Kenneth MacLennan

Kenneth MacLennan passed away peacefully in his home in Victoria BC. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Marion, who has been by his side for the last 50 years of marriage, and his children Alex, Donna and Gary.

Kenneth, more commonly known as Ken or Kenny by those who knew him, was born in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis Scotland. Ken was always proud of his Scottish heritage, but was even more proud (as many Leodsachs are) of being an islander. It was in Stornoway that he met and married Marion, and soon after the birth of their first child they were lured to the West Coast of Canada by his cousin Eddie MacMillan Glennie. While he loved the Western Isles and was sad to say "chi mi a rithist thu" to good friends and family, he was in search of a place with more opportunities for a young family. One can imagine his shock to wake up one morning, halfway around the world, in the wilds of Sooke in the early 70s.

Ken and Marion made their way to Victoria eventually and have been settled in their family home since 1977 . Ken brought with him his training as a joiner and worked hard over the years to establish himself as a well-respected and sought after builder and craftsperson in Victoria. He formed his own company and with tireless support from Marion he spent 30 years plying his craft. As anyone who has tried to undo any of his work can attest, his work was built to last and there are still many examples around the city.

And while Ken was proud of being a talented craftsperson and hard worker, he would want to be defined by how he treated those around him; particularly his friends and family. In telling stories about Ken, many people refer to the extraordinary lengths he would go to to support his family, friends, neighbours and even strangers. Ken was also well known for his mischievous sense of humour, and how much he

enjoyed a good laugh.

Ken was never happier than when he had those he loved around him, and is famous for not only how he would play host in his house, but also, at times, in the houses of others. He wanted to ensure that everyone could enjoy themselves to the fullest and would always encourage second helpings and would not allow a guest to wait long for their glass to be filled. Many people, from far and wide, have stories of the welcome they received from Ken and Marion in their home.

In recent years Ken and Marion have loved nothing more than to see their family grow, and have welcomed their children-in-law, Michael, Heather and Leasha with open arms. They have deeply loved and cherished their grandchildren, who they are always so proud of, Duncan, Ella, Findlay, Quinn and Charlie. Oh, and, of course, there are the dogs, Sneakers, Sophie, Rogue, Millie, Lewis, Chevy, Milo and Eddie.

Ken was predeceased by his parents, James (Buller) and Peggy, and his brother-in-law John Beaton. He will be sadly missed by his siblings and in-laws, Donna, Peggie Marie, Neilly, James, Mary, Alex and Annette Murray and Annie Mace as well as his many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends in Scotland.

Finally, the family would like to extend their deepest thanks to those who have shown such tremendous support to Ken and family over the last year. Thank you to our close friends whose presence, friendship and assistance allowed for Ken to stay home until the end. And our deepest gratitude to the health care team including staff from Island Health, his palliative care nurses, and especially Dr. Shaw, Nicole and his occupational therapist Janet, who over the year have shown such care and service to Ken, Marion and their family.

The family would be happy to have friends and family join them in a celebration of life, to be held June 16th from 1-4 pm at the Victoria Scottish Cultural Centre (1803 Admirals Road) so

that we can come together to recognize the impact Ken had on our lives and celebrate him together.

No flowers please; the family suggests a donation to the MS Society or the Our Place Society in Ken’s name instead.

For those who are unable to attend in person, please feel free to share condolences with the family so they can be shared.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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