

John Malcolm Phillips – Vic High Class of 1943



PHILLIPS, John Malcolm August 14, 1931 - May 14, 2019

John (Dad) passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, surrounded by family. We are saying goodbye to our Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather, but we will one day meet again. John was born in England in 1931, and came to Canada in 1947 with his father and sister. He settled in Victoria and completed his high school education at Victoria High. He attended Cadet training at Royal Roads, and also worked as a fishing guide and hand at a marina in Mill Bay, BC. John went to the University of Manitoba and attained his Bachelor of Architecture in 1956. He worked as a surveyor in Alberta to put himself through

school, and met his future wife, Irene, of 59 years. John also completed continued studies and received his Master of Public Administration. John worked in Victoria, beginning with the architectural firm 'Burley and Wagg', before moving on to work in the Ministry of Health for approximately 30 years. He designed dental offices, worked on hospitals, emergency wards and clinics throughout BC. He also had a hand in the sloping wheelchair accessible sidewalks at intersections, ambulance interiors, the metric conversion committee, and various handicapped accessible committees around town. Although he was proud of his many contributions during the Ministry of Health years and designing accessible housing for seniors and individuals with varying abilities, he was particularly proud of his iconic Oak Bay Marina and Restaurant design. John also enjoyed reading, fishing, camping, beekeeping, the cabin at Campbell Lake, and field trips with the Rockhound Club that he and Irene belonged to for many years. When he retired, he started a consulting business with Irene, and they worked together for a number of years improving Seniors Planning. John was predeceased by his wife Irene and leaves behind his 6 children; Kari (Dave), Jeremy (Ann), Roderick (Gillian), Gregory, Rory, Ian (Laura), 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. There will be a private ceremony to honour our father. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Abbyfield Housing or Nigel House. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallgardens.com