

Timothy Eugene (Mark) Staples

An honourable man, Mark passed away on New Year's Day. Mark was an unsung hero, assisting many people in big and small ways.

Born in Cranbrook, BC, and raised in Creston, BC, Mark was part of the Grady, Hook and Ted Staples families. The families were involved in mining, forestry, farming and reclamation of the Creston Valley-Kootenay Diking District projects. Mark was an altar boy in his youth, learning the Latin Mass and attended Loyal High School in Missoula, Montana with the Jesuit Priests.

In 1976, Mark joined the Creston Jaycees, winning spokesperson of the year & through fundraising events, he retired their debt in one year. Upon moving to Trail, BC in 1977, he was elected President of Trail Jaycees, attending the International Conference of Jaycees.

Always an entrepreneur, Mark had a store in Trail called 'Rose Furnishings', doing upholstery & flooring. After a move in 1982 to Victoria, BC, Mark again started his own business. In 1983, he was contracted to work on cruise ships. It was fortuitous as he met his future wife Melody Orr, vacationing with her parents.

Mark's sparkling personality led to an invitation by Melody's father to stay with them while on shore in California. It soon led to an engagement and lifelong love story. They married at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria on the stone bridge at Goodacre Lake. Together they built a life, welcoming two sons; Lance and Brent, who both cherished their father. Mark helped navigate his sons through the years, imparting his wisdom with hilarity and integrity.

Always a student of history, Mark & Melody were able to do some travelling. They visited Rome, as Mark's background held

special meaning to him.

Dearly missed, he left us too soon. The family is forever grateful to the palliative care team at Royal Jubilee Hospital for the dignity and grace exhibited to them all.

To honour Mark's wishes, there will be no service.

"Love is given to us to give to one another".

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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