

Gerald Douglas Resch

Gerald Douglas Resch passed away early Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Royal Jubilee Hospital after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. Gerry was born in Winnipeg in 1931. At 17 he enlisted with the First Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and began a long, successful career with the Canadian Armed Forces. He served as a gunner, a paratrooper and instructor, among other duties. He went overseas for the Korean Conflict and was posted extensively during the rest of his career to Germany (twice) and across Canada in Gagetown, New Brunswick; Toronto, Ontario; Winnipeg and Shilo, Manitoba; and Victoria B.C. A life-long-learner, education was very important to Gerry and he earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. He rose through the ranks and retired from the Forces as a Major. He was invited to serve on government Boards and had a private consulting company. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Military Merit at Rideau Hall in 1988. Gerry finished his career as a professor at Royal Roads Military College.

Through all the many moves and relocations, Victoria was always Gerry and Mary's chosen home. When they finally settled down, they embraced the mild climate and spent countless hours exploring and hiking. They joined the Cordova Bay Hiking Club and the Outdoor Club of Victoria and made many lifelong friends.

Travel was another passion. Together they explored Europe, Korea, Australia, Mexico, much of the U.S. and enjoyed numerous cruises. After Mary's passing Gerry continued to travel and visited India, explored Turkey and enjoyed trips to South Africa and Botswana. Gerry was happiest when planning the next trip and the one after that. Sadly, a visit to Japan had to be cancelled because of the Covid Virus outbreak.

Gerry was predeceased by his wife Mary in 2016, his sister Pat

in 2016 and sister-in-law Shirley in 2019. He is survived by several nieces and nephews, Angela and a wide circle of friends.

As per Gerry's wishes, he will be cremated with a quiet family ceremony and interment at Royal Oak Burial Park. A reception will be held at the house at a later date.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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