



SWANNELL, Michael Lorne

August 28, 1940 to December 18, 2020

With great sadness we announce the passing of Michael Lorne Swannell, our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Michael has gone on ahead to await his beloved wife of 49 years, Carole, their daughter Marnie, his children Steven and Kathy, from his previous marriage and his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. He was born in St. John, New Brunswick the first son of Chuck and Joyce Swannell. His love of travel began in 1945 when

Michael and his mother travelled by train from Halifax to Vancouver, then on to Victoria by ferry, where he grew up. Michael had a wonderful childhood with loving and nurturing parents. He went to Victoria High School, excelling at sports and academia and anything else he put his mind to. He chose the newspaper business as his career. Michael went into an apprenticeship at the Times Colonist to become a Stereotyper, where he became Union President of the Stereo Dept. When stereotyping phased out he took a second apprenticeship to become a Pressman, he eventually became Chapel Chairman. Michael travelled locally and internationally with the BC Executive. he eventually became Asst. Foreman and Night Foreman. He loved his work at the TC but he was most satisfied with his union work and contract negotiations. He worked for over 40 years in the newspaper industry. Michael loved his family and friends and was always happy to have a few pints of Blue with the boys at the pub or at the ANAF # 302. Michael also became very involved with the ANAF #302 he loved the club and he served several years on the unit executive in different chairs eventually becoming President. Michael and Carole loved to entertain their friends and family with bridge nights, dinners and parties. They also loved to travel, enjoying train trips, cruises, road trips and air travel. After retirement Michael started his annual treks to Puerto Vallarta, a place he loved almost as much as the friends he went with and the people he met there. While there he took up a hobby that became a passion, his artwork! It gave himself and others great pleasure. He started by painting on the walls of his favorite casa in Puerto Vallarta. The owners loved it and the paintings still adorn the walls. Friends and family from far and wide have his art hanging on their walls. For many years Michael created Christmas cards, much to the pleasure of their recipients. Michael will be missed beyond words. We would like to thank the staff of the RGH 5 N and 5 S. for their care to Michael and support and kindness to his loved ones.