

Robert Walter Chappell

Robert left his earthly nest to soar with eagles on January 19, 2016. A native west coaster, born an only child to parents, Walter and Dorothy on July 8, 1937 in Vancouver, BC. Robert moved to Victoria at the age of 20 for his dream job at Defense Research Establishment Pacific (DREP) until he retired 36 years later. He went on to design and build the Hornby Island Eagle Cam which allowed up close and personal internet viewing in real time of an eagle's nest. Many of his custom wildlife cameras led to recording previously undocumented behaviors aiding Provincial Biologist in their conservation research. His passionate approach, interests and talents wove themselves into a beautiful tapestry that was his life; photographer, videographer, birder, naturalist, outdoorsman. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, kid entertainer, gadget creator.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Elma; son, Jeff (Betty); daughter, Katrina; grandson, Philip; the Bewdley gang and many relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Habitat Acquisition Trust, Alzheimer's Society or BC Search and Rescue Assoc. (BCSARA) are appreciated.

Thank you to the many helping angels encountered by our family during the past few years of Robert's journey with Alzheimer's. We had many adventures with him and received many gifts of healing and spirit along the way. His presence is deeply missed.

Celebration of life at a near future date.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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