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quickly progressed to stockyards manager, cattle buyer and sales manager, and developed a life-long love and interest in Brazilian business. He returned to Britain in 1950 only to become quickly disillusioned with British politics to the point of taking a one year contract as ships stores manager with Shell in Curacao. At the end of his contract Bob was flying back to Prestwick when his plane landed in Montreal and he jumped ship, a landed immigrant in Canada. Bob was engaged to Maureen who joined him in Calgary where they married, raised five children and celebrated their fifty-ninth anniversary earlier this year.

Salesman for Calgary Packers was Bob's first job in Calgary; he quickly progressed to Beef Manager. Always ready to take on something new, Bob joined the sales staff at Calgary's first TV station CHCT - within six months he was sales manager. He made his mark in the advertising business with his Watson Advertising & Communications Ltd. Many of Calgary's top companies were his clients. He was President of the Calgary Advertising Agency Association and Charter President of the Advertising Association of Alberta. His business interests with China led to his founding of the Hong Kong Canada Business Association (Calgary Section) of which he served as President from 1985 - 1989.

Scottish bard Robbie Burns (1759 - 1796) was Bob's hero and inspiration. Bob was a founder of the Calgary Burns Club, preserving the legacy of Burns in yet another corner of the world. Among Bob's favorite pursuits were reading and writing. He was an expert on Burns of course and wrote Rotary poetry himself (see Peter Penner's Manchester to Calgary South.. pages 58, 59, 67.)

Bob is survived by Maureen and their five children Tony, Clare, Neil, Marian, Janet and their families including ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to Bob's Family.

Bob leaves a legacy of Leadership, Charity, Innovation and Accomplishment. He will be greatly missed and remembered for "auld lang syne."

Rest in Peace Bob.

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