

Bernard "Ben" Nower

Obituary

NOWER, Bernard (Ben) - Passed away suddenly and peacefully on May 26, 2011 after a long battle with cardiopulmonary disease in his 87th year. Loving husband of Jacqueline Pitre and predeceased in 1988 by Kay (Kathleen Mutz), his beloved wife of 38 years. Dear father of Linda, Mark (Coleen), Richard (Yolanda) and Andrew (Sue), cherished grandfather of Kathleen, Laura, Alex, Melissa, Matthew, Jennifer and Amanda and proud great-grandfather of Cory. Sadly missed by his loving sister Betty and his devoted friend Rex. Always a man of action, Ben served four years in the Royal Canadian Navy in the North Atlantic during World War II, following which he sought adventure in his 20s in the gold mines of Yellowknife and ultimately found his calling in his early 30s as an entrepreneur establishing his company Quebec Smoked Meat Products Ltd., a well known and financially successful manufacturer operating in Montreal for over 50 years. His business was his passion and he was driven to deliver exceptional quality products and honest, reputable business practices which earned him the respect of his family, employees, suppliers, customers and meat inspectors. When not working at the plant Ben devoted himself and his family to his lifelong project of building and renovating the family cottage on 140 acres in the Laurentians which became his permanent residence in 1988 and where he developed into an avid gardener and landscaper throughout his retirement years. Ben was an ardent fan of music, movies, theater and travel, being most fortunate to have travelled throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Australia/New Zealand during his lifetime. While he weathered many challenges in life, he never wavered in his faith in God to whom he now commends his soul. Dad you led a full accomplished life and 'did it your way'. May you rest in peace with our Lord now that your suffering is over. Our family is grateful for the dedicated and compassionate care of the doctors, nurses and staff of the Montreal Jewish General Hospital throughout his years of illness. Family and friends may call at the Alfred D'Allaire Chapel at 3254 Bellechasse St., Rosemont/Montreal (514-270-3112), from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 28th and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday, May 29th. Funeral Mass will be at The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 6185 10th Avenue, Rosemont/Montreal at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30th followed by interment to St. Calixte Cemetery for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Montreal Jewish General Hospital Foundation (www.jgh.ca/en/Foundation) with appreciation by our family. Messages of condolence may be left online at message@memoria.ca



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