Thomas Johnson

A Life & Legacy Tribute

On September 21, 2025, at the age of 87, Thomas Johnson peacefully left this world, bearing the same dignity and quiet strength that defined his extraordinary life. After a courageous twenty+ year journey with Parkinson's disease, Tom's passing was as he most deserved: surrounded by the unwavering love of his family.

Born in Cranbrook, BC, and raised in Langley, Tom displayed a remarkable intellect and strong character from an early age. An honour student at the University of British Columbia, Tom's academic achievements were just the beginning of a legacy built on dedication, service, loyalty and integrity.

Tom's path led him to the Ministry of Transportation & Highways, where fate introduced him to his beloved wife, Isabelle, in Princeton, BC. Together, their story blossomed, and in 1969 they celebrated the arrival of their cherished daughter, Heather, in Victoria.

A champion for both family and community, Tom's professional journey is woven deeply into the fabric of British Columbia and Canada. As Deputy Minister of Transportation & Highways and later, Environment & Parks, Tom's leadership and vision contributed to projects that transformed the province, including:

- The Lions Gate Bridge counterflow traffic lane reversal system
- The Coquihalla Highway Phase 1 and 2
- The Alex Fraser Bridge and Highway System

Tom's commitment to public service radiated far beyond his official roles. In the private sector with JJM Construction, his wisdom and humility shaped not only the JJM organization

but also institutions such as:

- VANOC – Olympic Venue Construction Advisory Committee
- BC Construction Safety Network
- BC Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association
- Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board

Tom and Isabelle found purpose and joy in the BC Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association—cherishing the vibrant community and forging bonds that lasted a lifetime.

Yet, Tom's greatest legacy rests not in his titles or public works, but in the enduring devotion he held for his family. His accomplishments, though substantial, were always secondary to the pride, kindness, and love he shared with those dearest to him.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honour Tom's memory by supporting the **PACIFIC PARKINSON'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE**, in Tribute to Thomas Johnson (For further information, contact Kathryn Pearson PACIFIC PARKINSON'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE 604 681 5031). Through this, Tom's spirit of grace, courage, and service will continue to make a difference for years to come.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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