Roger John Hannaford

It is with profound love and cherished memories that we announce the passing of Roger John Hannaford on 16th February 2025, at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Surrounded by family, Roger passed away peacefully, facing his health challenges with strength and grace.

Born on 17th February 1944 in London, England, Roger was the cherished son of the late Kenneth and Eva Hannaford. His early years on a Shropshire farm during wartime sparked a lifelong passion for farming. He later studied at Seale Hayne Agriculture College in Devon, where he gained the skills that shaped his career.

In 1968, Roger emigrated to Canada, where he met his wife Shirley at a singles dance in Vancouver. They built a life in Abbotsford before retiring to Victoria. Roger’s long career with the Canadian Federal Government culminated in his retirement in 2004.

A valued member of the United Church, Roger’s faith and community spirit inspired all who knew him. He cherished relationships with friends and family, both near and far, and will be remembered for his warmth, kindness, and humour.

Roger faced the challenges of inclusion body myositis with courage, never letting it diminish his love of gardening or his commitment to others. Even in his final year at Mount St. Mary Hospital, he shared his wisdom and spirit with those around him.

Roger is survived by his wife of almost 53 years, Shirley; daughters Sarah (Michael), Andrea (Alex), and Glynis (Kyle); and grandchildren Sophie, Gavin, Isla, Benjamin, Josephine, Elisabeth, Alice, and Susan.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the

doctors, nurses, and care aides at Royal Jubilee Hospital and Mount St. Mary Hospital for their compassionate care and support.

A celebration of life will be held at Broadview United Church, 3703 St Aidans Street, Victoria, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 11:00 am, and will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations to a local animal shelter are appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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