Robert Warren Drinnan

Warren was born January 16, 1946 in Victoria and died April 22, 2024 in Saanichton.

Predeceased by his father Robert Drinnan, mother Ethel Drinnan (nee McLaren) and sister Cathy Brown, Warren will be truly missed by his wife of 40 years Elizabeth (Lisa) Forster-Coull, son Robert Drinnan, daughter Christine Drinnan, son-in-law Russ Oborne and grandsons Roy and Len Oborne, his sister Dawn Gaudek, brothers-in-law Frank Gaudek and Jim Brown, and his many cherished nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and colleagues. Warren loved his family unconditionally and was so proud of their accomplishments.

Warren grew up in Winnipeg and Calgary but returned to Victoria for graduate school. He had a rewarding career as a biological oceanographer, which took him to all three coasts of Canada. Warren established his own environmental consulting firm and finished his career teaching in the chemistry department at Camosun College.

Warren imparted his passion for science and nature to his daughter, son and grandsons. As an avid birder, Warren took great satisfaction in adding “lifers” to his life list, a quest that took him all over North America. He was happy to share his knowledge of birds with family and friends who often looked to him to confirm identifications. Opera was another of Warren’s passions. He liked swimming followed by time in the hot tub, being on the water in his wooden boat, and completing the daily crosswords in the newspaper. Warren and Lisa enjoyed travelling together, especially their house exchanges to Europe.

Warren would have appreciated donations in his memory to the Rocky Point Bird Observatory.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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