David Drewry

David died as he lived, with courage, grace and gentle good humour. He was predeceased by his mother, Doris, and is survived by his father, Neil, sister Donna Field (Rick Gonder), brothers Alan (Diana Severs) and Glen (Kathleen Spraggett), and by his nieces, Alison Field and Stephanie Field. He also leaves behind his beloved and devoted wife, Joan Backus, her son David (Genevieve) and their children, Rhys, Hawksley and Leila, and Joan's step-daughter, Rebecca Vogt. He will also be sorely missed by a veritable host of loving friends.

Born and raised in Victoria, David attended Margaret Jenkins Elementary, Central Junior High, and Oak Bay High School. When he graduated from UVic in 1970, he bought his first business. Over the next 20 years, he owned several different companies, including Restoration Services. Many of his employees have remained good friends.

David's retirement in the mid 1990s gave him time to pursue other interests. He built a sailboat and had several years of maritime and other adventures with his first wife, Barb. He continued to travel widely after he met Joan. They had twelve very happy years together – boating, travelling in the RV with their dog, Jake, visiting "the kids" in Toronto, wintering in California, and always welcoming friends and family into their lives.

David was grateful for the medical care he received, and wanted to thank in particular Drs Cunningham, Szeto and Naaykens, the chemotherapy nurses at the BCCA and the inimitable Lou Ross. The Hospice team provided extraordinary care and comfort during David's final days.

David asked that instead of sending flowers, you consider

making a donation to Victoria Hospice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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