# Dale Swan

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of our father Dale on October 8th, 2024. Dale was predeceased by his father Walter Robert (Bob) Swan, mother Alice Gertrude Swan(Maller). He is survived by his sons Norman (Louise), Christopher (Jessica), step-son Steve Bremner (Katie), his beloved grandchildren Astrid, Lennon, Elin, and his siblings Robert (Bob) Swan (Sylvia), Donnette Radu (Earl), Dan Swan (Sharron) and Bonnie Smart (Jim), as well as many nieces, nephews, and more great-nieces and great-nephews.

As a young man Dale joined the Army Cadets where he developed a love for the outdoors during his summer outward bound courses, where he learned survival and leadership skills that would serve him well throughout his life.

After school Dale moved to the Yukon to work and enjoy the outdoor fishing, canoeing, camping and making lifelong friendships.

While back living in the Fraser Valley, Dale met his future wife Bette while working in Victoria. Dale convinced Bette to move to the mainland with him where they married and had his first son Norm. Shortly thereafter they moved to Victoria to be closer to Bette’s family and he began a sheet metal apprenticeship at the in-laws company Universal.

Dale was a fierce competitor and was always looking for a challenge; he loved board and card games, particularly cribbage. In his middle age Dale got back on the water by joining a dragon boat team. He eventually made his way to the Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club where he began paddling and then steering outrigger canoes. He was very proud of his team’s participation in a paddle to Port Angeles Washington from Victoria and back.

In retirement, never one to stop moving, Dale enjoyed helping

his friends and family with all sorts of projects, building fences, sheds and decks, amongst other things. He also enjoyed spending time with his siblings and was looking forward to watching his Grandchildren grow up.

A celebration of life will be held in Esquimalt at the Gorge Pavilion at 11AM on Saturday April 12th. The family would like to welcome anyone who knew Dale to attend, light refreshments will be available.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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