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WHITELOCK, John Tait



July 20, 1933 – April 24, 2017

John Whitelock, beloved husband of Jean Stevenson Whitelock, passed away on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the age of 83 years.

John Tait Whitelock was born in Elderslie, Scotland on July 20th, 1933. He attended Elderslie Wallace and Camphill Schools. John married Jean Stevenson Wilson on June 1, 1957. Prior to moving to Canada in 1966, they lived in Elderslie, Paisley and Johnstone, Scotland. John served in the Merchant Navy for 5 years. While in Canada, John and Jean lived in Kitimat, BC, and Golden, BC and finally settling in Calgary. John and Jean owned and operated The Scottish Shoppe for 25 years in Calgary and 12 years in Banff, he was with IRD Calgary as the District Manager for Western Canada and the Customer Engineer (repair and modifications) for IBM retiring at age 63. John was a piper and a member of the Highlanders Pipe Band, Calgary Burns Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Banff Springs Hotel. John's greatest moments were immigrating to Canada, having the Scottish Import Store and holidays camping with his wife and family. John's biggest passion was teaching Highland Bagpipes. He had started to play the pipes at age 10 and did until he was 75.

Besides his loving wife, Jean Stevenson Whitelock, John is survived by his son Douglas Whitelock and daughter Fiona Rauckman and grandchildren Matthew and Brandon Rauckman. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Lewis Whitelock Jr., David Whitelock, Betty Dempsey, Jean McAleer and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Lewis and Mary Whitelock and brother Thomas.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY (Park Memorial, 5008 Elbow Drive S.W. Calgary, AB) on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 285. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Alzheimer Society of Calgary, 800, 7015 MacLeod Trail S.W., Calgary, AB T2H 2K6, Telephone: (403)290-0110, www.alzheimercalgary.com, or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 200, 119 – 14th Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2N 1Z6 Telephone: (403) 264-5549, www.heartandstroke.ca.

In living memory of John Tait Whitelock, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Park Memorial, 5008 ELBOW DRIVE S.W. Calgary, AB, T2S 2L5, Telephone: 403-243-8200.