

Edward Joseph Dyatt

It is with immense sorrow that we announce the passing of Edward Joseph Dyatt on the evening of December 6, 2023. Ed was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and friend. He is predeceased by his sister Barbara and survived by his wife of 57 years Claire, son Samuel (Maija), daughter Gillian (Jayson), sisters Anne (Brian) and Helen (friend Andrew) and beloved granddaughters Ella and Chloë. A native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and a graduate of Queens University, Ed was born on May 28, 1940, and came to Canada with Claire and infant Samuel in 1968. He settled first in Merritt and later in Victoria, where Gillian was born.

Drawn by a spirit of adventure, Ed thrived with his young family in his new country, working first as a teacher, then as an electrical engineer for BC Hydro where he was held in great esteem by his colleagues for his charming affability, talent and integrity. A supremely gentle, thoughtful and erudite man, Ed demonstrated a profound love for his family and community, and a commitment to kindness. He spent many years working at his church and serving as a driver for hospital patients through the Saanich Volunteers. His talents were many and diverse: he was a logophile, a brilliant and perceptive writer and storyteller, reciter of poems, adventure cyclist, "Wordle" enthusiast, accomplished watercolour painter, and brilliant photographer (and unfailingly modest in all these endeavours!) While his passing leaves an unfillable hole for all who loved him, his memory shines on.

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Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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