

Rodney Victor Kirkham

Feb 25th,1938 - Feb 29th, 2012



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rod on Feb. 29, 2012 after a short battle with cancer. Born in Victoria, he was predeceased by his father and mother, Harold and Vicky (Green) Kirkham and his brother, Harold Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Joanne (Dawson); daughter Colleen (Steve), son Stephen (Shayne), and grandchildren, Kate, Lauren and Michael.

Rod obtained his BSc and MSc degrees from UBC and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin. He spent 28 years as a Research Scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa and later Vancouver, mainly studying and documenting copper and molybdenum deposits in Canada and other parts of the world. He coordinated the production of a generalized geological map of the world and several world mineral databases. In 1998 he received the Duncan R. Derry Medal, the highest award of the Mineral Deposits Division of the Geological Association of Canada.

Rod was an avid fisherman and hunter both in B.C. and Ontario. He also pursued scuba diving with enthusiasm. He loved his sea front property in East Sooke and was happiest sitting on the cabin steps at night with his grandchildren exploring what he knew about the night sky and the world.