

John Finlayson Wood

John passed away September 24, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife Sally Anne, daughters Nora (Scott) and Susannah (Brent), grandchildren Tristan, Brooke, Fraser and Julia; and brother Ted (Mary).

John was born in 1933 in Halifax N.S., and spent the rest of his life in Victoria B.C. where his family has roots stemming back to the arrival of John's great-grandfather, Roderick Finlayson, Chief Factor for the Hudson's Bay Company in the 1840's. As a child, John attended Shawnigan Lake School, followed by Victoria College and finished his education with graduation from UBC Law School. He was called to the bar in 1957 and enjoyed a successful law career for over 40 years.

John's garden was a consistent place of happiness and pride throughout his life. He created an oasis-like setting at the family home on Ten Mile Point with a beautiful garden and pool. He spent countless hours in his greenhouses propagating plants from seed and was particularly proud of his blue poppies!

Music was another great love of John's. He spent many years supporting the Victoria Conservatory of Music, sat as their president and enjoyed assisting with their annual garden tour on which his garden was featured several times!!

John will be remembered as a loving husband and father, a successful and well-respected lawyer and a loyal friend with a wonderful sense of humour.

The family wish to send their heartfelt thanks to the amazing staff at Hart House for all of their kindness and care of 'Pop'.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be gratefully accepted by the Alzheimers Society of BC.

Service to be held 2:30 pm, October 6, 2016 at St. Mary's Church in Oak Bay, followed by a reception at the Union Club of British Columbia.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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