



REIDY, Thomas James

Sadly, but with gratitude for his many healthy years, the family of Thomas James Reidy announce his peaceful death on Friday, October 10, 2014 at Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver, at the age of 80 years, due to unexpected complications following surgery. Tom is survived by Lorna Mae (nee Maloney), his wife of 50 years; four daughters: Colleen Purdy, of Edmonton, AB; Kathleen Kischer (Rudi), of West Vancouver, BC; Patti Hanson (Jeff), of Chilliwack, BC; and Peggy Farah (Johnny), of Edmonds, Washington; son-in-law Doug Purdy of Edmonton; eleven grandchildren: James Purdy (Sharon); Russell Purdy, and Christine Sander (Cody), all of Edmonton; Rudi Jr., Tommy and Evan Kischer, of West Vancouver; Billy, Hailey and Malone Hanson, of Chilliwack; Christo and Mae Farah, of Edmonds; and great-granddaughter Bailey Davison-Purdy, of Edmonton. He is survived by siblings Ellen Desantis (Tony), of Calgary, AB, Frank Reidy of Moose Jaw, SK, Patricia Rissling (George) of Prelate, SK, Vince Reidy (Wynn) of Winnipeg, MB, and Bernadette Heaney (Gerard), of Regina Beach, SK; sister-in-law Mary Ann Reidy of Edmonton, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Tom had the rare benefit of belonging to a "second" family. He had a wonderful relationship with Lorna Mae's family including her siblings Eileen (Jim) Condon of North Vancouver; Dennis (Donna) Maloney of Toronto; Lorraine (Nick) Maduck of Calgary; Pat (Gwen) Maloney of Weyburn, SK, and Peggy Maloney of Regina; and their families. Tom was predeceased by his parents Andrew Emmet Reidy (1959) and Catherine (nee O'Connor) (1994), sister Maureen Violini (2013), brother Emmet Reidy (2006), brother-in-law Lou Violini (2008), and sister-in-law Giv (nee Smith) Reidy (2012); father-in-law William Maloney (2008) and mother-in-law Clara (nee Salamon) (1983); brother-in-law Gordon Maloney (2001); nieces Erin Reidy (1976), Joanne Schweitzer (2008) and nephew Marc Assie (2009). Tom was born on November 9, 1933 on the family farm near Ceylon, Saskatchewan, and continued farming there for several years. There were also farming and ranching enterprises in Alberta, before relocating to Moose Jaw where he owned and operated Reidy Motors for several years. Before retiring in Darwell, AB, he was a successful realtor in St. Albert, AB. Tom and Lorna Mae recently relocated to West Vancouver to enjoy the west coast lifestyle. Tom was a strong, generous and compassionate man— always willing to lend a hand. Family was of the utmost importance to Tom, demonstrated by the relationships that he had with family and friends. This provided the example to all of us that family came first. He had a strong faith and always felt it important to "do the right thing". Tom was also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He was passionate about politics, a keen student of history, a proud Irishman, and an avid reader. A skilled carpenter, his many projects will long be treasured by family members. Tom was a cowboy at heart—to the end—dying at high noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's name may be made to Christ the Redeemer Parish/ St. Vincent de Paul Society, 599 Keith Road, West Vancouver, BC V7T 1L8. A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16 at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 599 Keith Road, West Vancouver. The Funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17, also at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.



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