

Reverend Thomas Maxwell Simms



Reverend Thomas Maxwell Simms, of Victoria, British Columbia, peacefully passed away on May 13, 2017, with Marion, his loving wife by his side, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Tom was born on January 27, 1936, in Buchans, NL, to Hayward Chesley Simms and Eileen Mary Josephine (Basha). Tom grew up in Buchans and attended Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, where he met the love of his life, Marion Hicks. Tom graduated from Pine Hill Divinity Hall in 1965, becoming a minister of the United Church of Canada.

Tom married Marion on August 26, 1957. They lived in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia as Tom answered God's call. Behind his twinkling eyes, jokes and sense of fun, lay his deep belief in the presence of God. He could find God's beauty everywhere, especially in nature.



Tom enjoyed playing hockey and skiing in his younger days and no pin was left standing in his bowling years. Tom is the reason that the fish tremble in all the ponds, brooks and lakes across this beautiful country. Tom played a wicked hand of Bridge. Who can forget the "Three no trump," being thrown



around the table? Tom enjoyed watching Blue Jays baseball; he was a fan to his very core. Tom also enjoyed the quiet peacefulness of his cabin by the shores of Red Indian Lake where he would challenge himself in learning to paint, write and memorize poetry.

Left to carry on Tom's happy legacy are his children, Susan of Chelsea, QC, Jon (Leanne Robb) of Victoria, BC, Christopher (Jodylynn Welsh) of Victoria, BC, and Thomasine (James Marjerrison) of Buchans, NL; nine grandchildren, Andrew, Tyh (Sarah Skrzek), Julia (Ryan Nielson), Alexander (Samantha Thompson), Colbran, Roxanne, Russell, Stephen and Wesley, one great-grandchild, Lily, his brother Hayward (Josephine), his two sisters, Elizabeth (Don Slater), and Lorraine (Doug Parry) and many nieces and nephews. Tom was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Joan and Helen; and two brothers, Robert and Griffen.

The family would like to thank the exceptional staff at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. A special mention is also made to Dr. Christopher Galanos and to Dr. Richard Mildenberger for their kindness and excellent care over the years. Many thanks as well to the staff and residents at The Wellesley, who made Tom's final years so meaningful and joyful.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at The Wellesley, 2800 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC. A memorial service will follow in Buchans, NL on Saturday, July 29 at 11 am, where Tom's ashes will be laid to rest.



In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or you may also do an unexpected act of kindness to someone of your choosing in Tom's honour.

"This world is not conclusion, a sequel stands beyond,

invisible, as music, but positive, as sound..." – Emily
Dickinson

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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