

Lyle Purmal Robertson

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Lyle Purmal Robertson, who died peacefully at the age of 92 in Victoria on January 5th, 2026.

Lyle was born in Vancouver BC, the first child of Nicholas and Violet Robertson. He moved to Victoria early in his life and grew up in the Fairfield district, where he met his future wife, Mary Lorraine Brown, at Sir James Douglas School. After graduating from Victoria High School, he went on to the University of British Columbia, where he earned a PhD in Physics. Following a brief post-doctorate appointment in England, Lyle returned to Victoria where he took up a position as Professor of Physics at the University of Victoria.

Lyle spent the remainder of his working career at the UVic Physics department, including a term as Chair of the department. He was actively involved in research and teaching, inspiring generations of physicists. Even after retirement, Lyle continued working with science teachers in local high schools, helping to fuel curiosity and the love of science in young student minds. He was a true academic, maintaining his passion for learning and connection to UVIC until his passing.

Lyle was a loving family man and actively involved in the community. Lyle married his high school sweetheart in 1956, and they were inseparable until her passing in 2013. Together, they enjoyed travelling, particularly exploring the corners of Europe. But most of all, they enjoyed time with family and close friends. Many happy memories were created at the family cabin on Hornby Island where Lyle built strong friendships with neighbours. An avid cyclist, Lyle continued riding into his late 80's. He had a kind heart and is remembered by all as a true gentle man.

Lyle was predeceased by his loving wife of 57 years Lorraine,

and by his brother Terry. He is survived by his daughter Katherine Anne, and son, Brian Christopher (Carole); his four grandchildren Sean Alistair, Paul Mathew, Andrew Nicholas and Danielle Marie; and his two great-grandchildren Eleanore Lorraine and Calvin Norman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a date later in the spring.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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