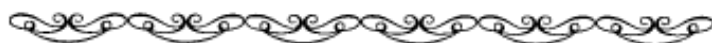


Milt opted to join the suburban law firm of Hean, Wylie and then, as he approached retirement, chose to practise, when he felt like it, from his home.

His life was celebrated at the Boal Memorial Chapel on October 7, where a great many of his old friends, school buddies, boys (now men) he had coached in soccer, former partners at Lawrence and Shaw, several judges and his extended family all came to express their love and respect for that "straight shooter".

B.W.F. McLoughlin, Q.C.



*Donald Ross Dunfee*

This past spring, just around spring training camp time (which he quite enjoyed), Don Dunfee left us, though his spirit, his integrity and his insight live on in his family and with those among us who had the privilege to practise with him as partner and friend. The Vancouver legal community has lost one of its truly fine, truly "gentle" men.

Though Don chose his priorities well, retiring from active practice in 1986 to spend time with his one true love and lifetime partner, Enid, he remained in touch with many of his classmates and colleagues, continued to participate in various functions with Boughton (formerly Boughton Peterson Yang Anderson), the firm which he managed and led for 20-plus years, and always found time to connect with colleagues such as Ralph Wollen, Phil Shier and Les Peterson. There was always time for the odd game of backgammon and a martini at the Vancouver Club. Though not technically there from the start, his friends and former partners at Boughton considered him to be one of the founding partners. It was no surprise to anyone that in December 2004 Don could regale all present at the Boughton Christmas Party with his usual wit, taking control of the microphone to share stories of events past...and not so long past. As always, it was done with aplomb and grace. Little did we know that it would be the last time we would have the pleasure of his company at a firm function.

Don came into this world on January 30, 1924, in Regina in the middle of a Saskatchewan winter. He was educated in Regina, Winnipeg and Toronto, but long before that education was completed, the first milestone year in his life came along. It was in 1936, at Lumsden Beach, Saskatchewan, that Don met Enid for the first time. They were to become lifelong partners, friends and soulmates, parents to Don Jr., Pat and Ted, and grandparents to Bryan, Erin, Adam, Evan, Sasha and Satori. For Don, these were the important things in life, though the law was no doubt a profession in which he took great pride and to which he gave much.

Don joined the RCAF at the age of 18 in 1942, ultimately serving as a flight instructor. He considered pursuing a career in medicine, but settled upon the law. He was part of the second class at UBC after World War II, starting in 1946. He and Enid were married in May 1947. Articling during the summers and called to the bar on graduation in 1949, he began practice with Les Peterson (later attorney general) and Dick ("Andy") Anderson (later Mr. Justice Anderson) as Peterson Anderson Dunfee at offices in the Holden Building on Hastings Street.

In 1951, Don and family moved to Calgary, where Don joined the legal department of Dominion Oil. (This was long before much attention was paid to the important role that in-house counsel play for business.) It was in Calgary that Don met Phil Shier. They would become lifelong friends and colleagues at the bar. In 1953, Don, Enid and now all three young Dunfees moved to Trinidad, where Don again played a pivotal role as in-house counsel for Dominion in its offshore operations. It was in 1957, when Don and Enid returned to Vancouver, that Dick Anderson and Jim Boughton lured him into the long association he had with Boughton & Co. as partner, managing partner (until his retirement) and senior estate practitioner. Don was known for his honesty and fairness by all of those with whom he dealt, whether client or opposing counsel, and especially those who had the privilege of practising with and learning from him. Boughton and its partners prospered under his management, and always his advice and counsel in business and the law, as well as the business of the practice of law, were marked with integrity and even-handedness.

Bill MacRae, who practised closely with Don for many years, recalls that Don's respect for his elderly clients and the care with which he handled their legal affairs were great lessons to Bill when he was starting out in the wills and estates area. You could not have had a better teacher than Don.

Don's son, Don Jr., has observed that Don's considerable negotiating skills were honed in the family environment, whether mediating between Don, Pat and Ted as father or negotiating with his own sisters, Helen and Eve, while growing up. Don Jr. also observed that people instinctively recognized his strength of character and his commitment to community. All these skills Don brought to the practice, to the benefit of both his colleagues at Boughton and his many clients and friends. He served as a mentor to many, including these authors, leading by example in all that he did.

Don was a lifetime athlete, enjoying many sports, including handball, racquetball and swimming. He volunteered countless hours to competitive swimming, serving as both president of the Canadian Dolphins Swim Club and chairman of the B.C. Amateur Swimming Association. Don served with pride as a referee at both the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica, and the 1974 games in Christchurch, New Zealand. Don also had a lifetime love affair with hockey, reaching back to his formative years at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. Don's love of sport was shared by Enid, as was their mutual love of travel. Don and Enid delighted in the planning and taking of trips to the far corners of the globe, though they enjoyed nothing more than a few weeks on the beach in Maui. (Some

would suggest that Don was the author of the "sabbatical" in the legal profession just so that he and Enid could satisfy their wanderlust.) They had many great adventures together, both with and without family in tow.

The true measure of people is the legacy they leave, not in monetary terms, but in the mark that they have left on their community, in the lives that they have touched and changed and in the eyes and hearts and souls of those they leave behind. By all these measures, and many more, Don Dunfee more than passed the test. He set the bar high for all of us who have had the privilege of following in his footsteps.

George E.H. Cadman, Q.C., and William D. MacRae



*John Irvine Bird, Q.C.*

John Irvine Bird, Q.C., died peacefully at his Vancouver home on September 17, 2005, six days short of his 88th birthday. It was the end of a long and accomplished life.

John was born in Wimbledon, England, during the First World War. His father had been badly wounded at St. Julien in 1915, and his mother had joined her husband during his convalescence. Following the family's return to Canada, John attended Shawnigan Lake School and graduated from UBC with a commerce degree. His subsequent legal studies at Dalhousie University were interrupted by the Second World War. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy at a time when Canada was short of ships and England was short of crews. John was seconded to the Royal Navy and served as a lieutenant aboard British warships in the Denmark Straits and Russian Approaches, and later in the Mediterranean. From the deck of his escorting destroyer he witnessed the sinking by a U-boat of the British cruiser HMS *Edinburgh* en route from Murmansk to London. The cruiser had been attempting to carry all of the Soviet government's gold bullion to safekeeping when it appeared that the German army would overrun Moscow. In 1944 he was an officer of a cruiser torpedoed off the Azores. The safe harbour for repairs was Bermuda. Because of bow damage, the ship crossed the Atlantic running in reverse, an extraordinary feat of seamanship.

During 14 days of a 1944 leave in Halifax, John met, courted and married a Navy WREN. Molly McCallum was to be his lifelong companion and the mother of their three children.

At the war's end, John returned to Vancouver and was articled to J.V. Clyne, Q.C., at Macrae, Montgomery and Clyne. He was called to the bar of British