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Top left picture: Entering the Church with the sons and grandsons of Mr. Robillard serving as pallbearers
top right picture: Mr. Paul Robillard, the oldest son, remembering his father

Requiem Mass of Mr. Jean Paul Robillard at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church

5 March 2008

Tenacity and Loyalty

Mr. Jean Paul Robillard died at the age of 82 years. He was a friend and supporter of Bishop Gérard LaPlante and the Church. His first wife Ruth converted from Judaism to the Catholic Church and as a member attended Holy Mass regularly at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. She died in 1988 and was buried from the Church. A Requiem Mass was held for her at the Church on 22 April 1988. At Mr. Robillard's funeral his oldest son Paul gave the eulogy and described his father as a good businessman, who was known for his tenacity and loyalty. St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church was full with family and friends of the deceased. The burial was held at Oceanview Cemetery in Burnaby, BC, where his first wife is also buried.

left picture: During the Requiem Mass: Bishop Gérard LaPlante assisted by Fr. Jürgen Schmode
right picture: The censing of the body





Top left picture: Bishop Gérard LaPlante addressing the family and friends;
top right picture: leaving the Church

The obituary of Mr. Jean Paul Robillard as published in the "Vancouver Sun" on 1 March 2008

Mr. Jean Paul ROBILLARD Jean Paul May 18, 1926 - February 27, 2008 It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved Jean Paul after a lengthy illness. Arriving in Vancouver at the age of 12 from Saskatchewan, "John" learned his second language at General Brock School and, at an early age, guided his French speaking parents, Joseph Albert and Marie Alice, through their new life in the West. With a character and determination formed amidst the drought and depression of the Prairies in the 30's, Jean Paul taught himself the trade and business skills he needed to make a better life. Then he proceeded to succeed beyond his expectations. Before it was over the little boy from Willow Bunch had driven, walked, skied, sailed and flown to every part of the globe, built a successful real estate business, attended trade missions and, most importantly, blessed his family and friends with humility, strong values and sense of humor. It is those blessing that will endure. Predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Ruth, Jean Paul is survived by his sons Paul (Gillian), Roger (Shannon) and Mike (Cheryl) and second wife Connie and his grandchildren; Cole, Trent, Elise, Kirstin, Jacqueline, Brett, Chanelle, Troy and Danae. Vigil Prayers will be offered on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 pm at Hamilton Harron Funeral Home 5390 Fraser Street Vancouver; Requiem Mass will be celebrated on March 5th at 10 am at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church, 715 E 51st Ave Vancouver; Bishop Gerard LaPlante officiating; burial to follow at Ocean View Burial Park. "Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan, there's no place like Saskatchewan; we sit and gaze across the plain and wonder why it never rains..." song from the '30s

left picture: placing the casket in the hearse.
right Picture: the congregation after the Requiem Mass.

