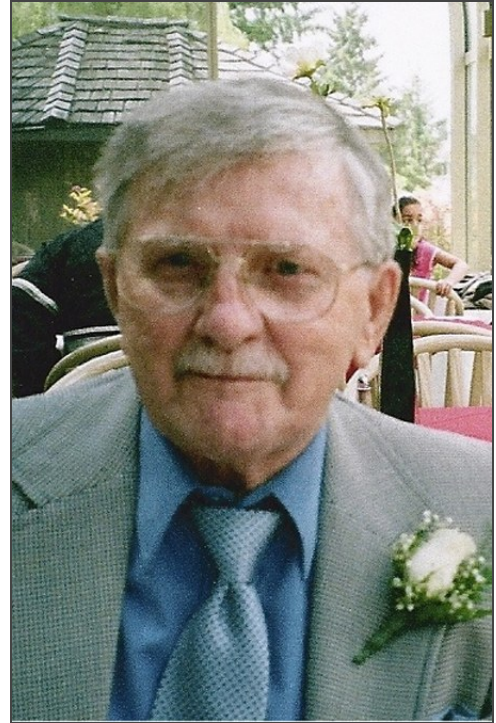


Herbert McIlveen

MARCH 7, 2012

It is with great sadness that the family of Herbert McIlveen announces his passing at the age of 89 years at the Langley Memorial Hospital on March 7, 2012 following a brief illness. Herb was predeceased by his parents, Kathleen and George McIlveen and brother Charles in Belfast, Ireland. Herb is survived by his loving wife Lisa; his dear sister Kay Estell; nieces: Pat Sorochan (Wayne) and Shauna



Boden (John); nephews: Paul Estell (Gail), Glenn Estell (Lorraine), Ross Estell (Paulette), Sean Estell (Caroline) and stepsons: Rick (Ilze) and Klaus (Janice) and grandchildren: Krista, Meridith, Mackenzie and Michael. In Ireland, nephews and nieces: Yvonne Sterling (Richard), James McIlveen (Viola), Fiona (Thomas) and Corrine (George). Herb was born in Belfast, Ireland and took all his schooling in Belfast. After graduation Herb was employed by the Belfast Transportation Company in various capacities and as a busman. During the war, Herb faithfully carried out his voluntary duties as an Air Raid Warden. Interested in promoting neighbourhood youth activities, he and his best friend Gunnar became leaders in the Manors Street Boys Club.

Herb always dreamed of coming to Canada and after his sister's visit to Ireland from Canada, he followed and emigrated to Mirror, Alberta in 1951. Employed by Honeyboy Bread, Herb quickly rose through the ranks of the company and became the production manager for Northern Alberta. In 1983 McGavins Toastmaster Bread transferred him to Langley, BC to become production manager where he

retired in 1986 after a loyal and distinguished career. His faith in the Lord was never wavering, neither was his beautiful Irish tenor voice. A member of the Westmount Presbyterian Church in the mid 1950's (Edmonton), Herb's initiative led to the creation of Braeside Presbyterian Church (St. Albert) of which he remained active until his move to BC. Since coming to BC, Herb was a member of Langley Presbyterian Church and was again active in the choir, as a soloist and in the production of plays and musicals. In 2007 Herb celebrated 50 years of Eldership with the Presbyterian church, a dedication he loved very much.

Herb was a Freemason, a member of PROBUS (Langley) and was also involved with many other community organizations. Herb touched all he met and made many lasting friends. He will be remembered for his sincerity, honesty, politeness and that he always welcomed people into his heart without conditions. Herb's beautiful tenor voice, his kindness to others and his gentle presence will be missed by all. Memorial service, Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 am at the Langley Presbyterian Church 20867 - 44 Ave., Langley with a reception to follow. The family requests that donations be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers.

Messages of Condolence

When Christ shall come,
With shouts of acclamation,
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!"

Herb, you are in a place where only Truth exists and one day, one day we all shall walk together in that place.

— **Klaus & Janice**

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to become a true friend of Herbs'. We both enjoyed our singing together and you took the high notes and I took the low notes Herb! We took "One Day At a Time" every time I visited with you at the hospital and we shared a few hymns together even then. You were a man who truly showed the life of a Christian to every person you met.

You will truly be missed by all, but you are now in the place that you lived for and I know you will be looking down on us and waiting to be with us again and sing the praises we have shared here. Indeed "It is Well With Thine Soul"

— **Lillian Sebulsky**

Wir freuen uns, dass wir Herb Mc Ilveen kennenlernen durften u. werden ihn in sehr guter Erinnerung behalten. Vielen Dank für die Übermittlung u. liebe Grüße an die Familie.

Hans u. Krista Engelke aus Germany

— **Krista Engelke**

HI HERB I KNOW YOUR LISTENING. WILL NEVER FORGET OUR FRIENDLY CHATS WHEN WE MET. NOR YOUR KIND AND ENCOURAGING WORDS WHEN I WAS IN HOSPITAL SOME YEARS AGO.

YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND, AN ORIGINAL, WHAT WE NEED MORE OF. REST WELL.

JOHN

— **John Gagne**

Herb was such a kind gentleman and everyone's friend. He became an honorary grandfather to our children and attended all their music concerts and other special family events.

Herb, you and Duane enjoyed a long friendship and working relationship at McGavins. Duane valued those years with you. After retirement, Duane enjoyed meeting you at "the office" (Tim Hortens).

Herb, you were also an honorary Red Hatter to our Red Hat Chapter and loved by all our Red Hat ladies.

We will so miss you, Herb, at all our family get-togethers. Our youngest granddaughter summed Herb's character up nicely when she said, "Grandma, Herb was a really good guy."

— **Duane and Irene Freeman**

Dear Lisa:

Uncle Herb was the most thoughtful and loving uncle anyone could have. We treasure our memories and special times spent together.

God saw you getting tired, when a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me"
He took you to His garden and laid you there to rest
Gods garden must be beautiful, for he only takes the best.

Love, Paul and Gail Estell and Family
Alix, Alberta

— **Paul and Gail Estell**

I would like to convey our deepest condolences to Lisa and the family. We got to know Herb through the Red Hatters and enjoyed his company at our get-togethers. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Lisa.

— **Dinah Bentley & Gail Forman**

Dear Lisa and family, so sorry for your great loss. The world is a better place because of Herb being in it, and now Heaven is the lucky one. He was a great and good man and always had time for a kind word or smile. He was one of a kind and will always be fondly remembered.

— **Jane and Dan Mason**

Dear Lisa,

We were sorry to learn of Herb's passing. He truly was a wonderful friend. "Uncle McIlveen" was always a favourite of the Kelly Kids.

Love from Joan and the 4 Kelly Kids, Valerie, Marilyn, David, Brenda

— **Valerie Joan Barrie**

i know you are now walking with
the lord. we are deeply grieving
and missing you here, but are
looking forward to seeing you
again in heaven for eternity.

h.m. you set an example in my
life and i will always be greatfull
for all you did for me. e.g.

— **glenn & lorraine**



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