E. Dean Sawyer

Dean was born February 25, 1949, and passed away peacefully at home on November 2, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was predeceased by his parents, David and Marion, and his brother Stephen. Dean was a devoted family man, leaving behind his wife of 43 years, Barbara, his children Jarret (Becky), Melanie (Kevin), Jason (Stephanie), Krista (Edgar), seven grandchildren Kieran, Mason, Abby, Matteo, Rees, Gray and Ayla, his nephews Jesse, Kyle (Amanda and baby Jackson) and niece Katy (Cam).

Dean spent his younger years living in Qualicum Beach, where he was the local newspaper boy and a swim instructor. Dean attended Brentwood College for four years, graduating in 1969. While there, he played 1st XV rugby, ran track and field, and was the head boy in grade 12.

After graduating, Dean worked in the family business, Sawyer Sewing Centre. He bought the business from his parents in 1977 and remained the owner until his retirement in 2009 when his son Jarret took over. He took a lot of pride in Sawyer's, where customers became friends and everyday encounters turned into meaningful connections.

Dean was among the most generous and humble people you may ever have the pleasure of meeting. His kindness extended as a volunteer from Victoria to Mexico- from Rainbow Kitchen, Goward House, Pacific Animal Therapy Society to schools in Mexico, where he volunteered and sponsored many children over the years. His life motto, "Life is Good, No Bad Days," wasn't just something he said but a principle he lived by. He was always positive and made new connections wherever he went.

The ocean held a very special place in his heart. Over the years, he and Barb enjoyed boating off the Gulf and San Juan Islands with their friends. He loved catching crab in Cadboro

Bay and found happiness teaching others about crabbing and sharing his catch with his family and friends in the community. Dean and Barb also enjoyed many years of RVing with their friends all over the West Coast and as far down as Mexico.

Dean’s legacy is one of love, connection, and celebration. He smiles down at us, watching us carry on his traditions. He will always be remembered as the “fun guy” with a gift for making others feel special.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Uplands Golf Club, 3300 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria, BC.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society, where Dean was a volunteer, and choose “Dean Sawyer Memorial Fund” from the Fund drop-down menu.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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