

Robert John (Bob) Dean

With deep sadness, Bob passed away on March 8, 2020 in his 74th year. Born in Toronto. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 51 years, Catherine Ann Dean, proud daughters Melissa, Jennifer, son-in-law Colin, and his two step-grandchildren Ethan and Jonas. Everyone adored his superb humour, intelligence, love of family, adventure, art, and tee-off times.

Bob worked in the mining industry for 32 years, which graced him with the hustle of downtown Toronto and the solitude of a pristine lake in Northern Ontario. He spent the majority of his career around the renowned coastline of Lake Superior, as well as Quebec, Manitoba and the Maritimes. He was passionate about the Canadian outdoors, its rich history and its magnificent pastimes such as gardening, canoeing/boating, bird watching and Saturday Night hockey. He was a tremendous conversationalist, who was mesmerized by world issues and fascinated with different people and cultures. He was able to travel to Ireland, Portugal, England, Australia and New Zealand.

Bob couldn't pass up a homemade spaghetti meatball dinner or a big BBQ with Mom's Caesar salad and a baked potato (of course). He was a big kid at heart. He loved ice cream cones, cookies with tea, and anything Italian. Bob's humour was indelible. He affected everyone around him with his quick wit and love of simplicity. He was happy watching a western movie or a weekend of golf on tv. Bob was in his element when he was enjoying a good day of golf, while driving his ball off the tee, to the back of the green. Time for a beer and a hot dog. These moments were bliss for him.

Bob was loyal, committed and relentless. His truest love and compassion was for his family and our dogs, Heidi and Maggie. He was always expressing extra concern for those he loved. He

would always do something small, to make you feel big. Bob was a proud father, doting husband and honourable family man. He always spoke fondly about his summer outdoor parties on Lake Couchiching with Mom, and his lifelong friends.

The last four years, Bob and his wife Catherine created a home on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, closer to immediate family on the west coast. His humour, kindness, and creativity are inextricably woven into all our hearts, forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be greatly appreciated by the family to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/get-involved/donate> and the Canadian Guide dogs. [.https://bcandalbertaguidedogs.com/donorcentre/donate-now](https://bcandalbertaguidedogs.com/donorcentre/donate-now)

“Sail Away Dad”

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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