Douglas Lunam

Douglas Lunam died peacefully at home July 25, 2023, surrounded by loved ones and buoyed by the well-wishes he received in his last weeks.

Doug had been experiencing the challenging losses that come with Alzheimer’s Disease, and was relieved to have the opportunity to die with medical assistance.

He was grateful to have had 77 years packed with adventure.

Doug felt lucky to have spent his early years in Comox BC with siblings John and Ann, where he had every opportunity to muck about in boats, to ski and to play tennis; his great love of the outdoors and his inclination to seek out new experiences were born there.

He graduated from Shawnigan Lake School and went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering, UBC 1969. He often said that degree was the hardest thing he ever did.

Doug married Margaret that same year and they made their way to Calgary in a snowstorm to begin what would become a love affair with the mountains where they spent every opportunity either on skis or in hiking boots.

The 25 years in Calgary would be a time of great professional accomplishment, but more important to Doug was the beginning of a family and the growth of a wide circle of friends. From there, he orchestrated adventures in boats, chartering in places far-flung and on the west coast, he instigated a plan to form a community in Windermere that put the family in good range for skiing at Panorama and he gathered family and friends to accompany him on these excursions. He was always the guy to get things rolling.

The west coast was always beckoning and in 1994, Doug and

Margaret returned to Victoria where Doug embarked on a whole new career as an Investment Advisor. What Doug loved most about that work was the opportunity to meet people and to help them learn about finances; relationships were always paramount for Doug. The boat he had in those years allowed him to share his love of being on the water; he invited anyone who had any interest to join him; it was a magical time.

Doug was a strong and loving partner for Margaret, a proud Dad to Charene and Janna (Jef), a devoted Grandpa to Kennedy, Molly, Isaac, Kaitlin, Carter, Riley and Piper and an enthusiastic petter of Granddogs Kallie and Ocho. His family will remember his generosity, enthusiasm, and love for them.

Service was a core value for Doug and he will be remembered as an appreciated member of his community, of Victoria Downtown Y, of James Bay United Church, and of the Harbourside Rotary Club.

We learned from Doug that:

If you are invited on an adventure, say yes.

When you meet someone new, take time to hear their story.

Never pass up an opportunity to have ice cream.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Doug's life will be held in the Sequoia Centre, at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

If you wish to honour Doug's memory, donations could be made to:

Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers (CAMAP)

https://camapcanada.ca

Harbourside Rotary Club https://www.harboursiderotary.org

Or: James Bay United Church https://www.jamesbayunited.com

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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www.mccallgardens.com