Robert Allan Chapple

With great sorrow, we say goodbye to our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

Rob was born in Fort William, Ontario where he resided until 1964. The family then moved to Victoria. From then onwards, he would always call the green land and blue sea of the west coast his home. During high school, Rob excelled in academics, rugby and horsemanship. He travelled back to Ontario to the University of Guelph for his BSc and then returned to the University of Victoria for further degrees. Rob was an exceptional, innovative and respected chemistry and biology teacher at Oak Bay, Lansdowne and Victoria High School. His leadership strengths led him to being President of the GVTA and vice-principal at Victoria High School, Spectrum and Central Middle School. He finished his career as the Director of Human Resources, Educational Staffing for SD 61.

Rob was a lover of new technology, and an excellent and creative chef. He was an avid sailor. He built and refurbished his two sailboats, Loon Harbour and Stewball. He raced on his own boats and as crew on friends' boats in many regattas and Swiftsures. He turned his sights to motorcycles after retirement, riding his BMW 17,000 km across Canada this summer to Newfoundland. In all his activities, Rob taught others the joys of his chosen sports and was always willing to offer help, support, and inspiration.

Sadly, Rob was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in late November and died three weeks later. He leaves to mourn and celebrate a life well lived, Cheryl, his wife of forty-three years; Emma (Jacob Galati) and Carly (Kyle Goodwin), his cherished daughters; and Rei Galati, his treasured granddaughter. He will be truly missed by his sister Susan (Glen); brothers Don (Pat) and Richard (Susie) and sister-in-law Karen, and his nieces and nephews. Rob has left behind

many valued friends and colleagues.

We wish to thank Dr. Bill Shoichet, Rob’s GP, and the many health care professionals who took such great care of Rob, especially those at the Royal Jubilee Hospital Floors 4N and 8S. Thanks also to our family and friends for their continued love and support.

At Rob’s request, there will be a family celebration at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mustard Seed.

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