

# Baldev Singh Bhalla

Baldev, known as Baradad (Big Dad) to all, passed away peacefully in his home with his wife by his side and surrounded by family on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86. Baldev is survived by his wife Beant; siblings Karnail, Parkash and Sukhdev; sons Cece (Nikki) and Resham (Kamaljit); daughter Rano (Parmjit); grandchildren Kevin, Mena, Shaun, Anita, Ruby, Eisha, Sonny, Jason and Harman; great grandchildren Kaymunn, Karma and Jasmin. Baldev was predeceased by his mother Harnam Kaur; father Katar Singh; brother Kundan Singh and sister Lajiya Kaur.



He was born in Chak Kataru, Punjab, India on February 2, 1931. He married Beant in 1949. In 1955, Baldev came to Canada to set down roots for his family. Baldev originally came to Victoria and began work in Port Alberni. After a few months, he moved to work at the 100 Mile house in Williams Lake, where he and 4 of his friends perfected the art of roti making. He then moved to Kamloops where he worked at the Sevena Timber Mill for 3 years before finally settling in Victoria alongside his uncle Tara. In 1962, he moved back to India for a year to be with his wife and 3 children. He headed back to Victoria in 1963 where he began working at the Sooke Mill, where he retired in 1988 after 25 years. A year later, the rest of the family followed him to Canada. One accomplishment that gave him tremendous pride was being able to retire early at the age of 57 due to his work ethic. During his retirement, he received a gold watch and diamond ring that until his final days he showed off proudly before passing them down to his

grandchildren.

Baldev was a man that will be remembered for his strength, character, love and determination above all else. His strength shone through during his decline as he wouldn't allow a change in routine and lived life the way he wanted until the end. His love for his family, especially his grandchildren who he adored like no other, was his happiness. He brought respect to the Bhalla name (and even had a street named after him, Baldev Pl.) and his entire family is proud to have had such an amazing person at the helm. Not only will you be remembered but your presence will live on in the generations of Bhalla's to come that will have a chance at a wonderful life because of your sacrifices. We will love and miss you always.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Renal Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital, especially Dr. Hargrove who made sure his last wishes were granted. A warm thank you to all of the home care nurses that came to support him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Kidney Foundation in Mr. Bhalla's name.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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