

Anton (Tony) Frederic Smith

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Anton (Tony) Frederic Smith. Tony passed away in his home in Victoria on January 29th, 2024, at the age of 85, after a brief illness.

Tony was predeceased by his father Horace Frederick Smith and mother Doris Lavinia (nee Payne). He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn (nee Cudmore), daughter Lisa Ogden (Stephen), son Steven (Vanya), and grandson Owen. He will be missed by many other relatives and dear friends.

Tony was born in Brighton, England on January 9th, 1939. He spent the war years on the Bata Estate in Tilbury with his parents. The family immigrated to Canada, arriving in Halifax on the Empress of Canada, on March 8th, 1949. They first travelled to Trenton, Ontario a few years later headed west to New Westminster, finally settling in Victoria BC, where he graduated from Victoria High School in 1956.

After graduation, Tony joined the Royal Canadian Navy, attending HMCS Venture and became a lieutenant. During his 7 years in the Navy, he sailed on many ships and saw wonderful parts of the world – making fond memories and lifelong friendships.

Tony and Marilyn were married in 1961 in Victoria, and shortly after Tony was posted to Vancouver. After leaving the Navy Tony attended UBC, where he finished his degree. They returned to Victoria in 1967, where they raised Lisa and Steven. In 1977 Tony embarked on his career with BC Systems Corporation, where he became very well respected and fondly regarded by many colleagues and staff.

Tony loved gardening, golfing with his best buds, walked frequently at Willows beach and enjoyed coffee with good friends at Gyro Park. Marilyn and Tony lived in the same house

for 56 years, building long term relationships with their neighbors, and nurtured a gorgeous garden enjoyed by family and friends.

The arrival of Owen, his beloved grandson was a highlight of Tony's life. He loved being a part of his life, watching him play rugby, and following his academic journey.

Tony was very involved as a long-term member of Broad View United Church (previously St. Aidan's United), serving on the board of directors, very involved with the 'Annual Bazaar' and ongoing Thrift store with Marilyn.

Tony will be remembered by all who knew him as a kind, generous, dedicated, loving man, who had a natural gift of leadership and made everyone around him feel loved and cared for. He will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Broad View United Church, 3703 St. Aidan's St, Victoria BC on March 9th at 2pm.

The family wish to thank our long-time Doctor, Walter Chow for his ongoing care throughout the years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Threshold Housing Society (working to prevent youth homelessness) <https://www.thresholdhousing.ca> 1524 Fort Street Victoria BC V8S 5J2.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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