

Richard Albert Salaga

Rick passed away after a short but courageous battle with Bulbar ALS on July 8, 2024. He was born to Ruth & Stephen Salaga on March 19, 1955, in Victoria, BC. He is survived by his wife, Miseon Goh, whom he adored, his mother Ruth, his brother Stephen (wife Hsiufang) Salaga, his sisters Debbie Gregory (husband Norman Lee), Cathy (husband Paul) Ryan, and Carolyn (husband Ernie) Rutherford along with his many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins.

He met and married his love, Miseon, here in Victoria. Together they enjoyed life to its fullest, traveling to South Korea, and working on their house and garden in Saanichton. A big part of Rick's life was a love of nature, birds, and squirrels. Rick was a very kind, loving, caring, and generous soul. A tremendously positive person, with such quick wit that kept everyone in laughter. An amazing husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend who will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

As a child he had an inquisitive mind in wanting to learn how everything mechanical worked, with one of his favourite reading materials being the magazine 'Popular Mechanics'. This carried into his career where he became a machinist at his Grandpa Smith's company, Smith Brothers Foundry, located here on Pembroke Street. This passion of learning led him to launch his own CNC machining company, Custom Machining, on Keating X Road in Saanichton. Clients quickly became close friends and everyone who met Rick knew he was a special person.

Not only was he highly regarded for his precision machining skills, he took it to another level with his hobbies. Rick had a passion for speed since he was young. In his early years, he spent time racing motocross motorcycles. This later evolved into building high-performance Ski boats and water skiing at Shawnigan Lake, where our family continues to spend their

summers. He built a high-performance offshore boat so he could cruise the Gulf Islands and spend weekends on the water. This passion for speed and adventure continued throughout his life by riding both street and motocross motorcycles, with close friends, right up to the end. His pride and joy for street riding being an Aprilia Tuono V4 1100.

Rick is deeply loved, tremendously missed, and will forever be in our hearts.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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