John Lawrence (Larry) Forster, BASc, P.Eng., NDC

John Lawrence Forster, affectionately known as Larry, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 27, 2024 in Victoria at the ripe old age of 92.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 67 years, Jane, his children Catherine, John and Melanie and his sisters Shiela Carter and Leslie Loney. Predeceased by his sister Linda Forster.

Born on October 30, 1931 in St Catharines, Ontario, Larry graduated from University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1955. This was followed by a career with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation which spanned 35 years, including work on the Pickering Project and the Founding Chairman of Loyalist Parkway project. In 1976, Larry was appointed to be the Ontario Government's representative to the National Defence College, Course XXX in Kingston Ontario.

After a yearlong attempt at retirement in 1989, Larry was lured back into the working world to join the Island Highway Project on Vancouver Island as their chief engineering consultant. After five plus years of working, Larry finally retired in his adopted and much-loved home of Victoria, BC.

A quick-witted storyteller, a gardener, a camper, a music lover and traveller are some of the many words used to describe a life well lived. Being of service to others was high on Larry's list of priorities including time as a Scout Leader and an active member of Rotary. Larry was elected to the post of president on three occasions with multiple Rotary Clubs across the country. During his many years with Rotary, he was honoured with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award as well as

Rotarian of the Year.

Despite being diagnosed with dementia in his later years, Larry’s infectious sense of humour never wavered.

The family wishes to send a special thankyou to all the staff at Sunrise Senior Living, Victoria for their extraordinary care and compassion.

Funeral Services to be held at Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, BC on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 11:30 am. Followed by a reception at the Union Club of British Columbia, 805 Gordon Street, Victoria.

The family welcome cards, flowers or a donation to the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada in Larry’s name. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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