Robert Ralph Bouck

Robert Ralph Bouck, known to all as Bob, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2026, in Victoria, British Columbia. Born on December 31, 1940, in Welland, Ontario, Bob was truly a New Year's Eve baby—beginning life, and each chapter that followed, with purpose, resolve, and strength.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife, Kirsten (née Case), in 1996. He is lovingly remembered by his children Jeff (Natalie), David, and Tracey (Ken); his cherished grandchildren Emma and Iain; siblings Selwyn, Brian, and Sharon; and his many nieces and nephews—Charles, Chelsea, John, Nicole, Christine, Zach, and Lucy—as well as extended family and friends who were fortunate to know him. Above all else, Bob loved his family deeply. He was a devoted father and grandfather who took great pride in those he loved and showed his care through loyalty, protection, and unwavering presence.

Bob was especially proud of his grandchildren and set up funds to help them through furthering their education. Emma his first grandchild, graduated from the University of Victoria and he would have immense pride in his grandson Iain, who recently graduated from RCMP training and is now stationed in British Columbia, continuing the legacy of service that meant so much to Bob.

Bob met Kirsten on a blind date in Ontario after he had signed up for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and while Kirsten was completing her nursing training. That chance meeting became a long partnership rooted in shared values of service, commitment, and family. They moved west to British Columbia, raising their three children while Bob served communities across the province.

Bob's RCMP career of 33 years included postings such as Nelson, Sidney, Richmond, Langley, Valemount, Cranbrook,

Victoria, and Quesnel. He retired in 1994 as a Staff Sergeant, respected for his leadership, integrity, and authority. His service was marked by courage, including two awards for bravery: one in 1961 in Sidney, BC, for unarming a citizen at the Sidney Detachment, and another in 1972 in Valemount, BC, for rescuing citizens from a burning truck. Near the end of his career, Bob also played a key role in facilitating the construction of a new RCMP detachment in Quesnel.

Following Kirsten's passing in 1996, Bob moved to the Comox Valley to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Retirement did not slow him down. Service remained central to who he was, and he continued to give generously of his time. He volunteered with Streamkeepers, served as Coxswain with the Comox Valley Marine Rescue through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and dedicated many hours to community organizations including the Lions Club and later the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 160, Comox. He had a particular compassion for seniors and was always ready to step in where help was needed.

Bob found joy in fishing, hunting, dancing, and music, and he valued strong friendships and time spent with family. He was authoritative and strong, yet warm and approachable—a man who led by example and whose presence brought reassurance to those around him.

In the final seven years of his life, he made his home at The Heights at Mt. View, where he embraced the community with the same sense of duty that had guided his entire life. Bob seemed to view this chapter as his next detachment posting—instinctively looking out for staff and fellow residents alike, always a protector. He participated fully in daily activities and, when able, could often be seen encouraging others to sing, dance, and join in. With his warm smile, commanding presence, and genuine hello, Bob became part of the family at The Heights, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him there.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff and to Dr. McKeen for the dignity, compassion, encouragement, and love shown to Bob throughout his final years. The end-of-life time was extremely special as staff came in and out of his room to share stories of their time with Bob and provide a hug and word of encouragement to the family.

Bob’s life was defined by service—to his family, his community, and his country. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, courage, generosity, and deep love.

A Celebration of Bob’s Life will be held Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 2:00 pm, in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria. For those unable to attend in person, there will be a livestream.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia in Bob’s memory.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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