

**BIEDLER,
Erwin Ernest**

May 20, 1922 - Aug. 16, 2016

Erwin was born and raised on the family farm in Jansen, Sask., he was destined to be a farmer until an accident with a threshing machine ended his farming career and provided an opportunity to return to school. He then completed Grade 9 at Steinbach Collegiate (1944); Grades 10-12 and an Associate of Arts at Luther College, Saskatchewan (1948); Bachelor of Liberal Arts, U of S (1950); Bachelor of Social Work, UBC (1954); and a Bachelor of Laws, UBC (1956). He was called to the Bar in 1957. Married first wife Minn (nee Torwalt) in 1948 and together with her moved West, completed his schooling and articling, developed a private law practice in North Vancouver and raised four children. Divorced in 1983. Married second wife, soul-mate Marjorie Agnew (nee McKeown), in 1987. Erwin will be remembered for his hearty laugh and love of good stories and jokes. Favourite pastimes included hockey, baseball, golf, crib, clearing land and chopping wood at the Birken family cabin and, later in life, gardening.

Survived by Minn and children Jane (Evan), Sue (Rob), Gord (Donna), Bruce (Carol), and grandchildren Elizabeth (Bryn), Jonathan (Mirjam), Benjamin (Brenda); Ryan, Kristi (Trevor); Madison (James), Douglas, David. Survived by Marjorie and stepchildren Barbara, Susan (Bill), and step-grandchildren Sarah (Garrett, dtr Madeleine), Ross (son James), Heather (Mike, son Jordan), Michelle. Erwin is survived by his remaining siblings of Margaret Briske of Edmonton, Alta., Irma Zerbin of Humboldt, Sask. and Leonard Biedler of Kelowna, B.C.

A special thank you to the staff of Langley Gardens who cared so well for Erwin in the final years of his life. No services at his request.