

Leonard John Chapple

On January 2, 2019 Len died peacefully and with dignity, surrounded by loving family and friends, in the home where he built many cherished memories with his beloved late wife, Dallas.

Len was born in New Westminster, B.C. to Edgar and Jess Chapple on February 7, 1922. He began his long and distinguished broadcasting career at CKMO in Vancouver just shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, during which he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His work as an Executive Producer with the CBC and other networks took him to the Olympic Games in Mexico City, Munich, Montreal, and Calgary; the first World Masters Games in Toronto; and the Goodwill Games in Seattle. In 1978, he led the CBC as host broadcaster for the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton.

After making their home in Victoria in 1990, Len and Dallas enjoyed a philanthropic and active life of service to their community, culminating in Len's recent legacy donations to the Victoria Symphony and Saanich Peninsula Hospital. Living in Victoria allowed Len to continue to work on his golf game, travel the world with Dallas and spend many happy winter holidays in Hawaii with their wonderful circle of friends.

Len was predeceased by his cherished wife Dallas in December 2017, brother Norman and sister Josephine. He is survived by his children Norman (Sharon) Chapple, Vernon, B.C., Lindsey (Mel) Russell, Langley, B.C., Nancy Chapple Smokler, Beeton, Ontario, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins in Canada and abroad.

As Len's physical health deteriorated over the past year, his family would like to thank the many kind and constant friends and caregivers who made the past twelve months so much better for him – in particular, special thanks to Joan Firkins, Mike

and Debbie Cridge, Dr. Ambrose Marsh, and Vaclav Trumpes and his many other caregivers from Bayshore Home Health.

At Len's request, there will be no funeral service. A private interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Len's memory would be welcome to the Victoria Symphony Foundation (victoriasymphony.ca) or the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation (sphf.ca).

Aftercare arrangements provided by McCall Gardens Funeral and Cremation Service – Royal Oak.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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