

L.F. (Rick) Shumka



Rick died on February 3, 2022 following a brave battle with esophageal cancer, confirmed to be a result of exposure to workplace hazards while serving as a Firefighter in Saanich. He retired as an Assistant Chief with 32 years of service. He died a hero.

Always a very funny guy, Rick kept his sense of humour right to the end. The day before he died, he told his wife as he was suffering in pain and said "You can remove -he passed peacefully- from my obituary".

Rick was born in and spent his whole life in Victoria. He was predeceased by his father (John Shumka), his mother and step father (Annie & Fred Malish) and his brother (John Shumka).

Rick will be dearly missed by his beloved wife Bridget, his loving children Travis (Kim), Candice (Chris) and Aharon and his very special grandchildren Jake, Brooke and Lily.

Aside from his firefighting job, Rick had a construction company and built/renovated many homes. Always someone who jumped at the chance to try something new, he took up real estate after retirement. Rick was passionate about skiing, hiking, fishing, long driving trips and politics. He mostly loved cars which he restored and painted. His final project was to build a 1935 replica Miller Ford Race Car, his dream car, a project that kept him going during his illness.

Rick seemed to know everyone everywhere and always had all the time in the world for the people in his life. Rick was well loved and respected by the auto hobby and firefighter communities. The family is grateful for the many friends and relatives who supported Rick during his illness. You know who

you are.

A private graveside service was held on February 11, 2022.

A Celebration of Rick's Life for our friends, hosted by Bridget Shumka, will be held in Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, [4665 Falaise Drive](#), Victoria, BC on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 2:00pm.

Old Guys, Old Cars Welcome!

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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