

Robert Bruce McDiarmid Hutchison

Robert, with his usual speed, left this world to join his beloved wife Cory. Robert led a long, prosperous and adventurous life, lived to the fullest. Olympian (1952, 100 and 200 meters), Lawyer (loved to talk), Judge (known for sprinting up to the bench, practicality and perhaps moments of impatience) and, his favourite, Fisherman (incredibly focused and usually, unusually peaceful).

While a long way from his high Quadra childhood home, Robert attended Oak Bay High where he met and started dating Cory at age 15. After graduation, with a track scholarship in hand, Robert studied in Seattle at the University of Washington. After realizing he lacked the ability to be a doctor, journalist or economist, Robert settled on a law degree and shortly thereafter married Cory. Three kids in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and the pandemonium of life followed.

Robert started fishing at an early age at his family's summer place on Shawnigan Lake, where up until last summer, you could still find him on the wharf with fly rod in hand. He fished on lakes, on rivers, and on the sea, all with the same overriding desire to catch a fish. While his professional life brought much success, he was always thinking about the next fish to reel in.

Robert gave much time to the community chairing a number of charitable boards such as United Way, YMCA and perhaps his favourite, Lester B Pearson College of which he was a founding member. He was active politically, running a number of successful campaigns. To retain his athleticism he ran out of the Y and to keep his competitive spirit he golfed for 64 years at the Victoria Golf Club.

Robert surrounded himself with friends, fishing buddies, golf pals, poker players (high stakes with 5 cent antes), law colleagues, running cronies and life long friends. He took great pleasure in his 3 children, Richard (Linda), Jane (Gary) and Jim (Stefania), his 5 grandchildren, Sara, Daniel, Adam, Preston, and Luca and his one great-granddaughter, Selena. Sadly, he was predeceased by his grandson, Lorenzo and great-grandson Tristan.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Amica on the Gorge who were so very kind and patient over the last year. A celebration in his honour will take place on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Sequoia Room, McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to [Victoria YMCA](#).

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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