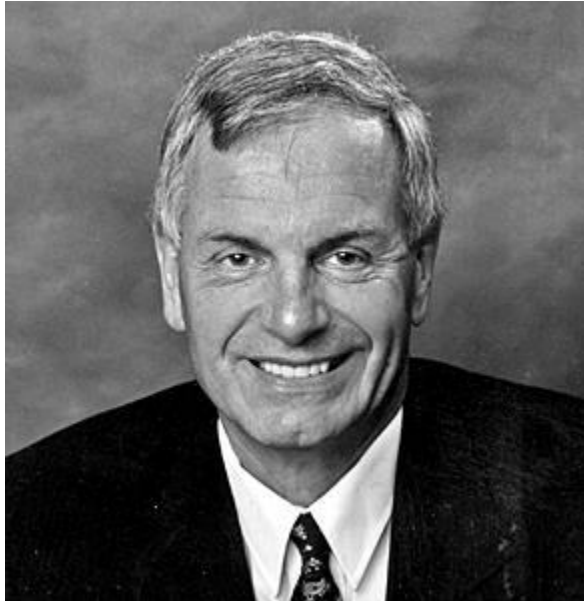


Kenneth Robert Messerschmidt (VHS?)



MESSERSCHMIDT, Kenneth Robert 23rd March 1942 - 10th March 2016 Ken fought the good fight battling Pulmonary Fibrosis for six years. Ken passed away as he wished in our home in Deep Cove looking up Saanich Inlet toward Cowichan Bay. Ken had a full and adventurous life. He will be remembered by relatives and friends from all corners of the world. Ken attended Craigflower, Colquitz, Victoria High School. Ken completed a four year apprenticeship at Pacific Glass Co. founded by his late grandfather, Jack Messerschmidt in 1928. September 1954 Ken met Margaret Davis from Morin Heights, Quebec. The rest is history, May 1963 Ken married "the girl next door", Margaret. 1967 Pacific Glass was sold. Ken continued as manager of the Auto Glass Division.

1971 Ken cofounded Capital Glass Upholstery at 845 Yates Street. Several years later Ken's partner retired and Ken and Margaret began another chapter. Now parents of Alison and Christopher we found our family home on Tudor Ave., Ten Mile Pt. Ken agreed to build a swimming pool, built a chicken house and kept bees. During these years many friendships flourished. Margaret's longtime friends from her St. Margaret's School Days, Auntie Kathleen Blaney, Auntie Libby and Uncle Richard Sonlay became an integral part of our family - Dad would say "Helped Raise the Kids". The Petrie Family, Ann, Angus, Marshall and Laura Down, Diane and Bill Tennant, Eva and Mike Kelly. Alison wrote: Our parents worked hard and provided us with a Magical Childhood. We sailed in Tortola, swam in Hawaii, toured Europe, explored from Desolation Sound to Haida Gwa. Spent happy times at the cottage. Capital grew to include more locations and a supply division. Ken spent countless hours on various boards giving back to an industry Ken said had been good to him. After 43 years Ken retired selling the company to Jeffery Peat, a "lifer" in the glass industry. Ken was an ardent animal lover. Over his lifetime Ken was never without first, one, then two, then three dogs. He tolerated Mums cats. Ken will be fondly remembered for his absolute devotion to his family, his keen sense of humour, strength of character, fine business acumen, his extraordinary generosity to family, friends, numerous charities, especially those advocating for animal rights and the environment. Ken loved family dinners at the Union Club, his shooting trips to Yorkshire and to Scotland, red wine, good books, B.B.C. Radio, Knowledge network, music from opera to ABBA, Maui, Mom's cooking, English gardens. Ken was a newspaper junkie. Three papers daily. The last summer despite Ken's failing health, were some of the best days of his life as he spent undivided time with his cherished granddaughter at the cottage with "Tall Tales" of his life. Ken leaves his family: wife, Margaret; daughter, Alison; son, Christopher; daughter-in-law, Tracey; granddaughters, Sarah and Natalie; lifetime best friend of Chris and son of our hearts, Peter Zaoralek (Victoria and Brandon); sister, Sherry Moran (Brian); nephews, Martin (Patti and Tysann and Dane), Gregory (Jolan and Charles);

Margaret's beloved Patterson cousins with whom we spent 59 Christmas Eves and countless holidays: Calvin (Beverley, deceased), Kelly (Janet), Donald, deceased (Sherry Jarvis), James (Donna Gaudard), Sharlene (David O'Brien and their families); Earl Tannock, Ken's lifetime hunting partner. Ken was predeceased by his beloved parents, Dorothy Lohr and Frederick Messerschmidt; brother Frederick Jr., Margaret's mother, Edith Olsen-Watchosin Davis. Survived by aunts, Bernice Lohr (D. Litchfield deceased), Selma (Bill Clayton), Ruth (Owen Lohr deceased), Frances (Bill Schaifer deceased); uncle Melvin Lohr (June), Edna (Bruce Lohr deceased) and their families, and Aunt Betty Wilson Hutchinson (Eric, Tom, deceased). Ken was also predeceased by Messerschmidt uncles and aunts, Arthur and Margaret, Clifford and Louse, Norman, Edith (Roy Firkins), Edna (Ernest Bowden). Survived by cousins Sylvia Firkins (Alistair McNeil deceased), Dr. J. L. Jack Firkins (Sharon), Roberta Bowden, Patricia Bowden (Glenn Morrison), Robert Messerschmidt (Sylvia) and their families. Also Colleen and Howie Davis, Gillian and John Evans of New Zealand, and the Carl Wilkinson family of Guildhouse Farm, Malton North Yorkshire who were like family to us; and Ken's wonderful school friends John Cox deceased (Violet), Rolf Johansen (Dawn), George Claire (Dianne), Dr. Robert "Bob" Price (Peggy). There are no words to express our gratitude to Ken's respirologist and fierce advocate, Dr. Heather Clark, Ken's GP Dr. David Stevens who provided Ken with the very best of care, phone calls and home visits, Peter Zaoralek, Mike and Rae-Ann Hutchinson, Bill McCreadie (Rita) for his ongoing support to our family and for his many visits to Dad, Anna and Angus Petrie, Libby, Richard Sonley, our Patterson cousins 'all'; Judy Armstrong for her years of friendship, support and good meals; Bev and Pierre Koffel, Katherine Phoenix, Carol Bayley Cottier, Lois Higgins, Norm McIlmoyl, Laurie, Drew and Sanah for keeping the cottage up and running over these last difficult years; the amazing Hospice Team. A celebration of life is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th at 2-5PM at the Beachhouse Restaurant. Donations in memory of Ken may be made to Victoria Hospice.

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