John Angus Howland

John Angus Howland, aka Jack, died in Victoria, B.C. on November 20, 2026, at the age of 76 with his wife and children by his side. And while listening to Hallelujah sung by k.d. lang. He was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, the middle child of 7 children. As a young man, he felt the call of the west and settled in Point Holmes on Vancouver Island. He also felt the call of the north and landed a job with International Nickel in Thompson, Manitoba. First, he worked underground in the mine, and then as a brakeman on the railroad. Jack was a great storyteller about his adventures and many people loved to listen to them.

During a visit back to Saint John to visit his parents, he met his future wife, Kathy. When summer came, they got married and drove across Canada for their honeymoon. They were able to stay in Port Alberni, B.C. where he was employed at the paper mill (originally MacMillan Bloedel) for over 30 years. He loved to hunt and fish up on the mountains that surrounded the beautiful valley. In 2009, Jack and Kathy moved to Victoria, B.C. to be closer to their children. He worked for The Commissionaires at the Institute of Ocean Sciences at Patricia Bay for a few years and then retired.

Predeceased by his infant son on August 3, 1978, Jack leaves behind his wife, Kathy, of 52 years, his son Brian (Leanne), his daughter Natasha Grimsson (Bob), his 3 grandsons, Dylan, Max, and Spencer, and many other family members.

By his request, a private service will be held at Royal Oak Burial Park, 4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria, B.C. with a Catholic priest presiding and a bagpiper playing Amazing Grace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Victoria Child Abuse Prevention and Counselling Centre, 1208 Wharf

Street, Unit 101, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3B9.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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