

Frederick Grant Shel Drake

Grant Shel Drake, 78, of Victoria BC, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 26, 2017, after a sudden accident at home.

Born July 26, 1938 in Comox, BC, he was a life long Vancouver Islander.

Grant was a spirited adventurer, family man, lover of life, and friend to all who knew him. For 35 years, in Victoria, he was the owner of Grants Plumbing and Heating Ltd., where he taught his young sons the value of an honest, hard day's work.

In his retirement years, Grant embraced his favourite hobbies of wood carving, motorcycling, travel, gardening, lending a hand and advice to family and friends with their home renovation projects.

Grant is survived by May, his best friend, business partner, and devoted wife of 55 years. He is also survived by his son Jeffrey (Catherine) of Victoria, and their children Nicholas and Caroline; his son Joe (Kathryn Strilchuk) and their children Patrick and AJ Shel Drake, and Jamison Strilchuk of Okotoks, AB; and his niece Charlotte Shel Drake of Victoria.

Grant is predeceased by his parents Fred and Charlotte, his brother Lynn, and his daughter-in-law Saskia.

A memorial service and reception will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria.

Grant was a supporter of education, especially for young people working hard to overcome life's challenges. In lieu of flowers, donations in Grant's memory may be made to the Kwum Kwum Lelum Youth Program, 1100 Admirals Rd., Victoria BC, V9A 2P6, or the Autism Society of BC, #303 – 3701 Hastings St. Burnaby BC, V5C 2H6.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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