

Charles David Danbrook

Charlie leaves behind his loving wife Flora (Flo), chosen daughters, Carol Hagel, Susan Hagel (Cory); grandson Micheal Kroeger and granddaughter Suzanne Kroeger (Sam). A special thank-you for the love and support of nephew Ed Lubick (Janet) and great-nephew Sean (Tracy) of Victoria, BC; great-niece Shannon Lewis (Scott) of Lantzville, BC. Also, thank you to niece Terry-Lyne James (Don); great-niece Marnie Simmons (Russ); great-nephew Jeff Sabine of Powell River, BC. Charlie also leaves behind many family members in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Charlie, in early 1960s, worked as a Parts Salesman for a large car dealer in Saskatoon and travelled through Davidson, Saskatchewan where he met Flo (1) who ran the office at Midway Motors. They married and lived in Saskatoon until Charlie had the opportunity to become the Parts Manager of Dominion Motors in Winnipeg, which he ran successfully for several years. He was an accomplished pilot. He was made the General Manager of Dominion Motors Toronto that was struggling at that time which he turned into a successful operation. Toronto was not the place they wished to live. The decision was made to move to beautiful British Columbia.

One weekend they went to Victoria for a short visit and bought the Casa Linda Motel on Goldstream Avenue, opposite Royal Colwood Golf Course. The week after it was bought, Charlie immediately started to completely renovate and expand the property.

In the early 1970s he built Westbrook Shopping Center on Goldstream Avenue. Charlie was a modern-day pioneer in Langford as the area had virtually no current developments and was considered a backwater of Victoria. After the success of the shopping center, he designed and focused on building the Westwind Motor Inn on Goldstream Avenue in 1974. This was a

game changer for Langford and the start of a revitalized future city. The full-service hotel had 50 rooms, a 250-seat pub, cocktail lounge, cabaret, convention center, formal dining room, café and exercise facilities. Charlie designed and built numerous houses and completed several new subdivisions in Langford.

Charlie built western 66 Motor Inn in 1986 and ran it successfully with Flo (2) until he retired 86 years young.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Mary Winspear Centre. 2243 Beacon Ave., Sidney BC from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Charlie's favourite charity, the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Condolences and shared memories may be offered to the family below.

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