, Edward, John, and Jo-Anne – a role he fully embraced and deeply cherished. Through his stepchildren, Al became a grandfather to David, Richard, Stephen, and Vanessa, and a great-grandfather to Sloan, Reese, Ana Cecilia, and Damian. Al's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were his greatest pride and joy, whom he showered with generosity and love.

In 1972, he went on to start his own successful business, Hamilton Machining & Fabricating Ltd, which he ran for thirty-two years until it was handed down to his stepdaughter and son-in-law. Under his ownership, Al worked with several large industries, including sawmills, fishing, and mines. Al was particularly social and continued working at Hamilton Machining until he was ninety years old.

Al often spent his weekends together with Carol at their cabin in Birch Bay, which evolved into a second home. Al knew all his neighbours throughout the community, many of whom became lifelong friends. Weekends were spent digging for clams and crabbing; making fresh clam chowder; tending to his tomato plants, barbequing and hosting dinner parties with family and friends; and enjoying visits from his children and grandchildren.

Al occupied himself with numerous hobbies well into his old age. Among his hobbies, Al was particularly fond of building planter boxes, gardening, canning tomatoes and fish, cooking meals and barbequing, and playing cribbage with any willing opponents. Al was well-liked by many, finding joy in the company of others. Al often met with his close friends on the weekend and discussed and resolved life's issues. Al's basement door was always open, and friends and neighbours were welcome to drop in at any time to visit. Al's neighbours became good friends. They regularly visited and helped Al with many of his household projects. Among the many events Al would host, Al held annual gatherings for the Grey Cup and Super Bowl and remained a loyal fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Montreal Canadians.

Years later, one of Al's friends from Hamilton Machining & Fabrication Ltd introduced his niece, Evelynda, to Al. Al married Evelynda and with her three children, Janice, John, and Christian, began a new chapter of his life which also included Evelynda's grandchildren, John and Chloe. Al and Evelynda enjoyed their evening walks together and watching curling on television.

Sadly, Al passed away following a brief illness on August 22, 2025, at the age of ninety-one. Al will be missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of Allistair's family, we thank you for your attendance today and for your expression of support and heartfelt condolences.