Timothy James Hanna

Tim Hanna died suddenly of a rare illness called Clarkson's Disease, on February 18th, 2012 in Victoria, BC. He was born on July 23rd, 1949 in Boston, MA.

Tim was predeceased by his father Herbert in 1996 and mother Edith in 2008. Tim is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sheila (nee Fox), sons, Brady and Kelsey (Erica), grandson, James, expectant grandchild due March 8th, siblings Michael (Amanda), Paul, David, Mary, Phillip, John (Pamela), and Anthony (Becky), as well as many extended family members and friends.

Tim grew up in Massachusetts. His wandering spirit brought him to BC in the early 1970s where he met Sheila. Together they made a life in BC exploring everywhere from the coast to the Rockies. They settled in Gibsons in 1985, where they raised their family and in 1999 moved to Victoria. Sailing with his family was one of Tim's greatest pleasures. Tim's first career as a teacher was followed by a longer one with BC Ferries where he earned the respect of his fellow mariners first as a seaman, then as an officer and Ship's Master. Since retirement, Tim and Sheila explored the Maritimes, finding a second home in PEI where he frolicked on the beaches and tapped his toes to the music. He loved being Poppy to little James and excitedly anticipated the arrival of his second grandchild. Tim was a vibrant advocate for social justice and neighbourhood concerns. He had strong convictions, and was compassionate and gentle. His faith journey brought him to the Catholic Church in recent years, where he found great happiness and comfort. He will be sadly missed by all who knew his loving soul, sincere heart, and vibrant spirit.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Andrews Cathedral, located at Blanshard and View St., on Saturday

February 25th, 2012 at 11:00am, with Fr. John Laszczyk officiating. Interment will be at Royal Oak Burial Park following Mass. Reception will be at Sequoia Gardens Memorial, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria (adjacent to cemetery) at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Tim’s name to St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Victoria Hospital Foundation’s Adult Intensive Care Unit, or a social justice cause of your choice.

Condolences for the family may be offered below.

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