

# Delmar (Del) McCaw

With great sorrow, the family of Del McCaw announce his passing on July 12, 2023. After a brief illness, he passed quietly, at 96 years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Ilse, of 68 years, daughters Karen and Leah, son Cameron (Rebecca), grandchildren Arla (Mike), Colleen, Dylan (Sophia) and Alanna (Kyle), and various nieces and nephews across the country.

Born in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, he worked on various family farms, then moved to Saskatoon to become a member of the Saskatoon City Police force, where he eventually worked in Ident (now known as forensics). He met Ilse on a blind date, married in 1955, had 3 kids and moved to BC in 1966. The family settled in Sidney, bought a small motel, which became a 24 hour a day repair project. Whatever he worked at, he always worked hard. In 1970, he went back to school, to BCIT in the fish and wildlife program. Despite being twice the age of the rest of his classmates, (and being referred to as 'Gramps') he made many lifelong friends. He took a job with the BC Government as Fisheries Inspector travelling the coast of BC by company boat, roads and planes, inspecting fish plants and canning facilities.

As free time became more available, it allowed him to pursue a long-time passion of flying. He got his private pilot license and went up as often as possible. For his 52nd birthday, a flight of a different kind was arranged – an Ultra Light plane on floats. While he said he enjoyed it, what he didn't enjoy was the hypothermia that resulted from ditching the plane in the ocean off a Victoria coastline. Made a great story for the newspaper though, after his teeth quit chattering. Family holidays were spent sailing and camping. Overseas travels were to Iceland, China, mainland Europe, Egypt, Ireland and England, hiking the Queen Charlotte Islands and the Milford

Track in New Zealand. When he and Ilse retired, they bought an RV and toured all over North America. They stayed for a while on Karen's property on Saltspring Island, until they moved into the condo in Sidney. They remained active for a while in the United church, and with various private social groups they belonged to.

Always one to lend a hand, quick to smile, hospitable and humble, he will be missed by many. Thank you to the wonderful palliative care staff at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, for making his last days comfortable. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer Society of BC.

At his request, there won't be a formal service, however, a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

*Rest now, dad. You've earned it.*

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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