

Hans Dietrich Mayenknecht

The special sunshine in many lives left us on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 when Hans passed away peacefully at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Born April 1, 1929, he will be forever remembered for his unusual modesty and never forgotten for his golden character. He was a doting husband to Gretel – the love of his life and wife of more than 60 years. He was a superhero role model to his sons Thomas and Richard, loved his daughters-in-law Tawnya and Beverley and was so proud of his grandchildren Christopher, Timothy and Chloe. He is predeceased by his mother Gretel (nee Volz), father Emile and brother Heinz and also survived by his brother Peter. Everyone fortunate enough to meet and know Hans was enriched by the experience. A Bachelor of Commerce graduate of Sir George Williams University (Concordia), respected packaging industry professional and life-long lover of sports; Hans swam daily in his pool – for an hour a day – until the day before he was admitted to hospital three weeks ago. Gearing up with his mask, snorkel and fins, he logged more than the equivalent of swimming to Hawaii over the past 10 years and was well on the symbolic way back to Victoria. His contagious smile, humble spirit and gentle touch will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

A celebration of the life of Hans Mayenknecht will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at McCall Bros., Johnson & Vancouver Street, Victoria, BC. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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