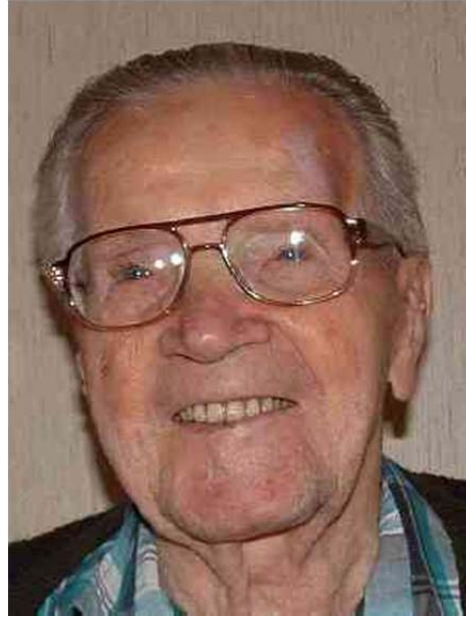


Alexander C. (Sandy) Luft

November 20, 1909 - November 21, 2004



Sandy Luft turned 95 on Saturday November 20, 2004. He passed away on Sunday November 21, 2004.

Every time a Rotarian or guest enters Rotary House to enjoy a Thursday meeting of our Club they are greeted by the Legacy of Sandy Luft. He was the first greeter, the originator of this rich Calgary South tradition.

Sandy knew everybody. His quick smile, warm handshake and sleight of hand with the name badge meant "Enjoy Rotary" to our members and guests for many years.

Greeting and entertaining people was a natural for Sandy. He played the harmonica as boy - in fact he was a fairly accomplished harmonica player and even appeared on Calgary's first radio station. He was adept at entertaining children with his bag of tricks including the disappearing quarter trick of which the kids never tired. But they did wear out before Sandy did!

Sandy and wife Millie were long-time competitive bowlers winning many local championships and going on to represent Calgary in regional competitions. When their family of two sons, Barry and Murray arrived, they often had to take turns: one spouse staying home with the kids while the other headed off to the competitions. They were champions during the 40's and 50's. He continued to bowl well into old age - until he had outlived all his league-mates.

Sandy's career always involved people - he was a people person. He sold shoes in Calgary for 19 years then insurance with Bamlett Agencies. In 1957 he bought Leyden's Funeral Home and in 1961 brought his enthusiasm and love for people into our Rotary Club - classification: Funeral Director. Sandy was a Club Director, Treasurer, bridge player and golfer.

Thanks Sandy for making our Club a happy, friendly experience for everyone who comes to a meeting. Your legacy is forever embedded in our Club's culture, enthusiasm and robust spirit.

Sandy's funeral will be held at the Altadore Baptist Church at 1:00 pm on Monday November 29.