Dirk Poppe

Dirk passed away suddenly on Monday, April 14, 2025, in Victoria, BC.

He was predeceased by his father, Omer Poppe, and his fathers-in-law, Antonio Fedrigo and Ernest Simson.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Diana; his daughter Leslie (Mauro) and son Randy (Sada); and his cherished grandchildren: Daryon, Kaeden, Xavia, Rowan, Mateo, and Levi. He is also survived by his mother, Paula Poppe; his mother-in-law, Carolina Simson; his siblings; many extended family members and friends in Canada and Belgium who will miss him deeply.

Dirk was proud of his Belgian heritage, having been born in Sint-Truiden, Belgium. He moved around during his youth before eventually settling in Victoria, BC, where he built a career as a small parts mechanic and later worked as an automotive parts man and Service Manager.

At age 20, Dirk met the love of his life, Diana—though Diana remembers first catching a glimpse of him when she was just 13 and somehow knowing, even then, that he would be her future husband. They were married on June 16, 1979, and soon started a family, welcoming their daughter in 1980 and their son in 1983.

Dirk was a hardworking man whose life centered around his family. He was our anchor—the steady presence we could always rely on. With a gift for fixing the unfixable, Dirk was the one we turned to when things needed mending, both big and small. He found joy in life’s simple pleasures: long walks with his best friend and wife, Diana, days spent fishing and hunting, the thrill of riding his motorcycles, and the quiet satisfaction of tinkering with anything that needed repair. His hands were always busy, and his heart was always full.

To us, he was a star—someone we all looked up to.

His brother Mark described him best: a mentor, advisor, guide, protector, the best big brother a man could ask for, and a man who carried a shining love for his wife and family. And, of course, we can't forget—he was a real butt-kicker, in the best way.

Dirk was also a devoted man of faith. His deep compassion and empathy for others reflected that devotion in everything he did.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 Burnside Rd W, Victoria, BC. Interment will follow at Royal Oak Burial Park, with a reception to follow back at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

In lieu of flowers, tributes in Dirk's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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