

Ronald Joseph Matthews

It was with much sadness and heavy hearts that we said our farewells to Ron/Dad/Papa. He left this world on his own terms surrounded by his family. Ron was born in Victoria to Martha (Green) and Alfred Matthews. He attended Tolmie School and Mt. View High where he met Marilyn (Reid). They married in 1956 and enjoyed 67 great years of married life. After being honourably discharged from the navy, Ron went on to drive cab for BlueBird Taxi, and then to drive bus for Vancouver Island Coach Lines (VICL) which became Pacific Stage Lines (PSL) which became Pacific Coach Lines, retiring after more than 40 years of driving bus. Ron was proud to be a member of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transportation Workers and General Workers (CBRT & GW), and the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW), having served as Shop Steward and Union President. Ron also owned a delivery company called Sea Breeze Express. Predeceased by his mother, father and step-father (Harold Crowe), brothers Fred and John, and sister Joy Overbeck. Ron leaves behind his wife, Marilyn, daughters Deborah (Mark) and Denise (Neil), and sons Vincent (Pam) and Craig (Bonita), 8 grand-children (Britt, Matt, Jesse, Baylie, Brianne, Justin, Shelby, Stephanie), 4 great-grand-children (Olivia, Aiden, Rowan, Laio), sister Brenda (Ken) Reid, brother Roy (Lynne) Crowe, nieces and nephews and many friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Community Centre at Summergate Village, off Canora Road, Sidney (near the Victoria Airport). Parking is limited at the venue, so if possible, please park on Canora and make the short walk in. Ron did not want a traditional service – so please wear bright clothing to help honour that wish. A Zoom link to the Celebration can be provided upon request. **Please send an RSVP, or any other communication, to the email address matthewsrjm@outlook.com.** In lieu of flowers please

make a donation to Saanich Peninsula Hospital in Ron's name.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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