

Wilbur Pillman Townsend [3B22]

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Wilbur Pillman Townsend was born April 3, 1917 in Vancouver, BC. He attended Edith Cavell Elementary, followed by King Ed and Point Grey high schools and Seattle Pacific College in Seattle. Throughout his youth, Wilbur was an avid bike racer, speed skater, swimmer and fisherman. He enlisted in the RCAF during WW II, and, during these years, he established life-long friendships, fell in love with and married Frieda Sauer in March 1943.

After the war, Wilbur became a furniture manufacturer's agent, and, from his Vancouver warehouse, provided furniture products for many small independent stores and large department stores in Vancouver and throughout BC. During his travels, Wilbur established relationships with numerous friends and acquaintances, many of which he maintained throughout the years. Golf and fishing continued to be passions when he travelled throughout BC.

After the births of Rick (1946) and Sharon (1956), Wilbur's carpentry and handyman skills were used to finish and "tune-up" the new family home on 51st Avenue. Wilbur retired from work in 1982, and, until health issues made it too difficult, continued his passion for swimming at the YMCA. With the much appreciated care of Frieda, Wilbur quietly lived out his final years while pursuing his interests in reading, watching sports and continuing his connections with friends and former colleagues.

Wilbur's wife, Frieda, at her 90th Birthday with grandchildren Julia and Cason Lof daughters of Crista Nicole Townsend [3B82] and husband Darren Lof

