John Patrick (Jack) Murphy

Jack loved life and lived it his way whenever possible. It was a very full life. He fought for it 32 years ago when he first became ill with cancer. For the last 22 years he lived cancer-free after a heroic battle with a stem-cell transplant from his dear brother, Jim. It was miraculous. Unfortunately, he very recently succumbed to a different and very aggressive cancer. We will always be thankful to his many oncologists, other doctors and support staff especially Dr. Kevin Song, Dr. Jay Aiken and Dr. Phil Huggett.

Jack was an entrepreneur and founded MYRA Systems Corp. with his wife, Barb in 1985. They ran it successfully for 38 years. He was a natural leader.

Jack also volunteered his time to a small company, which in recent years, assisted the First Nations Peoples of BC. He hated oppression and worked hard to understand and assist the Indigenous Peoples.

Jack was well respected and tried to “take the high road” in his dealings with others. His generosity, charm, insight, wisdom and strength assisted many, many people over the years.

Jack was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The fifth child of Jack and Lil Murphy. He graduated from St Francis High School in Calgary and had a math degree “with computer emphasis” from UVic. There were no computer science degrees then. He was one of 12 graduates from the program.

He was predeceased by his parents and 2 of his sisters, Marilyn McCubbin and Marguerite Clifford, as well as his in-laws Peter and Diane Cotsworth and Joan Cotsworth.

Jack is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Barb. Jack and Barb had a strong and loving relationship. He is also survived by his 2 wonderful sons, Trevor and Crispin (Clara),

who now are successfully running MYRA Systems.

Jack had 3 amazing grandchildren: Juniper, Jasper and Camellia. They all truly miss their Grandpa Jack.

Jack is also survived by his siblings: Jim, Pat (Gibb), Maureen (McMillan), Larry and Carolyn (De Jong) and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his dear sister-in-law, Dr. Nancy Brager, who was a huge support to Jack and his family throughout his life and his cancer journeys. Kim Kiem (Carlos) is also a dear sister-in-law who has also survived Jack.

Jack died, at home, as was his wish, holding the hand of the woman he deeply loved and who he had shared his life with. His wonderful family also shared in his final moments. He is now at peace.

Jack will always be in our hearts. He was well and truly loved.

The family gratefully declines flowers. If you wish, please contribute to the BC Cancer Foundation, or the Victoria Hospital Foundation, or the VGH and UBC Hospital Foundation, or a charity of your choice in Jack's memory.

A Celebration of Jack's Life will be held on Friday, April 24th, 2026, at the Royal Colwood Golf Course, 629 Goldstream Ave, Victoria, BC at 2:00 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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