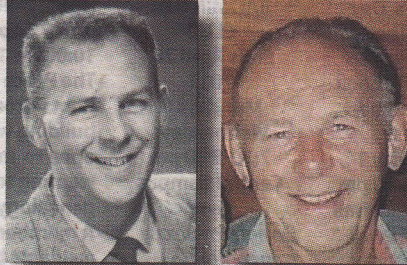


### **Kenneth Garland (Gary) Robinson**



Gary passed away peacefully at Nanaimo Hospital on Vancouver Island on March 15, 2017 at the age of 87 years. Gary was born at St. Pauls Hospital in Vancouver on April 11, 1929. He was the oldest child of Edith May Robinson (nee Garland) and Kenneth Howard Robinson. Gary grew up in several places in BC including Kelowna, Canim Lake and Vancouver. In his early working years Gary tried his hand at life guarding, picking apples, selling newspapers on a train and selling fine china dishes. When he was 20 he went to Dawson Creek to be a lifeguard at the town swimming pool and he met Marilyn Williams (Fred and Midge Williams daughter). After a three year courtship Marilyn and Gary were married in 1952. Gary worked at CJDC radio station in Dawson Creek and at CFGP station in Grande Prairie doing the morning show. Three children came along over the years, two daughters and then a son. Gary became a teacher and then a Principal at various elementary schools all over BC. He retired in 1981. Gary and Marilyn moved back to the Peace Country and lived on a quarter section in Arras that Gary had purchased in 1951 for \$400. They loved to travel to Mexico and bought a house in Puerto Morelos in the Yucatan in the late 80's. They spent many winters there enjoying the gardening and swimming right up until January of 2014 when Gary's health prevented them from going back. In late 2013 they sold the property in Arras and purchased a house on the beach in Parksville on Vancouver Island. Gary enjoyed 2 and half years in this lovely spot.

Gary is missed and remembered by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn; his children; Kim Strasky (Rod), Kelli Robinson and Darcy Robinson and his 3 grandchildren, Nick Strasky (Sarah), Zoe Bassett (Blaine) and Alex Strasky as well as his 2 great-grandchildren, Kendall and Claire Bassett.