

Brian J. Wallace, Q.C.

Brian died on Dec. 1, 2015 at Victoria Hospice not far from where he was born in 1942 to Robert T. and Norah Wallace. Brian loved his life.

His wife Marilyn and his daughters, Erin and her husband, Greg Sullivan and children, Wallace and Duff and Anna and her husband, Mark Colavecchia and children, Enzo and Remy, formed his cornerstone. He was devoted to his family and so proud of each of their accomplishments. He was always respectful, giving thoughtful advice only when asked. His absence is already deeply felt but he has left so many great shared memories and 3 strong women. His sister, Barbara Craigie, (husband Ross Craigie and sons Ian and Keir) was his treasured lifelong friend. Ian and Brian travelled many miles together on their BMW motorcycles (see <http://longwayshome.net/>). Ian always got Brian home and almost always in one piece.

Brian started at Margaret Jenkins School, was a member of the Fairfield Cub Scout Troop and a member of the YMCA Swim Team. He kept close friends from each, all of his life.

He graduated from UBC Law School in 1968 and practiced in Victoria before joining the Foreign Service as a Trade Commissioner. After 2 years in Mexico City, he moved to Ottawa to work in the Dep't of Justice in Tax Litigation. From there he joined the Vancouver law firm, then Lawson, Lundell where, as Senior Litigator, he had a wide and varied practice for 32 years. At the same time he spent countless hours volunteering as a Benchler with the Law Society of B.C. He remained on the Society's Disciplinary Panel until just months before he died.

In 2007, Brian joined Angela Westmacott and Deborah Lovett in Victoria working in Public Law and sitting as an Arbitrator. This was a happy and rewarding alliance that brought him great personal and professional satisfaction.

There were many other highlights in Brian's career such as serving as Senior Legal Counsel on the Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of the Fraser River Sockeye Salmon. But what was always apparent throughout his years practicing law was the pleasure he received from working with and mentoring young lawyers. "Brian was the most influential person in my career. His moral compass pointed straight and true. He taught us that honesty and integrity were the best guides through grey areas." Peter Feldberg.

Brian had a deep and sincere enthusiasm for life and for the people around him. He took great joy in his countless friendships, both old and new. He had a love for art, music, food and architecture. And particularly enjoyed sharing these passions with the people in his life.

Thank you Dr. Susan Edwards, Dr. J.P. McGhie and Dr. Isabelle Vallières and everyone at Victoria Hospice.

"Over the past weeks (and really for our entire lives), our family has been on the receiving end of so much love, kindness, generosity and compassion. People have truly given us the very best of themselves. And we are so, so grateful."
Erin, Anna and Marilyn

A Celebration of Life will be held at Shaughnessy Golf Club at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 22nd, 2016. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Victoria Hospice or the Access Pro Bono Society of B.C. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

McCall's Funeral Home

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