

Murray Gray Crowther

Predeceased by his brother Bruce.

Murray was surrounded by loved ones for his gentle passing on June 28, after a recurrence of a rare form of cancer.

Murray was born in Kerrisdale to Frank and Margaret. He grew up there and in West Vancouver where he first got to know and respect nature by walking every old logging road and trail on Hollyburn Mountain. A lifelong passion for travel started at an early age, greatly inspired by his Aunt Dorothy Colly.

In 1965 Murray took his first flight with Ken (still a friend after 60 years) to Britain and travelled from Stonehenge to Orkney. Murray graduated from UBC with a B. Comm. in 1966 and became a C.A. with Clarkson Gordon. At that time, he and a good friend canoed in the wilderness travelling the Parsnip, Peace and Canoe rivers before dams ruined those pristine valleys.



In 1973 Murray moved to P.E.I. where he lived on a farm and worked for the Island Treasury Board as director of the expenditure budget. He loved the job and his co-workers. He returned to B.C. in 1976 and managed a Victoria law firm. In 1980, Murray spent four months at an isolated cabin in the Chilcotin accessible only by canoe. He looked back with great

joy on that experience.

Murray then joined Treasury Board Staff and was involved with tax policy, expenditure policies and drafting major financial legislation. He greatly admired the dedication and professionalism of his colleagues in what he felt could not be a better job.

In 1988 Murray began a series of trips that would nurture the relationships with his nephews and niece. Machu Picchu with Brent; Scotland and Ireland with Suzanne; pony trekking in Iceland with Kevin; Australia with Jonathan; the Greek Islands with Tristan; and Easter Island with Robert. This extended to the next generation with the great nephews and nieces.

In 1995 Debbie Sinclair came into Murray's life. It was the beginning of a beautiful 30-year relationship in which they travelled, cheered on their favourite teams, filled their home with hygge and created a backyard oasis.

Murray's stepchildren Alyson Jackson (Matt) and Ryan Day (Vanessa) and his grandchildren, Alexander and Lauren, also played a special role in enriching his life. Highlights of annual Hornby vacations, playing with Pa Murray in the pool and family dinners outdoors will be cherished memories.

Murray and Debbie's most adventurous travels include L'Anse Aux Meadows, 'Ben-My-Chree', an old homestead at the foot of Tagish Lake and trips exploring the B.C. coast on the "Chelsea II" with Captain Nils including a trip to Knight Inlet. They also travelled with longtime friends Bill and Shelley from French Polynesia to Pitcairn Island by research vessel where they met several of the islanders.

Murray cherished trips as a child and then as an adult with his cousins Julie and Jeanne. Special times in Ireland with friends Chris and Aideen and family were uplifting. Each trip Murray went on was a chance to share experiences and spend quality time.

Murray loved sharing political and world views with former colleagues and classmates who he kept in touch with.

Murray was a gem; kind-hearted, gentle, adventurous, generous, inquisitive and deeply appreciative of the natural world. He found beauty wherever possible, making it a huge priority while also being highly attuned to the people and world around him. His stories of travel and adventure were inspiring. He had a beautiful way of bringing places to life with his words.



He approached his illness with courage and dignity and was interested in the people he met and their stories.

His family will be going to Haida Gwaii to honour him by carrying on the adventures. He will be missed by so many.

No service by request.

“Love, love goes on

Like the sea

Love goes on eternally”

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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