

William Douglas Buckle

September 9, 1939 – August 5, 2015

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Bill.

He was the eldest son of George and Naomi Buckle.

He will be deeply missed by his life partner of 54 years, Robert Porter, and four- legged companion Charlie.

Survived by his brothers, Robert (Michael) and Thomas (Christine); and nieces & nephews,

Amanda, Matthew (Tosha), Jennifer (Joshua), Tony; and Neil (Laurie), Shawn (Donna), Terri (Dave), Bobby (Carolin) along with great-nephews & great- nieces.

Born and raised in Victoria, Bill was a purser on a CPR boat in the summer while attending UBC and Washington State University. He started his teaching career at Glenlyon School, was then Assistant Headmaster at Malvern and Westernham School and later principal at St. Andrews High School before embarking on a number of business ventures that included garden centres and psychiatric care homes.

Bill gave much of his time and energy to support people with mental health issues. He was President of the Friends of Music Society and a board member of the Schizophrenic Society plus past board member of the Victoria Kiwanis.

Bill was kind, thoughtful, and funny with an effervescent personality that attracted people where ever he went. No party was ever dull when he was in attendance. He had a strong independent spirit that served him well. He was a steadfast friend and was known for providing wise counsel. His many friends and family are profoundly moved by his loss. The world is smaller place without him in it.

Bill had many interests that included gardening, yachting, travel, family times, Christmas, music, parties and animals. In his retirement, Bill was known to have tried out every coffee shop in the city.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 14, 2015, 6:00-8:00 PM at McCall Brothers, Johnson & Vancouver Streets. Service will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015, 10:30 AM at Lutheran Church of the Cross, Cedar Hill and Cedar Hill Cross Roads, with Pastor Ron Nelson officiating. Burial to follow at Royal Oak Burial Park.

Flowers gratefully declined. Donations to Friends of Music and Schizophrenic Society would be welcomed. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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