

Harold Obituary – Full version – ran in the Friday May 1 issue of the Tri City News (\$281)

Harold James Bridge was born July 9, 1927 in Kentish Town, England, and passed away peacefully on Easter Saturday (April 4), 2015 in Coquitlam, BC of complications from pneumonia. He was 87. He is survived by daughter Vanessa, son-in-law Steve, granddaughter Morgan and grandson Spencer.

Harold was raised in a cycling family in Enfield, England by parents Emily and Reginald Bridge. Harold trained as an electrician at technical school and worked for London Transport at Waltham Abbey. In 1963 Harold married Cycling journalist Joan Green. They moved to Canada in 1964, and settled in Port Coquitlam where Harold worked as a checker for International Submarine Engineering.

A focus of Harold's life was road cycling. As a youth he rode his bike through the English country side during WW2. Later he became a time-trialist and member of the North Road Cycling Club. He also rode recreationally and cycle-toured in the UK, Europe, New Zealand and in Canada, including with his family in BC. In the early 1980s he became among BC and Canada's early proponents of Randonneur Cycling (Marathon Cycling) – he is BC Randonneurs member # 9. Over the next 30 year he was at the centre of BC Randonneurs as a rider and organizer and made numerous volunteer contributions including many years as the Lower Mainland Brevet Coordinator. He was the first recipient of the Roger Street Award for outstanding club service and was an inspiration and mentor to younger riders. He was frequent contributor to various cycling newsletters and other publications in Canada and the U.K.

His family and friends will mark Harold's passing with a celebration of his life at the Fort Langley Community Hall, 9167 Glover Road, Monday, May 4th, 1 p.m. At 12 Noon Vanessa will lead a bike ride from Derby Reach Park on Allard Crescent to the Fort Langley Hall.

by Eric and Vanessa