

Alfred (Fred) Simonson

Fred passed away in Victoria after a short and rapid decline.

Survived by wife his Elizabeth (nee Martin) and children Dale (Chris), Terry (Norman), Lynn (Linda) and Eric (Heather) and eight much loved grandchildren (Erika, Alex, Peter, Cicely, Addy, Eva, Logan and Holly) and one great wee one, Zephyr (and one pending) plus older brother Roy Johnson. Pre-deceased by parents Waldemar and Agnes (Olsen), sisters Borghild, Eva and Dolly and brother Harold.

Fred was born in Prince Rupert and spent his early years on Digby Island with many other Norwegian families and cousins. Fred and Liz were high school sweethearts, married young and started a family in Prince Rupert where Fred worked for the power company. After Tech School in Nanaimo, Fred made a career working as a heavy-duty mechanic in Victoria for various automotive and service firms and finished his career with Telus.

On retirement Fred and Liz moved to Chemainus and spent 24 years enjoying the smaller town life and being closer to the summer lake life. In the past few years, they returned to Victoria and shared a home with Lynn and Linda. "Helping" with the gardening, the chickens and walking the dogs kept him busy enough.

Fred and Liz had a loving life together for over 70 years and were always encouraging to their family to live and love well. Fred enjoyed 50 years of fun and chores at the property on Marble Bay, Cowichan Lake, providing the family with wonderful summers of swimming, rowing, sailing and skiing. His last water ski session was at 80 years young. Fred rode a motorcycle until he was 80 as well (he was more afraid of dropping the Goldwing than being out on the road).

A celebration of life will be held later in the spring.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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