

James Russell Rea

Jim passed away unexpectedly but in peace at Saanich Peninsula Hospital after staving off MDS and Leukemia for several years. Missing him dearly are Jocelyn, his wife of almost 30 years, and their two sons, Alexander and Patrick. Jim will also be missed by Jocelyn's siblings and their families as well as his several very close friends who he regarded as his chosen brothers and with whom he enjoyed many adventures.

Jim's childhood years were spent in many corners of the world from India to Australia to Northern BC, but he eventually made the North Shore his home where he met and married Jocelyn and where they raised their boys. A move to Vancouver Island a few years ago was a big change, but where Jim and Jocelyn truly felt at home. Jim was a kind, gentle, well-read, adventurous and curious person with a life-long passion for all things aviation. His 35-year career began with Air West and ended with Jazz Air. It was a perfect fit and a source of great satisfaction. He was immensely proud of his sons and their accomplishments and treasured every moment he spent with them.

Jocelyn, Alexander and Patrick are grateful for the kind and compassionate medical care Jim received most recently from his doctors, the Victoria Cancer Centre, Royal Jubilee Hospital, Saanich Peninsula Hospital and the Community Nursing Team of VIHA District 45. He was in the very best and most capable hands. We will think of him every time an airplane flies overhead. Donations in Jim's memory can be made to the BC Aviation Museum in North Saanich <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36323>, the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation <https://sphf.ca/> or the BC Cancer Foundation <https://bccancerfoundation.com/>

A private memorial gathering is planned for later this year.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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