Dr. David Bellamy Wooldridge

Dr. David Wooldridge passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Hampton Hill, Middlesex, England, on August 1, 1930, David's journey led him across the globe. After graduating from Manchester University in 1954 and completing his service with the Royal Army Medical Corps, he set sail for Canada. A truly serendipitous meeting aboard the CP *Empress of Britain* with Christine Moffat led to their marriage fifteen months later. Together, they built a rich and fulfilling life, raising three sons and sharing deep passions for music, gardening, animals and travel.

David's medical career in Canada was pioneering. In Calgary in 1969, he established one of the country's first geriatric assessment units and later served as an Associate Professor of Geriatrics at the University of Calgary. Upon relocating to British Columbia, he continued to advance geriatric care, contributing significantly to programs at the Royal Jubilee Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. His national research earned him well-deserved honors from both the American Geriatrics Society and the Canadian Medical Association.

Beyond medicine, David and Christine were tireless advocates for animal welfare. They both served with the BC SPCA, with David holding the role of provincial president from 1996 to 1999. Their commitment also helped support the development of the Animal Welfare Program at the University of British Columbia. Music was another lifelong love they shared; they sang in multiple choirs, including founding the Victoria Philharmonic Choir, and David organized, Hector's Friends, a men's sextet named after his Jack Russell Terrier.

David is predeceased by his beloved wife, Christine and

survived by his three sons: John (Kirsten), Andrew (Semareh) and Mark (Kimberli) and many grandchildren (Nicholas, Ethan, Charlotte, Oliver, Ben, Noah, Simon, Atlas and Devon).

He will be remembered with profound love and admiration for his pioneering dedication to geriatric medicine, his deep commitment to community and animal welfare, his lifelong love of poetry, and the music, laughter, and intellectual curiosity he so generously shared with Christine and his family.

A Celebration of David's Life will be held at 11:00am on November 15, 2025, at Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, BC. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BCSPCA or the Victoria Philharmonic Choir.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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