

## WOOD, Richard Edward James (Dick) – Class of '52



WOOD, Richard (Dick) Edward James March 9, 1934 – February 12, 2013

Father, husband, grandfather and friend. Richard was born and raised in Victoria, the beloved and only child of Ethel Carrington who predeceased him in May 2012 and survived by his loving wife Wendy Wood. Richard, a descendant of the well-known black pioneer Salt Spring Wood family has throughout his life had extensive ties to Victoria. Always known as a soul of great character, Richard was the first black Sea Cadet to be accepted in the Victoria Sea Cadets and graduated Victoria High with the Student Citizenship Award. As a young man he expressed his passion for the arts as a singer/performer and later with his 60's Club A GoGo on Wharf St. A practical man he also recognized the importance of having a trade and became a machinist with the VMD then a certified heavy-duty diesel mechanic working for years with Point Hope Shipyards and latterly Cates in North Vanc. It was dangerous and grueling work but he loved it and made many close friends within his peers. Bodybuilding and fitness was a lifelong discipline and he shared his expertise in this field in his retirement by becoming a licensed fitness instructor working with clients well into his late 70's both in Kelowna and Victoria. Richard is remembered as a wise and warm man who also looked at life with a half full glass attitude. He was loved by all who crossed his path and touched many with his generous spirit. Always remembered by wife Wendy, daughter Sheila, stepchildren Tammy (Tony) and Rick (Heather), grandchildren Robert, Trae, and Ali.

"Life might be hard sometimes but it's still good" Richard Wood

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