

Barry Frederick Smyth

Barry, a father, grandfather, partner, friend and mentor, passed away on May 6, 2023 after a short sudden illness. He was born on April 28, 1943, first son to parents Cecil Lindsay and Dorothy Viola Smyth in Calgary, Alberta. He is predeceased by both parents Cecil (1969) and Dorothy (1989), and his younger brother Larry Douglas Smyth (1985).

He is survived by his current partner, Midge Albers, together since 1988, and her daughter Wendy Albers. He is also survived by his first wife Helen Smyth, married in 1964, and their two children, son James David (Char) Smyth of Victoria, British Columbia and their children Margaret Paige and Jordyn Elizabeth, daughter Patricia Lindsay Thomas nee Smyth, (Dean) and their two daughters, Madelyn Lindsay and Abigail Catherine. He is also survived by nephews Allen Douglas Smyth and Chal Mathew Smyth.

Barry worked at Palm Dairies before getting his Bachelor of Education in 1969. He taught school in Calgary and then in Vancouver and settled in Mill Bay at George Bonner for many years, retiring in 2003. Barry used to say that he preferred to teach middle school as he felt he could have the best influence on his students and in sports. Barry loved to see kids succeed.

In retirement you could find Barry fishing with his son and friends or sitting on the deck taking in some sun and having a cold one. Also traveling with Midge and seeing some sights and laughing with friends. He loved his granddaughters and was very present to watch them pursue their favorite sport and for many years assisted his son James with coaching volleyball.

A very special and sincere thanks to the ICU staff at Victoria General. Superb people and personal care and just honestly the best support for such an unsure time.

Barry was loved as much he gave love and consider yourself lucky if you ever received one of his bear hugs. Thanks for the kind messages from family and friends. A party to celebrate his life will be determined later.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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