

Sigmund “Sig” Richard Officia

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Sigmund Richard Officia. A 15 year battle with Parkinsons finally weakened his resolve and he succumbed peacefully, on Friday August 12th, with his beloved wife of 55 years, Diane, at his side. Sig was born in Lachine, Quebec. He moved with his family to Vancouver B.C. in the early 1950's. Sig joined Ingersoll-Rand in 1956 and was transferred to Toronto, Ontario in 1961 and remained there until his retirement in 2002. After retiring, he and Diane moved to Victoria B.C. Sig was a loyal employee of the Ingersoll-Rand/Dresser-Rand group for 46 years. He is remembered by his co-workers as an honest individual who was dedicated to customer satisfaction. His initiative, dedication to a job well done, and outspoken nature made him an influence to everyone whom he came in contact with and his outlook on work influenced many of his coworkers. “Do it right the first time” is a phrase Sig took to heart in everything he did in both his work and personal life.

Sig became known as the Tomato King because of the huge tomatoes he grew in his garden. Some of his other loves were the outdoors, golf, curling and hockey, especially coaching minor league hockey. In his later years, Sig's real passion was his grandkids. Spending every moment he could with them, be it skating, tobogganing, water fights, roughhousing or just playing. Sig loved being a “Papa”.

He is predeceased by his parents, Louis and Julia and sister, Suzanna. Survived and greatly missed by his wife, Diane; son, Lance; daughter, Lynn (Doug); 5 grandchildren, Douglas (Samantha), Richard (Stephanie), Kenneth, Julia, Logan and 2 great grandchildren, Sawyer and Annabelle. He will also be lovingly remembered by his brother, Edward and sisters, Carollyne, Marlene, Louisa and his many nieces, nephews, other

relatives and good friends.

A special thanks to the staff of Saanich Peninsula Hospital ECU #1 for their excellent care and especially to those who could bring out that special smile in Sig.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Sig will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31st at McCall Gardens new location, The Sequoia Centre, at 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria BC.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, a donation may be made in Sig's memory to Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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