

John Peter Bernhardt

John Peter Bernhardt, age 82, died on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Victoria. Born in Wilkie, Saskatchewan to Theresa and Joseph Bernhardt, he was the middle son of five children.

John and his two brothers began working together as young children tending the fire in their one-room schoolhouse. They later helped their parents purchase a farm outside of Prince George where the family moved in 1947.

John started out logging in his teens before he and his brothers formed Bernhardt Brothers Lumber in 1953. He enjoyed a successful logging career that spanned over four decades.

John married Ruth Toney in 1961 and in 1965, the couple had a son, Lloyd. During John's working career, the family resided in Prince George, and after retirement, John and Ruth moved to Victoria.

He and Ruth enjoyed picnics and walks in Prince George and Victoria, driving trips around BC and the Southwestern States, across Canada, and touring Australia and England. He will be remembered for his great love of the BC logging industry in its heyday.

John is predeceased by his parents Theresa and Joseph, his sisters Erna and Lillian, and his brothers Emil and Max. He is survived by his wife Ruth, his son Lloyd, Lloyd's wife Kim and their grandchildren Amelia and Sam Bernhardt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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