**1. Always check with the newspaper and/or funeral home first.** Many funeral homes provide forms for basic information and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

**2. Include biographical information**, as much as you have available and feel comfortable sharing (the more information you include, the easier it is for acquaintances to identify the deceased as someone they knew). Some items you may wish to include:

* Full name of the deceased (including maiden name, nickname, or any other name by which your loved one might be identified)
* Dates and locations of birth, marriage, and death
* Cause of death
* Predeceased and surviving loved ones’ names
* Schools attended
* Military service
* Place of employment and position held
* Membership in organizations (for example, civic, fraternal, place of worship)
* Hobbies or special interests

**3. Consider listing one or more charities to which you’d like donations made.**  If you do, be sure to include the address or url for the charity to make it easier for people to make donations.

**4. If services are public, include full funeral service information**: location, day, and time of visitation, memorial or funeral service, and burial.  If services are private, indicate so (for example, "Burial will be private" or "Private services will be held").

**5. If the family prefers monetary contributions** rather than flowers, include a phrase such as: "In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family" or "contributions suggested to the family," or "the family is requesting financial assistance for the services."

**6. Plan to publish the obituary at least 1-2 days prior to services**so that friends and family can make arrangements to attend. For information on how to submit an obituary to one of our 1500+ newspaper affiliates, [click here](http://www.legacy.com/Obituaries.asp?Page=SelectNewspapersForHowTo).

OBITUARY

RUDDOCK, GERALD WAYNE

December 14, 1939 - April 6, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of “Jerry” Ruddock. Predeceased by his father Albert, and his mother Freda. He is survived by his brothers and sisters Bonnie Bancroft of (*city* ), Carey Ruddock of ( *city* ) , Kris Kohaly of ( *city* ) , and John McBryan of *( city* ). Jerry is predeceased by his wife Trudy, survived by his son Kerry and daughter Allyson, and 3 grandchildren. Jerry developed many friendships over the course of his life, some friendships spanned over 60 years. He spent his youth in Bowsman, Manitoba, and later moved to Winnipeg where and met Trudy who worked at his Dad’s pharmacy. In 1967, they moved to Vancouver and wed. Jerry became a respected travel agent. From 1972 until his passing he lived in (Brookswood) Langley, Cloverdale, and moved back to (Murrayville) Langley in 1999.