

Howard Fleming Sturrock

A life well lived. Howard Sturrock, a true gentleman, believed in making the most of every moment and living life to the fullest. His interests and accomplishments would take more space than he would want spent (he was, after all, a thrifty Scot!) but here is a small sampling of the man behind those sparkling blue eyes – rally car driver, radio announcer, movie musical aficionado, world traveler, devoted husband and family man, consummate host of parties, snow/water skier, tennis player, opera buff, politician, TV show host, engineer, golfer, ballroom and Scottish Country dancer, bridge player, lover of history as well as current affairs. Howard always offered a kind word to all who met him and for those of us who were privileged to call him Dad or Papa, we cannot begin to convey the hole he leaves behind. He was a model of a man who lived for his family, contributed greatly to his community, and brought much optimism, cheerfulness, and common sense into the world. Unlike Jimmy Stewart's character in "It's a Wonderful Life" – he will never know how many people's lives he touched, but we feel blessed to have shared our lives with him.

Howard is survived by his wife of 57 years, Faye, and his four children and their families, Ian (Rona, James and Katie), Michael (Mary, Robert and Alison), Christopher (Marianne and Dafydd), and Airlie (Scott). Howard was born in Wormit-on-Tay, Scotland, grew up in Crieff, and graduated with an honors degree in Civil Engineering from the University of St Andrews. He later immigrated to Canada, settling in Vancouver where he met Faye (nee Rodriguez) at the Jericho Tennis Club. Howard worked for several engineering firms in Vancouver before establishing his own. In 1974, Howard entered the British Columbia Public Service as Deputy Minister of Highways. Following his service at the provincial level, Howard became an active member, and eventually Chairman of the Board, of the

Cadboro Bay Residents Association. Howard entered municipal politics as a Saanich Counsellor (Alderman) in 1977. After serving five terms as a Counsellor, Howard was elected Mayor of Saanich in 1987, a position which he held until 1990. During his public service with Saanich, Howard also served as a member or chaired several Boards, including the Capital Regional District, the Municipal Finance Authority, the Saanich Police Board, and the Victoria Transit Commission. After retiring from political life in 1990, Howard served as a Member of the Board of Directors for both the BC Assessment Authority and Pacific Opera Victoria, and Produced and Hosted the *Mayors' Edition* on Shaw Cable TV in Victoria. Howard was respected for the honesty, integrity, and civility he demonstrated in municipal politics. His ability to bring consensus to difficult issues was often noted by his peers.

In 1988, Howard was awarded the Association of Professional Engineers of BC's Community Service Award in recognition of his substantial contribution to the well-being of his community. In 2013, he was named a Freeman of the District of Saanich – the highest honour a municipality can confer and only the 12th person so named. Along with his wife Faye, he was a longtime supporter of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria and a founding member of the North Shore Unitarian Church in 1967.

Howard was an ardent and talented golfer and longtime member of the Victoria Golf Club where he first shot his age at 73 and again, a decade later. In 2012, he was thrilled to have shot a hole-in-one.

Howard and Faye loved travelling all over the world. Other activities Howard thoroughly enjoyed were the opera, dances with the local Scottish Country Dance community, and gatherings of the Saltire Society of Victoria.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Howard's caregivers and to Victoria Hospice for their

compassion, support, and professionalism.

A celebration of Howard's life will be held at the Victoria Golf Club, 1110 Beach Drive on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Red Cross or Victoria Hospice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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