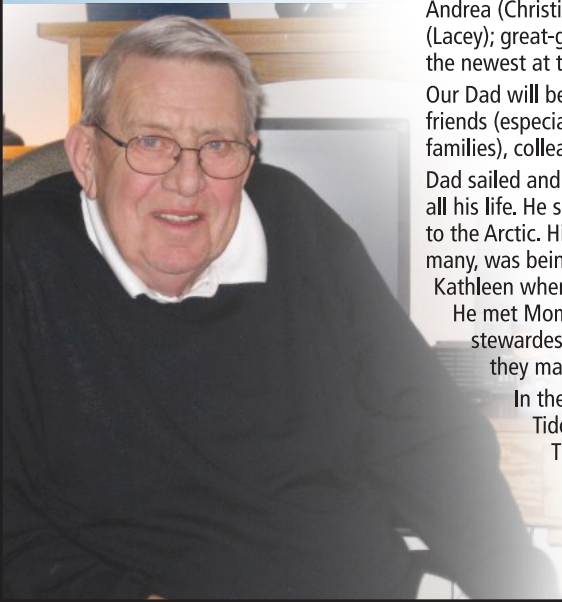


Capt. W.R. (Russ) Wiggs
passed away peacefully
on Friday, May 27, 2016



BORN IN VICTORIA ON NOVEMBER 1, 1933, Capt. Wiggs was predeceased by his wife Barbara in 1996 and his sister Helen Irvine in 2007. Survived by his sons Scott (Freda) and Big Ian, grandchildren Joey, Andrea (Christian), Little Ian, and Roderick (Lacey); great-grandsons Tobias, Owen and the newest at three weeks, Bowen.

Our Dad will be sadly missed by his many friends (especially Karen and Jodi and their families), colleagues, and shipmates.

Dad sailed and worked in the Marine Industry all his life. He sailed from the South Pacific to the Arctic. His claim to fame, among many, was being a Seaman on the Princess Kathleen when it sank off Lena Pt. in 1952.

He met Mom while she was working as a stewardess with the CPR Steamships and they married in 1957.

In the 60's, Dad sailed with Tidewater Marine on the Min Tide, towing oil rigs up and down the BC Coast and to New Zealand where he assisted in teaching NZ seaman the art of how

to tow and anchor handle an oil rig. He sailed with the Canadian Navy Auxiliary Vessels in Esquimalt, sailing on ships such as the Laymore, Whitethroat, Endeavour, Dundurn, and St. Anthony.

He was Captain of the Texada Queen from 1969 to 1976 between Blubber Bay and Westview and then became the Marine Superintendent for BC Highways Ferries. After leaving the Government of BC in 1984, he went on to Yellowknife and the Government of the NWT as Director of Marine Operations. During his time with the GNWT, he was an active member of the Canadian Ferry Operators Association. He retired in 1994.

He was a member of the CP Coasters and the Company of Master Mariners. He had a passion for golf, softball, fishing, the Monkey Tree Pub, and telling stories that changed slightly, depending on who he was telling them to.

A special thanks to the staff at Parkwood Court for their care and support. No service by request, but something will be planned for later on. Donations to the BC Lung Association may be made in remembrance of Russ.