Robert Evan Skelly

Passed away peacefully at home on August 6, 2022 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Robert was born in New Westminster, BC on April 14, 1943. Predeceased by his brother, Raymond, he is survived by his sisters, Gail, Kelly, Catherine and Patricia and by his brother, Graham; his wife, Sonia Alexandra; his daughter, Susan (Michael) and son, Robert (Sue); and his grandchildren Rebecca, Sarah-Grace and Heather.

Robert dedicated his working life to the pursuit of peace, environmental justice, and the rights of women, indigenous, and working people. "What we desire for ourselves, we desire for all."

He was a member of the BC Legislature for Alberni from 1972 to 1987, leading the BC New Democratic Party from 1984 to 1987. He served as Member of Parliament for the Comox-Alberni riding from 1988 to 1993. Upon retirement, he continued to serve his community as tribunal chairman and Justice of the Peace.

Honouring Robert's wishes, there will be no service. Condolences may be offered to family below. Donations in Robert's name may be made to the Parkinson's Society of British Columbia.

"Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,

And the rocks melt wi' the sun;

I will luve thee still, my dear,

While the sands o' life shall run."

Robert Burns.

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