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**William (Bill) Prior**

PRIOR, William "Bill" January 18, 1923 - April 14, 2015 At 92 years of age, Dad pitched his last inning on April 14, 2015. Born and raised in Victoria, he graduated from Victoria High School before starting a 38 year career at the Queen's Printers, interrupted when he served his country during [World War II](#). After dating for a mere ten years, Mom and Dad were married for almost 60 years. Dad was active in sports throughout his life and enjoyed many friendships through lacrosse, basketball, bowling, curling and horseshoes. A talented pitcher, he played amateur and professional baseball and is a member of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame. In 1952, Dad was a member of the Victoria Tyees, who won the Western International League pennant. He coached baseball for decades and his legacy is the hundreds of young players that he worked with. In his retirement, Dad turned his energies to helping friends, neighbors and family. He could always be counted on to be there for them. Left to remember him and his beautiful garden are his wife, Margaret, son Monte and daughter Laura. No service by request.

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