

Verne Michael Smith

Verne passed peacefully on Easter Sunday morning, after a challenging 3 years living with Lewy Body Dementia. Verne was wrapped in the arms of his devoted wife, Patricia, at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, B.C.

Verne was pre-deceased by his mother Shirley in 2017, and his father Alan in 2025 and mother-in-law Brenda Sullivan in 2007. He leaves to grieve his wife, Patricia and stepson Iann, son Brock, daughter Rebecca Paulson (Chris) and son Sam (Abi), sister Lynn Doroz (Dave), brother Rick (Kerry), many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Also grieving are Patricia's sisters Daphne Goode and Diana Gordon (Jim).

Verne enjoyed a robust career in management consulting in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Washington State and the Northwest Territories through Bearing Point and Sierra Systems.

Verne and Pat enjoyed many colourful adventures, including US and Canada motorcycling trips, RV trips, music festivals, and camping. In their many Washington State trips, Verne and Pat always made time to visit their favourite casinos (Verne was a lucky gambler in that regard!). Special time with family was spent on a 2023 trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

A travel feature was their 2009 cross Atlantic cruise of 19 days which took them to Puerto Rico, Martinique, Madeira Island, Portugal, Spain and France, culminating in a trip around the UK.

A huge highlight was their 2023 US and Canada RV trip, visiting many long time friends and important landmarks like Ottawa's Parliament buildings, Nova Scotia's Peggy's Cove and Bay of Fundy, PEI's Anne of Green Gables historic site, and Newfoundland's Viking settlement.

One of the happiest days of Verne's life was when he was reconnected with high school friend, Pat, after being apart for 30 years. Verne's mother commented "you finally got it right!".

Verne's family and friends commonly referred to his calm nature, loyal friendships and earnest support through some challenges that friends and family experienced. Verne was our rock-solid pillar of strength!

The world needs more compassion and loyalty as Verne shared so easily.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Friday, May 8th in Victoria, B.C.

Cremation entrusted to Drake Cremation and Funeral Services in Kamloops.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given, if desired, to the SPCA (Verne loved animals).

The family would appreciate confirmation from those who would like to attend the service.

To confirm your attendance please email pattisplat@hotmail.com by April 30th, and you will be notified of further details.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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