

IWFF Honorary Member
HAROLD TINLING



Harold was born in Winnipeg, where his love of outdoors began and he became an avid fisherman, hunter and camper.

In 1955 he married Mary and they raised their three children, Dawn, Dan and Rae.

Harold's work as a mechanic and salesman took him from Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Calgary and in 1981, Nanaimo. He and Mary then opened their business, Dogwood Marine in 1984. This business lasted until 1986 when Harold had a serious car accident that forced him to retire. From 1984 through 1986, Harold also owned and operated a Salmon Charter.

Harold built his first lathe in 1964. His love of woodworking has been his passion to this day and loves doing craft shows although he is slowing down and only does odd jobs today.

After the death of their son Dan, Harold became involved with Hospice and with the help of fellow IWFF member Gary Smith, carve and donate comfort birds to Hospice.

Harold joined IWFF in 1999 and was treasurer for 9 years as well as BCFFF treasurer for 6 years.

Harold also enjoyed hosting the weekly evenings at his home fly tying sessions providing humour, coffee and cookies in good measure. The fellowship with members was valued and close bonds were formed.

Harold took part in many fish-outs and camping with the club. All wonderful memories. Harold contributed to many club functions and was very interested in the conservation efforts made by the club.

Still active at 87 years of age, Harold spends time in his shop and welcomes visits from Fellow Fishermen.

Contributors: Ron Bushe and Harold Tinling