

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Vic Coroy 2 April, 2020**



COROY, LCol (Retired) Augustin Victor "Vic" A, CD

On Thursday, April 2, 2020, at the age of 82, Vic took his leave for blue skies and fair winds, a victim of Covid 19. He will be deeply missed by Patricia, his wife, best friend, travelmate and partner in so many things. Life will never be the same without him. He will be lovingly remembered by his daughters Lee-Anne (Chuck) and Liese as well as his stepson Ian (Becca) and stepdaughter Krista (Jeff). His grandsons Bob, Benjamin and Jacob will have fond memories of time spent with him. Predeceased by his

brother Richard (Ingrid) he leaves behind his sister Jean (Jack), and brothers Reginald (Paulette), Frank (Simonne), Gary (Dona) and many nieces and nephews.

Vic had a full, exciting and successful life, serving Canada for 39 years in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Not only did his service take him right across Canada but he spent time in Germany, Italy, the UK, the USA, Norway, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand. He enjoyed all the postings, all the challenges that he faced but his favourite by far was his time as an Air Observation Post Pilot.

Upon retiring Vic maintained his military affiliation, actively involved with the Conference of Defence Associations, the Canadian NATO Defence College Association, the North Atlantic Council, RUSI Vancouver, Air OP Pilots Association and the Ottawa Gunners. He made his mark in so many projects but one, most important to him was the Honour House in New Westminster, BC. His vision and drive provided the impetus to get it off the ground. More recently, his efforts and involvement in launching the Canadian Army Aviation website gave him much satisfaction.

Vic Coroy and his wife Pat had been members of the Vancouver 'Venturers Volkssport Club from late 1998 to 2001. They relocated to the West Coast from the Ottawa area where they had been active Volkssporters. By March 1999, Vic had become the club newsletter editor. In 2001, Pat and Vic decided to move back to Ottawa to be close to their family. But they took the "long way" by doing a three-month road trip in order to walk in 35 US states. They wrote several reports of their "Walking Odyssey," which finished in 2004 with a walk in Arizona, their 50th state. (They received the Canadian Certificate for walking the 10 provinces in 2003.)

Vic was loved and admired by friends and family, old and new. He enjoyed being out on the golf course, would never refuse a chance to go flying, was a somewhat unique bridge player, loved a fine meal with his favourite folks, was an enthusiastic traveller and truly appreciated a single malt scotch. With that - raise a glass to Vic!