

Ian David Edward Whitbread

Our beloved Ian passed away while we were visiting our family in Fairfax, Virginia, to attend and celebrate our eldest grandson's graduation. He is survived by his wife Robyn, children Troy (Kathryn), Jay (Jocelyn), Shani (Jeff) and grandchildren Dylan, Brandan, Faun and Logan. He also leaves his sister Margaret (Glen) brother Bob (Lily), cousins Eleanor, John and Geoff (Janet), as well as several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Ian was the best of dads who loved his family with a passion, always kind, gentle and supportive of all of us. He had a fine career with the BC Provincial Government, hired straight out of BCIT. He loved to be at home, often working on cars, especially his Morgan+4 and his Mum's Corvair. He was always busy; fixing anything broken, building, inventing, experimenting, gardening. Working in our front yard, he talked to all the people passing by and became well known in our Saanich Panhandle neighborhood. We were often told "Ian is the nicest man I ever met!". He was a great communicator who checked in with friends and extended family every few days, with long telephone chats that kept us all connected.

We had wonderful family holidays, camping all over Vancouver Island. He taught our kids how to fish, catch crayfish and crabs and hike in the forest, and build blazing campfires. He told stories of his encounters with ghosts and UFOs.

After retiring, we traveled to England, Scotland and Wales, France, Spain and Portugal, and Mexico. At home, Ian enjoyed coffee breaks at Oak Bay Marina with great friends who were his classmates at Oak Bay High School.

In all our 52 years of marriage, and 50 years in our "starter" house, we have been content and happy together, with our children growing up, and bringing their children. A life well

lived. Dearest Ian, we will hold you tight in our memories and our hearts.

Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,

Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:

If there's another world, he lives in bliss;

If there is none, he made the best of this.

Robert Burns

A Celebration of Ian's Life, will be held in the Sequoia Centre, at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC, on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00pm, with a reception to follow.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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