

Francis Yoshio Miki

Francis Yoshio Miki died peacefully with family at his side on 22-June-2021 in Victoria BC. Francis was born in the beautiful village of Bella Bella, BC on 4-March-1940. When he was still a very young child, Francis and his family were relocated to an internment camp in Greenwood, BC where they remained until 1949, after which they returned to the coast to rebuild their lives. As soon as he was old enough, he worked alongside family in the commercial fishing trade out of Steveston, BC where he continued to live and fish through to the mid 1960's. While busy with fishing, Francis also found his calling at UBC, earning his Bachelor of Education Degree. Upon graduation, he became a teacher at Richmond High School, the same school he had graduated from only a few years prior. It was also at this time that he met Ingrid, his partner for life. Knowing that the match was meant to be, they married after a brief courtship in 1966. Soon the time came for another change – starting a family and beginning a new career direction. Francis and Ingrid moved to Kelowna, BC in 1971 with two toddlers in tow, where he started two successful businesses in interior design and architecture and made many lifelong friends. Francis also took pride in his role as a youth counsellor and teacher, giving guidance and inspiration to young people in his community. Many happy and successful years were enjoyed in this growing town until the economy necessitated another move in order to provide for the family. The choice was clear – back to the coast, but this time to the city of Victoria. It was there that Francis again set up a successful business in interior design which he had for many years, leaving an indelible mark on the city. Recognition and many awards for his work were garnered during the late 80's to early 2000's, during which time he created many beautiful homes and commercial spaces for those living and working in Victoria and neighboring areas. Many wonderful days were spent with those close to him, fishing, boating, skiing, camping and

enjoying everything that life could offer.

Survived by his wife Ingrid, by his children Marisa (Leo) and Scott (Angel) and his grandsons Jason and Ben. Brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and friends that were so dearly loved will feel his loss very deeply. Francis was a man of honour and grace, willing to share everything and anything he had with those that needed him. His inner strength, conviction and love for others were unparalleled.

A very warm and heartfelt thanks to all the staff that cared for Francis during his final years with us. A very special thank you to the doctors, nurses and aides at the Oak Bay Kiwanis Pavilion who made this difficult time comfortable, safe and calm for him; in particular we thank Trina and Linda, as well as the office staff at the Pavilion; we are forever grateful to you all.

We love you Dad – you did it right and you did it so very well.

No memorial service by request. Donations, if desired, may be made to the Parkinson's Wellness Project or to the Arthritis Society of BC.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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