

SHEMILT Victor Lawrence (1954)

Victor passed away peacefully at home, April 7, 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. Vic was predeceased by his parents, Howard and Win and brother, Howard. He is survived by his wife, Pam (nee Douglass) of 47 years; three sons, Mike (Margaret), Craig (Marjan) and Rob (Susan); six grandchildren, Jason, Michelle, Brent, Vanessa, Emily and Dean; and sisters-in-law, Wenda Taylor and Berna Shemilt. Vic was born in Victoria on March 27, 1934 and attended Tolmie and Mt. View High School. He applied for a drafting position with Island Blue Print & Map Co. Ltd., 718 View Street, in October 1950. He was promoted to Manager in 1954 after the passing of the original owner, Joseph B. Davenport. In 1969, Vic and Pam purchased Island Blue Print, at that time located at View and Blanshard Street. In 1977, Vic and Pam bought the building at the corner of Fort and Quadra Street and relocated Island Blue Print to its present location. During his 52 years with I.B.P., many changes have occurred, with the addition of art supplies and the acquisition of Tiki Wholesale Picture Framing in 1986. Over the years the graphics and printing technology has gone through many transitions. As C.E.O. of Island Blue Print, Vic always expected the highest standards possible to ensure that his customers benefited from those standards. He made sure that the Company had the latest in technology and equipment so that Island Blue Print was one of the leaders in the industry. Vic's legacy was to see the continuation and expansion of Island Blue Print and Tiki Wholesale by his three sons. Vic and Pam were very fortunate in being able to have travelled throughout the world gaining leading-edge knowledge in the industry, making long time friendships while attending conventions with the International Reprographic Association, and hosting many of these colleagues in return to their beloved native Victoria. Vic was an active supporter in the community. Throughout the years, many artists in the Sooke Fine Art Show have been the recipients of awards through Island Blue Print's years of sponsorship. Vic has served as President with the Capital City Executive Club, the Northwest Reprographics Association, the Victoria Aqua Ski Club and a past member of the Vic-Van-Isle Kinsmen Club in the 50s and 60s. This year, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce honoured Island Blue with its membership of 40+ years. In the early 1950s Vic coached baseball in the Babe Ruth League at Reynolds Road Park, coached in the Minor Hockey Leagues both in Esquimalt and later in Saanich when Pearkes Arena was built. He was a member and supporter of the Victoria Curling Club and in 1986 was on a team winning the Men's Club Championship. His hobbies included model trains, water skiing, snow skiing, golfing, gardening and the fascination and frustration of computers. The family wish to sincerely thank the many people who was on a team winning the Men's Club Championship. His hobbies included model trains, water skiing, snow skiing, golfing, gardening and the fascination and frustration of computers.

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