Gerald Robert Earle

Gerald Robert Earle (Gerry) died of old age in the early hours of Thursday, April 2, 2026, in Victoria, BC.

Gerald was predeceased by his beloved wife of over 60 years, Katherine Margaret Earle (nee Macdonald); and sisters Elaine Burke and Dorothy Fagan. He is survived by his daughters Katherine (Ryan) in Calgary, and Jennifer (Paul) in Victoria; granddaughter Caitlin (Mark) and grandson Riley (Renae); and two great grandchildren, Erwin Jones and Rockwell George.

Gerry, as most people knew him, was born at home on Christmas Day, 1934, in Cornwall, Ontario, to Rose Alma Earle (nee Gauthier) and Harold James Earle. He often spoke fondly of his adventures with his friend Corbet Vasbinder and his dog, KC, growing up in Cornwall in the ‘40’s and ‘50’s. After attending the University of Toronto, he met and married Margaret in Montreal, and began his career as a food scientist and chemist specializing in yeast production (“saccharomyces cerevisiae”, which he enjoyed talking about even in his final days). In 1974, Gerry, Margaret, and their two daughters moved west to Calgary, where Gerry worked as the plant manager for Fleischmann’s Yeast. In 1984, Gerald and Margaret moved back east to Niagara-On-The-Lake where Gerry was plant manager for the Nabisco Shreddies factory.

In 1987, and after many years of hard work and frugal living, Gerry and Margaret retired to Vancouver Island in their early ‘50’s. There, they lived happily ever after in the waterfront house they built in Nanoose Bay, BC. He was especially glad that from his living room window he could see his favourite Gulf Island: Gerald Island. Over the almost 40 years that he lived in Nanoose Bay, Gerry and his neighbour, Don Graham, spent countless happy days beach-combing logs and producing firewood (“Pacific Supply”, he called it), using the derrick and log-splitters that he crafted, to heat their homes for the

duration of his time in Nanoose Bay.

Gerry had deep gratitude and respect for his family, a sophisticated sense of humour, and a serious fondness of all dogs (“There are no bad dogs.”), all of which stayed with him until his last breath. Gerry had at least one of every tool known to man and invented many of his own. He enjoyed creating and repairing anything when there was a need or an idea. He had a keen interest in any vehicle or vessel that had wheels or floated, including his cherished ‘50’s Jaguar, bicycles, sailboats, and powerboats. He cycled regularly with the PGOSA, taking an 80+km ride the year he turned 80. He was also a longtime member of the PQFG Henry range, where he was awarded his prized “Target Master” title and was an accomplished shooter, along with his friend and event partner, Alex Storimans.

In the summer of 2024, Gerry moved to Victoria, to be closer to medical care and family.

In addition to those mentioned, Gerry’s daughters acknowledge and thank special friends Ron and Marg Snyder, Sharon and Randy Lafferty, Scott and Carol Sokol, Janice Booth, and Donald Ferguson (“Uncle Donald”) for their important and lasting friendship with their parents.

Gerald will be fiercely missed and forever remembered by his family and friends. Respecting Gerry’s preferences, a memorial service is not planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation for dogs at BC SPCA in memory of Gerry.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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