

Colonel (Retd) D. Ian Smith

OMM CD RCA



Ian died suddenly on February 10, 2016. Ian will be lovingly remembered and terribly missed by his wife Angie Vogt; her children Jason (Adrienne), Alison, Julian (Mai) Macnaughton; sister Leila; extended family and many good friends. He adored his six young grandchildren and they loved to play with their Opa.

Ian was born in Calgary and has lived in Victoria since 1949. He attended Mt. View High School. Ian received his Certified General Accountant Designation in 1975 and qualified as a Certified Internal Auditor in 1978. He received a Master of Public Administration degree from University of Victoria in 1992 and a Master of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University in 1993.

Ian joined the Cadet Corps in 1960. He was awarded the trophy as Best Cadet on more than one occasion. Ian placed second in the province on the Master Cadet assessments in 1964 and was selected to attend the National Awards Cadet Camp in Banff, Alberta. Later in 1964, Ian joined the militia as a gunner and continued until 1994. During his time as a gunner, he successfully completed various courses and received many promotions. In 1982, he was promoted to the rank of LCol and appointed Deputy Commander Victoria Militia District. He completed the Basic Military Parachutist Course in 1984. Ian was appointed an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in 1984, promoted to Colonel and appointed as Commander Victoria Militia District. He later transferred to Militia Area Pacific, commuting to Vancouver, before finally serving as the CO of the 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment RCA from 1991 to 1994.

As a longtime provincial government employee, Ian mentored and encouraged many along the way. He held a number of key financial positions with the BC government including Director of Financial Services and Comptroller for the Ministry of Social Services and Housing, Director of Finance and Administration for the Ministry of Attorney General, and Director of Operations for the BC Gaming Commission. Ian was also a member of Rotary International for a number of years.

Ian first met Angie in 1994, and remained happily together since. Together with Angie, Ian fulfilled his love of travel, including multiple visits with family in Japan and Brazil, and countless cruises. Ian was an avid reader and history buff, and appreciated a good classic western film. Ian particularly enjoyed time with family, especially vacations with grandchildren, and walks with dog Charlie.

Ian will be remembered for his kind and patient nature, courageous determination, sense of "ha ha", and unwavering love and support of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Parkinson Society Canada or Parkinson Society BC.

A Celebration of Ian's Life will be held at the Bay St. Armoury on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

McCall's Funeral Home

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