

OBITUARY, William David "Bill" McKee, 1931 - 2012

McKee, William David "Bill" -- 81, Dartmouth, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 26, 2012.

Born in Toronto and raised in South River, Nobel, and Waterloo, Ont., Bill worked as a linesman with the telephone company and as a technician with Atomic Energy in Deep River before attending the University of Waterloo in his 30s. After a brief period as a high school chemistry teacher, Bill joined the Federal Government and retired from the National Energy Board with 34 years of government service, primarily in the Human Resources field in Ottawa.

A devoted family man, Bill will be dearly missed by his wife, Gillian "Jill" Parker, whom he married in 1968; his daughter, Elizabeth "Lyssa" (husband, Murray) Clack of Dartmouth; his beloved granddaughters, Amanda and Jessica Clack; and his son, Andrew (wife, Stephannie) McKee of Kanata, Ont. He is also survived by his brothers, Ross (Marilyn) and Earl (Linda). He was predeceased by his parents, David and Beatrice, and brother Harold.

Following Bill's retirement, Bill and Jill moved to Dartmouth, where Bill was actively involved in the Woodlawn Kiwanis Service Club, Dartmouth Horticultural society, UNICEF, and Cole Harbour Heritage Farm. Known to all as a true gentleman, Bill was also committed to community service, and volunteered with the school breakfast program at Ian Forsyth Elementary School right up until the day of his death.

A memorial service will be held in Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main St., Dartmouth, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 31. Reception to follow in the funeral home reception centre. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, Canadian Diabetes Association, or UNICEF. Blood donations to Canadian Blood Services would also be much appreciated, in memory of Bill's long-time commitment as a blood donor.

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