

Adriaan Ernest “Leo” le Nobel

Leo passed away on June 20, 2022 in Victoria, BC at age 91. He was born in Vancouver, BC on February 12, 1931. Leo was predeceased by former spouse Joyce Frances le Nobel (nee Barker) in 2017, sister Elizabeth West (Joseph) in 2011 and grandson Benjamin le Nobel-Quee in 2021. He is survived by his children Brian le Nobel, Rachel le Nobel, Claire Negrich, son-in-law Robert Negrich; grandchildren Derris le Nobel-Quee, Ashley Negrich, Scott Negrich; brother-in-law Joseph West, sister Marcia Mester (Dick); best friend Trudy Payne; nephews Martin, Jeffrey, Richard, Jason, niece Megan and their partners and families; and many friends.

The first child of Adrian and Phyllis le Nobel, Leo was raised in Burnaby, BC. He married Joy in 1958 and they raised their 3 children in Burnaby before separating in 1974. In 1979, Leo moved to Calgary, Alberta where he resided for 40 years.

Leo worked in the insurance field for over 65 years. His roles included underwriter, broker, manager and director with Leslie, Wright and Rolfe Insurance, Executive Vice-President of Jardine Rolfe Ltd., owner/partner of Bell Davidson Insurance Brokers, and account executive with Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada before he retired at the youthful age of 84. His greatest passion was opera, particularly Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen and the works of Verdi and Puccini; he loved travelling, reading, art, theatre, history, architecture, boxing, gardening, dessert, whiskey sours, luxury cars and elegant neckties. He was a terrific public speaker and debater. In his spare time, he learned to play the piano, was a member of the Grand Opera Club of Calgary and served as Calgary Opera committee and board member for many years. He travelled all over the world and nothing gave him greater pleasure than treating his children and friends to opera performances, and various trips and excursions. He had a keen sense of adventure and loved defying notions of

conventionality with antics such as sky diving in Australia at age 73 (against medical advice).

Following a diagnosis of dementia, Leo moved to Victoria, BC in 2019 to be close to his children and grandchildren. He spent the last several years of his life courageously navigating a perfect storm of Alzheimer's disease and global pandemic. Leo loved all his family dearly and was especially grateful to his eldest son Brian le Nobel whose tireless devotion made it possible for Leo to live independently well into his senior years.

A celebration of Leo's life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Neweduk and the staff of Glengarry Hospital, Richmond Unit for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leo's name may be made to:

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