

John “Chick” Newman

John passed away peacefully and surrounded by love, with his family at his side under the wonderful care of the staff at Parkwood Court, his home for the last three years.

He will live on in the hearts of his dear sister Violet Hitchings; children Jan Cox, Thad (Sharon), Judy (Ian), Brian (Lorna); grandchildren Jessica (Wes), Ryan, Kyle, Annie, Rose (Mike), Maggie, Iain and Susanna; and great-grandchildren Danika and Lincoln. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Ellen; infant son John; son-in-law Bob Cox; grandson David; brother Harry Newman and sisters Ina Leahy and Marge Pistell.

John was a devoted family man. In the ever-expanding Newman clan, he unconditionally loved each and every one of us. Family brought him such joy and comfort and we, in return, loved him absolutely.

John and Ellen built the family home in Oak Bay where he lived for 64 years, but he was always an Esquimalt boy at heart and regaled us with wonderful stories of his friends and childhood adventures. He was a proud B.C. Civil Servant and spent 42 rewarding years with the departments of Finance and Agriculture. John and Ellen traveled the world during their long and happy retirement.

John gave selflessly to his church and community, serving on the boards of many health care organizations and charities. He was exceptionally proud of his involvement in the building of Mount St. Mary Hospital.

Sports played a large part throughout John's life. He was a skilled softball and soccer player, dedicated official and coach, and avid golfer at Cedar Hill. A wicked crib player, he was still skunking his kids when he was 90 (though we always said he cheated).

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Neil Crofton for his years of exceptional care and to Evan Fagan, his loyal colleague and friend.

Prayers will be offered at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC on September 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street with a reception to follow in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC

In acknowledgement of John's seven-year journey with dementia, donations to the Alzheimer Society B.C. (#202 – 306 Burnside Rd W, Victoria, BC V8Z 1M1; www.alzheimer.ca/en/bc) would be gratefully appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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