# Jack Gaston

Born on July 15th, 1943 in Victoria, BC, Jack passed away peacefully on September 17th, 2024, surrounded by Nicole, his wife of 57 years, his son Paul, and daughter Jennie.

His family will miss him dearly, including brother-in-law Bill (Wendy), sister-in-law Betty (Gary) and niece/nephews Trish (John), David (Roxanne), Devin (Megan) and Mark (Emma), and all their wonderful children carrying on the family traditions into the next generation.

Raised by his parents Marjorie and Alfred, Jack grew up in Victoria where he enjoyed playing baseball, learning and teaching piano, and working as a Customs Officer. Whilst researching his PhD in History from the University of Saskatchewan, Jack lived in England for two years, forever cementing his love of British culture and society.

From 1975 to 2008, Jack was a Professor at Fraser Valley College in Abbotsford, BC. Jack loved teaching, and his lectures on British history were popular. His work building the College into a University was instrumental and a passion project. Jack enjoyed raising his children and was actively involved in a variety of sports and community activities. He also loved to travel. In recent years, Jack retired back to Victoria. After all his travels, he realized there was no place he'd rather be!

Jack will be remembered as an amazing, intellectual man. He was the prototypical example of the life-long learner, studying history with a passion but equally interested in how the lessons of the past could make the world of today better. The best lessons were those taught by example: a boundless love for his family, compassion and humility for everyone he touched, and a wonderful sense of humour.

A Celebration of Jack's life will be held on Saturday, October

19th, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC.

We are grateful to Dr. Andrew Jervis and VIHA for all their support.

The University of the Fraser Valley has also posted a lovely tribute to Jack. Please follow this link for more information

https://blogs.ufv.ca/announce/2024/09/20/obituary--jack-gaston-has-passed-away/

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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