

Dick was a 40 year member of the Ramblers, having joined in 1973. Following are the eulogy delivered at his funeral and the obituary in the Calgary Herald.

## Eulogy

My name is Brad and I'm the eldest grandson of Dick. When Granny asked me to write this eulogy I was honored that I got to speak to everyone today.

Dick was a very positive man with a smile on his face all the time. He had a true positive outlook on life and lived it to its fullest. Justin, Richard and I will always remember how courteous and patient he was with us and how he was willing to take the time to show you how to do things right. He was an inspiration on how to fully enjoy life without regret.

I was the ring bearer at Granny and Dicks wedding back in 1979. Throughout the years us grandkids were taken on many hiking, backpacking and camping trips. He had a love of the mountains that could not be matched. With Dick I managed to climb up Heart Mountain, Ha Ling peak and Exshaw pass. He also showed me Grotto canyon and Jura Creek that I take my kids to as well. He loved scrambling over boulders, crossing creeks and scaling walls. If it was a challenge he embraced it to the fullest.

Another love of his was Astronomy. He was always ready to pull out his latest telescope and show us his view of the stars. From showing Anna (my daughter) the rings of Saturn in his backyard after dinner to attending various star parties throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. His love of astronomy was very evident. He volunteered hours of his time to the Royal Astronomical Society and the Science center.

Another passion of his was gardening. I wouldn't want to count the hours he spent in the garden tending to the flowers, vegetables and his beloved roses. His roses were truly remarkable and the pride that he had in them was seen through his meticulous care of them.

Model trains and parasailing were fond pastimes as well. He really enjoyed visiting the train show every year and seeing what was new and exciting. Heading to Cochrane and Parasailing at Muller windsports was a great adrenaline rush for him.

Dick also liked food. After dinner he would always say that was the best dinner he had had all day. He liked some weird things like Marmite, brussel sprouts, Hungarian crescents and candied ginger. I always dreaded going over to his house when marmalade was being made because it didn't smell very good. I seem to remember one time when Granny was away and he had to fend for himself. He made one of his famous one pot meals from his Bachelor days. Noodles, tuna and veggies. However the can of what he thought was tuna turned out to be cat food. He thought it was still the best dinner he had had all day.

I made a brussel sprout recipe he really enjoyed one year for Christmas. I seem to remember even Granny having one or maybe two. You could almost always count on Dick to become the garbage disposal at dinner and finish off the last little bit of something that was left.

I remember many phone calls from him on technology and computers. He always had questions on the latest technology or gadgets that he could get. He frequently asked me my recommendations on what to get in regards to PC, laptops or tablets. I even got him hooked on torrents. Dick even downloaded and burned a CD full of inappropriate music for Richard without even a batting an eye.

During the past summer my family went on a hike to Grotto canyon with Dick, Granny and their friend Mary. I'm really glad we got to go out and share this experience with him and the kids. We had a great time scrambling around the creek bed helping each other over the logs, boulders and water. He was truly in his element enjoying the outdoors and I wish we would have done this more.

Dick was great man and will be sorely missed.

### Calgary Herald obituary



LOWNDES, Richard "Dick" C.

May 12, 1939 - December 29, 2012

Richard "Dick" passed away suddenly in Calgary, AB on Saturday, December 29, 2012. Richard is survived by his wife, Margaret, of 33 years; stepdaughter Dawna (Dan) of London, ON; step-grandson Bradley (Jen) Robinson; step-great-grandchildren Anna and Aaron of High River, AB; step-grandsons Justin and Richard of Calgary, AB as well as an extensive network of nieces and nephews from coast to coast. He is the beloved brother of Jenny, Rachel and Quinta; brothers-in-law Bruce and Ian; and predeceased by Geoffrey. Richard was also a loved uncle of several nieces and nephews. Before coming to Canada in 1965, he served in the Merchant Navy and at the Radar Establishment in Malvern. After retiring, Dick had time to pursue his life-long passion for astronomy as well as tending his garden, especially his beloved roses. He and Marg always enjoyed life together which included their love of music, model railroading, growing of African Violets, love of the outdoors, biking, hiking and traveling extensively. Dick will be greatly missed by many whose lives he touched.

