Bastiaan “Barry” Reinier Slagboom

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father Barry Slagboom. Barry was predeceased by his wife Jill, of 55 years, in 2021, and by his parents, Bastiaan and Jan, and his older brother Teunis. He is survived by his son Kevin (Cynthia), his daughter Tisha, and his granddaughters Hannah, Kailee, Phoebe, Madeline and Caitlin. Barry was a kind, strong and thoughtful man who loved his family. He made friends easily and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Barry was born in Dordrecht, Zuid-Holland, in the Netherlands. In 1953 his family emigrated to New Jersey, and a year later they came west to Victoria, where he attended Victoria High School. He held true to his Dutch heritage and stayed connected with family in the Netherlands.

His first job was repairing TVs and electronics in his father’s shop. He went on to become a service manager at Xerox, where he gained valuable training in business. He left Xerox and pursued work as a finishing carpenter, learning by doing. The early years were lean, but in time, carpentry grew into a long and successful career running Barcom Developments as a builder and general contractor. Every home he built or renovated met his very high standards, and he won several CARE Awards for his work. He championed quality across the industry and served as President of the Victoria Home Builders Association.
He gave many years of volunteer service to the Lions Club, including several years as President of the Royal Oak Lions. He loved his garden, riding his tractor and taking on his many build or fix-it projects; he was always one to find a solution. But most of all, he treasured visits with family and friends over a good cup of coffee.

A memorial service will be held int eh Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Royal Oak, on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

McCall Gardens
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