

Richard Couch – VHS 1967

(April 24, 1948 - June 22, 2018)

On June 22nd, 2018, Richard Anthony Couch passed away peacefully with family by his side after a short battle with Lung Cancer.

Rick was born in Victoria, B.C. in 1948 to Hazel and Charles Couch. He was the younger brother to Kathy whom he greatly adored.



In his 70 years of life, Rick lived it to the fullest and left an incredible mark on this world. He was a talented athlete, excelling in baseball, soccer and rugby, a devoted family man, and a cherished friend to many. Rick's joy in life was spending time with his family and friends, whether swimming in Parksville or Englishman River Falls, camping, boating, golfing or going for a walk along the water.

In May 1976, Rick joined the Victoria Fire Department and was promoted to Chief in 2003. After a 30-year career, he retired in 2006. Although, Rick had been retired for 12 years at the time of his passing, the Lung Cancer was caused by toxin exposures during his time as a firefighter.

In retirement, Rick continued to seize each day as he travelled the world with his wife, Joanne. Together, they visited 71 countries, including their most recent trip in April 2018 to India, Nepal and Bhutan.

Rick left this world with peace in his heart and no regrets in the way in which he lived his life. He will be remembered as a humble, kind, generous, loyal and loving family man. He will be deeply missed.

Rick is predeceased by his mom and dad, his brother-in-laws John Clarke and Peter Oliver, and his in-laws, Thelma and Jim Clarke.

Rick leaves behind his pride and joy, his children Mitchell (Amy) and Alyson (Keri), his beautiful and loving granddaughter Darby, and his wife of 39 years, Joanne. Rick is also survived by his sister, Kathy, close in-laws and many friends and relatives.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria Cancer Agency, Victoria General Hospital and Victoria Hospice for their gentle and kind care of Rick.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 2018, at 11:00 am in the Victoria Conference Centre, Lecture Theatre located at 720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC. A reception in the theatre lobby will immediately follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, Rick requested donations be made to the Victoria Fire Department Ride to Conquer Cancer Team, Threshold Housing Society, or the BC Kidney Society. Published in The Times Colonist on July 4, 2018