

## **BASI, Bhagat Singh (1948)**

Born in Victoria B.C. April 30, 1928, died September 24, 2005 in Richmond General Hospital Palliative Care. The family would like to thank Richmond Home Care, The Red Cross and the wonderful staff at Palliative Care for their support.

Bhagat was a very popular athlete as a young man and excelled in every sport he tried, especially basketball, rugby and football. He set records in Track and Field in high jump and hurdles that stood for many years. In 1948 he served as President of the Student's Council and valedictorian of Victoria High School. Bhagat was only one of six Indo-Canadian students at The University of British Columbia in the early 1950's and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Upon graduation with his Bachelor of Commerce, he became Canadian Pacific Airlines first traveling auditor and set up and maintained their offices in Europe, Asia, South America and the South Pacific while he earned his Certified General Accountants degree. Later, he became comptroller of Pacific Western Airlines and represented them twice at the world airline golf tournaments.

He was a founding member of Beach Grove Golf Club in the early sixties. It was his favourite place to be. He opened his own Public Practice in Richmond in 1975 and he was the first accountant to recognize the value of computers. He was asked "do you think we really need this technology?". He had many health problems in the last 25 years but he never lost his sense of humour.

Bhagat is survived by his wife Mavis, son Rovin, daughter Nancy and his two precious granddaughters Alexandra and Courtney. "Hi Grandad, were home." "What, are you here again ?"

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