

Charles Racz

January 21, 1929 – Csabrendek, Hungary

October 24, 2017 – Victoria, British Columbia

It is with broken hearts and a deep sense of loss the family announces the sudden passing of Charles Racz.

Charles is survived by his loving wife Mary of 60 years and his children Thomas (Leslie), Margaret (Fred) and Attila. Cherished Papa to his grandchildren Melissa (Josh), Jason (Sara), Sarah (Tyler), Andréa, Lisa, Ali and John and great-grandchildren Carter, Ryder, Cooper and Aidan. Lovingly remembered by his sister Csili Pölöskey and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father Janos and mother Irén Racz, Sister Irchi Késmárki and Brother Janos Racz.

In 1956, Charles and Mary left Hungary during the revolution and arrived in Pier 21 in Halifax on March of 1957, settling in Calgary, where they started their family. Four years later, they relocated to Portage La Prairie where Charles began to re-explore his lifelong passion of airplanes and flying, a passion he shared with his sons.

Having been a member of the Hungarian Airforce, he joined the Portage Flying Club, got his private pilot's license and restored his own Tripacer plane. The family moved back to Calgary in 1972 and opened the first location of Professional Skate Service.

During the 1988 Winter Olympics, Charles was honoured to be the service technician for figure skating events and closing ceremonies. After 25 years, he retired passing on the family business. Charles was an avid sailor and spent many summers at Gull Lake teaching his grandchildren to sail.

He loved working on cars and had restored many for his

children. He took great pride in building Ford Model T go-carts for his grandchildren. In 1998, Charles and Mary moved to Sidney, B.C. where he enjoyed playing tennis and reconnecting with friends.

Charlie was a hardworking entrepreneur. To his wife, a loyal and loving provider. To his family, an unwavering supporter and a constant source of love and comfort. He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and putting the needs of his family first and will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Our family would also like to thank all our wonderful friends and family for their prayers, love and support during this sad time.

A Celebration of Charles's Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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