# H. Digby Clarke

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Digby. After an inspirational nine year battle with cancer, Digby died peacefully on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Victoria, British Columbia. Predeceased by his wife, Jean, in 1990; Digby is survived by his children, Christopher, Sean (Barbara) and Tamara (Kent); his grandchildren, Stephen, Ryan and Emma Clarke and Aya and Koen Laforme; brother-in-law Ian McGowan and sister-in-law Carolyn and their children John (Cathy) and Heather (Steve). Digby was a true believer in the power of education. Upon the devastating loss of his beloved Jean, Digby walked away from a successful career as a lawyer in Montreal to pursue an MA degree in Counseling at the Adler School of Professional Psychology, in Chicago. Digby then devoted his energies to the formal study of grief and loss and earned his doctorate in Thanatology. Forever committed to assisting others, Digby worked as a clinical counsellor in Victoria at BCFIT (BC Families in Transition) until the age of 80. Digby enjoyed the art of public speaking and was a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) and active member of the Oak Bay Toastmasters Club. He also had a life-long passion for cars and was a proud member of the Victoria Jaguar Club. Digby’s vigour, enthusiasm and engaging optimism touched the lives of many people. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Digby’s life will be held in MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson at Vancouver Streets, on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 12:30 pm, with Rev. Dr. Victor Scalise officiating. A reception will follow in the McCall’s Family Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, 1510 Fort Street Victoria, BC V8S 5J2. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.mccallbros.com