

Anthony Maxfield

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Anthony Maxfield, who died in Victoria, BC, surrounded by his beloved wife Heather, son John, and daughter-in-law Miriam. He was 79 years old.

Born in Edinburgh to Frank and Joan Wankiewicz, Anthony grew up in Edmonton, in a lively household with his siblings Pat, Chris, Barbara, Mark, and Karolina. He developed a natural curiosity and love for the world around him from a young age, traits that would shape both his personal and professional life.

Anthony's passion for science and discovery led him to pursue degrees in physics at the University of Alberta, where he began to explore the wonders of the cosmos. His love for the outdoors and the environment guided him toward a PhD in hydrology at the University of British Columbia, where he deepened his understanding of the natural world. Over the course of his career at Environment Canada in both Ottawa and Saskatoon, Anthony became an expert in the study of Arctic permafrost, snow melt, and satellite remote sensing. His research took him on field expeditions to the Northwest Territories, where he was one of the pioneers in applying remote sensing technology to environmental monitoring.

Beyond his professional achievements, Anthony was a devoted father to his children. In his early life, he married and raised three daughters, Catherine, Ellen, and Adrienne, and later welcomed his son, John, into the family. His love for his children was immeasurable, and he took great pride in watching them grow. Despite the challenges that life presented, including a divorce that fractured his family, Anthony dedicated himself to raising his son, John. Their bond was unbreakable, and he shared with him not only the joys of science and discovery but also a profound appreciation for the

natural world. Together, they traveled to Europe, and camped in the Rockies, creating memories that would last a lifetime.

In his later years, Anthony found love again with Heather. Together, they healed the wounds of the past and embraced life with a new sense of adventure and joy. They shared a mutual love for dancing, sailing, and traveling. Whether it was the tranquil waters around Victoria, or the lively rhythms of a dance floor, Anthony and Heather brought each other great happiness. They were planning their trip to the South Pacific when Anthony passed away, a testament to his enduring spirit of adventure.

Anthony was a man of many interests and talents, but it was his deep philosophical nature that made him truly unique. He had a gift for seeing the beauty in everything and a rare ability to discuss the most complex ideas with humility and clarity. He loved discussing the latest scientific discoveries as well as his thoughts on life and the universe. He was the kind of person who inspired others to think deeply, live fully, and embrace the unknown with wonder.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 16th at 11am, at St John the Divine Anglican Church in Victoria. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [St John the Divine](#) or any charitable organization of choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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