

Lester Reid

It is with profound sadness that we say goodbye to Lester (call me Les) Reid – JoAnn's beloved husband of 42 years, Jenny's ever-so-proud father, Jamie McEachern's grateful father-in-law and baby Lily Page's delighted grandfather. Les was pre-deceased by his parents, his in-laws Fred and Page Beeson, and his much-loved and missed son Matthew (1978-1987) who, like his father, died of cancer.

Les was born in Glasgow, Scotland to Hyman and Minna Calton. His father, a Royal Engineer, died in Italy (1944). His brave mother brought her small son to Vancouver via New York. She married John Reid and Les grew up in Burnaby, graduating from Burnaby South and UBC. Starting his career as a probation officer in Duncan (1973-1981), Les loved his work and the long-standing friendships made there. He became Local Director of the Sidney probation office in 1981, commuting from Shawnigan Lake to Sidney until the family moved to North Saanich in 1989. Les went on to supervise several probation offices in Greater Victoria before retiring in 2002. "One-speed Reid" will be remembered for his love of family and home, his dry wit, his golden 'radio' voice, his amazing recall of movie and music trivia, golfing and kibitzing with his buddies, his love of classic cars and good Scotch, playing the ponies, and his sure-fire lottery system that was, in his mind, never quite good enough. "He was one of the good guys".

No service at his request. A gathering for friends, family and former colleagues will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Please contact reidon1@shaw.ca for further details.

In lieu of flowers, donations to BC Children's Hospital Foundation, BC Cancer Foundation or charity of choice would be appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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