

Charles Leonard Tolson

Oct. 13, 1928 – May 18, 2015

Len was blessed with a long, full and wonderful life. He was born on Saltspring Island to Charles and Marjorie Tolson. The family, including brothers Bob and Dunc, later lived in West Saanich and Oak Bay. In 1960, Len married Diana Parsons and settled in Oak Bay to raise their three children, Doug (Sue), Anne (David) and Karin (Mark). In 1977, they moved to the family's much-loved Fork Lake property in the Highlands, where days were spent swimming, hiking Mount Work, chopping firewood and maintaining the large property. Many treasured times were spent with old friends and good neighbours around Fork lake, as well as enjoying the wildlife and beauty of nature. A favourite time was early morning with Diana and tea down at the lake when it was warm or, if inclement, in front of the cozy wood-burning stove. Len was known for his youthfulness, playful sense of humour and ability to create. As someone who was keenly interested in being present in each moment, Len had integrity, absolute trustworthiness as a friend and an attitude of thankfulness in all things. He took leadership roles when asked, in groups such as the Saanich Songmen, the Emissaries and the Friends of Fork Lake. Len has been a tremendous influence in so many lives and will be greatly missed by his family – including grandchildren Ava, Mark, Julie, René, Zara, Abby and Ella – as well as a very large circle of friends. The many people who knew and loved Len are grateful to have had this very dear man in their lives. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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