

# **John W. Campbell**

**June 14, 1916 - March 19, 2007**



**Rotarian May 16, 1963 - March 19, 2007**

**Our friend and Fellow Rotarian Dr. John Campbell passed away Monday March 19 in his 91st year. Our condolences go to John's wife Helen and his three daughters Susan, Sharon and Valorie.**

**John was born in Retlaw, Alberta and he delighted in informing anyone who would listen that his birthplace was named after a CPR stationmaster "Walter . . ." - spelled backwards! He helped with deliveries for the family meat business in his early years. His athletic ability took him to the Sydney, Australia Third British Empire Games in 1938. John competed as a featherweight boxer after winning the Alberta Championship three years in a row.**



**Singing was one of John's great passions. He was a talented lyric tenor and sang lead tenor with groups which performed at the old Palace Theatre in Calgary during the WWII years and also on radio stations CFAC and CFCN. In 1958 John decided to combine his athletic ability, his quick boxing hands and his smooth tenor talents in a career as a Chiropractor. He studied at the Palmer School of Chiropractic in Iowa earning his Doctorate, returning to Calgary in 1961 to establish his practice. He was a hands-on Chiropractor until his retirement at age 75.**

**John brought a lot of talent to Rotary when he joined our Club in 1963. He was well respected in his profession, an accomplished singer and a gifted artist. His abilities as a singer and song leader highlighted his Rotary Service. Along with the legendary Club pianist Archie Campbell John led many of the musical interludes at the weekly meetings. The dynamic duo also brought life to the Rotary Partners theatrical productions of their day. John's long Rotary service was recognized when he was made an Honorary Member of our Club at the January 27, 2005 meeting.**

**In recent years John has enjoyed painting landscapes. The photo below shows John in his studio at Helen and his condo in southwest Calgary earlier this year.**



**John Campbell will long be remembered by our Club Members for his warm smile and handshake, and his great singing voice. Rest in peace John.**

*(written by Mel Gray)*