



JAMES WILFRED CLARKE

April 27th 1944 - August 2 2016

Celebration of Life August 13, 2016

Riverside Centre

Jim was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his passing: wife Carol, daughter Shelley (Ho), sons Christopher (Marion) and Daryl (Angela) and seven grandsons Chance, Connor, Quinn, Payton, Jaxson, Aidan and Morgan. He is survived by his mother, Muriel, brothers: Curt, Gary (Wendy), Read (Suzanne) and sister in law Jill Clarke. Jim was predeceased by his father, Wilfred and baby brother Philip.

Jim was born in Winnipeg and moved to Victoria when he was a toddler. A gifted athlete, he played baseball, basketball, golf, junior hockey with the Victoria Cougars and soccer at Mt. View High School and the Pacific Coast Soccer League. Jim was also a competitive slalom water skier on Vancouver Island. He met the love of his life Carol when he asked her if she wanted a ride home from Mt View High School when he was sixteen years old and she was fourteen. Jim and Carol were married on March 5, 1965.

Jim attended the University of Victoria and in September 1966, he and Carol moved up north to Hixon, B.C. where he began his first teaching position as a twenty two year old. Jim relocated his young family to Princeton in 1972 when he was hired as the principal of Vermilion Forks Elementary. He spent countless lunch hours playing soccer, floor hockey and football with his students. He genuinely loved children and students respected his calm authority; although, some may have felt his famous trapezius "Spock" grip if they dared to challenge him. Jim retired from the teaching profession as the principal of John Allison Elementary in January 2000.

Jim was committed to Princeton Minor Hockey and coached his sons from Peanuts to Midgets and took the Princeton Sandman Flyers Midgets to the provincials in 1984. Jim was an avid reader, he built two of his family homes, had a passion for motor biking, loved "digging in the dirt" with his Tucker Backhoe business and travelling the world with Carol. Above all else, his family came first in his life and he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Jim will be fondly remembered for his intelligence, compassion, kindness and unique sense of humor by his family and many friends. He was taken from us far too soon.



In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or BC Cancer Society.