

Robin George Chown

Robin departed peacefully on his final travels on May 5th, in Victoria General Hospital, Victoria, BC, surrounded by his loving family. He will be dearly missed by his devoted wife, Jo, daughter, Jayne, grandsons, Tim (Zlatina) and Gavin (Chantelle), sister, Susan and brother, John. Son of Sidney and Violet Chown (nee Patrick) of the former Vulcan Arms Pub and Chown's Coaches, Banbury, Oxfordshire, England.

Robin served in the Royal Air Force for 6 years, training as a ground equipment mechanic. During this time, he participated in several overseas missions in the Middle East, including a 2-year posting with his wife and young daughter in Aden (now South Yemen). Following his military service, he drove coaches in the family business, Chown's Coaches, along with his father, brother and sister. He later became a service technician, establishing a successful business of his own. Robin and his family emigrated to Canada in 1977, eventually settling on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Robin had a love of the outdoors, history and travel. He enjoyed hiking and boating in the Lake District, UK, and discovering the Canadian Rocky Mountains. During retirement, Robin became an expert in the life of Captain James Cook and was also knowledgeable in European military history through the ages. He and Jo traced the exploration routes of Captain Cook around the globe and visited the war memorials of Europe. They delighted in many far-reaching travel adventures together, including European river cruises, road trip explorations in New Zealand, a train trip through Australia and exotic beach holidays in the Caribbean and South Pacific. Robin was often busy researching and planning a future trip before they had finished the previous one! He loved writing amusing travel blogs which were eagerly received by family and friends, many of whom he made during their travels. Robin's colourful personality and sense of fun will be missed by many.

Special thanks to the nurses and doctors in the ICU at VGH for their kindness and wonderful care of Robin.

Memorial Service to be held in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC, Canada, on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, tributes, if desired, may be made to the [Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada](#).

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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