

VERGE
Harold Franklin

VERGE, Harold Franklin, 75 of 21 Bedford Hills Road, Bedford passed away on June 30, 2006. Born at Barss' Corner, Lunenburg County, he was the youngest son of the late Harold and Alberta (Locke) Verge. A graduate in Science from Dalhousie; in Civil Engineering from the Nova Scotia Technical College; and, in Town and Regional Planning from the University of Toronto. He practiced as a planning consultant serving the private and public sectors for some forty years of his professional life. Following graduation Harold worked in Edmonton, Alberta and with the London County Council in London, England. He was one of five persons from Canada invited by the Duke of Edinburgh to attend his Commonwealth Conference in Australia. Harold has worked in many counties in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with a strong interest in planning and developing parks, museums and historic sites. Bridgewater, Annapolis and Sherbrooke have benefited from his endeavors. Harold was affectionately known to his friends, Colleagues and students as the grandfather of Community Economic Development in Nova Scotia. He was a very private person, well read and well travelled with many friends and interests, particularly in architecture, art, painting and travelling. In recent years he was the recipient of honours recognizing service to the community: Outstanding Achievement award, Halifax Regional Development Agency; Canada/Nova Scotia community Development Achievement Award, Sir John Coape Heritage Award, Sherbrooke Village; and Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal. He is survived by brother, Dr. Wylie Verge of Dartmouth; sister, Marion Harron of Owen Sound, Ontario; and, by nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place under the care of Cole Harbour Funeral Home, and ashes will be interred at a graveside service to take place at a later date (to be announced) at Brookside Cemetery, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Harold's grandniece Olivia Verge has set up a web site for Harold, address: www.haroldverge.piczo.com. Special thanks to doctors, nurses and volunteers on the Palliative Care Ward at the Victoria General Hospital.

