Don Dyck

Don passed away peacefully at home in Victoria with his wife, son, and daughter by his side.

Left to mourn are his wife of 60 years Ann; son Gary, daughter-in-law Melissa, granddaughter Maggie; daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Ian, grandsons Brendan and Cameron; brother Pete; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews, and friends. He will be especially missed by his Saturday breakfast buddy Les and Wednesday coffee buddy Pat.

Don was loving and dedicated to his family and held a special place in many people's hearts and filled many roles in many people's lives. He was a loyal friend, surrogate father and grandfather, mentor, and coach. Don was generous to a fault, always willing to help and aid anyone in need. His volunteer work through the years with baseball, curling and his children's and grandchildren's schools and activities was always appreciated. Everyone knew that if something needed to get done, Don was the man to call.

Don's life was shaped by his work ethic. He kept busy everyday with whatever job he had on his list, always giving his very best effort. In 1965 he and Ann bought a piece of property "out in the country" and built the home where they raised their family. He lovingly maintained it over the years where they have always welcomed friends and family.

His fun, lighthearted sense of humour and zest for life is what many people will remember him by. The practical jokes he played with his friends over the years and the stories of all his adventures delighted everyone who listened.

Don was a master carpenter, and his excellent work is evident in many houses and renovations around greater Victoria. He later took his skills to Pacific Forestry Centre where he made many new friendships.

In retirement, Don and Ann enjoyed their travels to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Europe as well as Ontario and eastern Canada. Don loved sharing the bounty of his veggie garden and was especially proud of his tomatoes. His special smoked salmon was a treat for everyone who tried it. Don touched so many lives with his indelible spirit which we will carry in our heart's forever. "Love you always Don, Dad, Papa!"

In lieu of flowers, condolences and special memories of Don may be offered to the family below.

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