

Laurence A. (Larry) Winter
December 11, 1918 - July 11, 2011



Rotarian February 17, 1955 - July 11, 2011
Charter Member of the Manchester Rotary Club
(now the Rotary Club of Calgary South)

Larry was one of the most colourful members of our Club - for over 56 years! He passed away peacefully on Monday morning, July 11, 2011 at the age of 92 years. Larry had been in failing health for the past many months.

Larry was one of forty-three Charter Members who founded Our Club in 1955. He served as a Club Director in 1956-1957 and on a few committees - (Tree Planting, History and Archives and Community Service) since then. Larry always compared his Rotary Service to his Army Service, claiming he deserved the "DFA" for what he did (or didn't) do! When asked about his Dream Home sales shifts in 1987 he replied that he "... didn't do Dream Home." But he made a generous contribution to the Dream Home Wind-up Barbeque! He contributed in his own way and was always a delightful lunch partner. During his summers at Sylvan Lake he was a regular at meetings of the Sylvan Lake and Red Deer Rotary Clubs. Larry's lasting legacy in our Club was the introduction of his son-in-law, our outstanding member Harry Pelton.

Larry Winter was born, raised, educated and lived his life in Calgary. His grandfather was the first travelling Judge sent out from England to serve the Northwest Territories. Larry was one of the first Calgarians to sign up with the Calgary Highlanders Regiment at the beginning of World War II. He was commissioned a Lieutenant and saw action in the Belgian and Dutch campaigns. After the war Larry returned to Calgary, married Barb, his wife of sixty-two years, raised his family and lived by his wits. He represented pre-fab metal building manufacturers in Calgary and was responsible for most of the metal buildings that still dot the Manchester industrial landscape. He also provided metal buildings for the oil and gas industry and industrial metal shelving through his company Calsteel. Larry is remembered for brandishing his WWII Luger or shotgun to assure that a tenant understood their business deal.

Hunting and fishing were Larry's favourite pursuits. He was proud that his father was instrumental in introducing the Hungarian Partridge to the game bird population of Alberta. He hunted deer on his farm in the Rosebud area and would feed on venison at every possible occasion. At Sylvan Lake he delighted in catching a pike or perch for breakfast or lunch.

Our condolences go out to Barb and Larry's family especially his beloved grand-children.

Rest in peace Larry.

(written by Mel Gray www.rotarycs.org)