



## **Allan Mercer (1951)**

**1933-2022**

Allan passed peacefully in his sleep on November 30th. He was an only child born in Victoria in 1933 to Ruth and Rolly Mercer. He grew up as a "James Bay Bum" and was raised by his Mother and his Gran Emma Gillingham after his parents' divorce while Ruth returned to work. Gran was Victoria's first Police Matron and Allan was very close to her and his mother. As a boy he spent many hours with his dog Nickey fishing Brotchie Ledge in his rowboat and later commercial fishing the West Coast with his father.

Allan met Diana at a Hi-Y dance in 1951 and they married in 1955 spending 61 years together until Diana's passing in 2016. He was hired as stock boy with Ellison Queale Radio Supply in 1951 and was the GM and sole owner when in 1993 he said goodbye to his beloved staff, sold the business, and retired.

Then the lifelong love of travel that began with tenting in the 50's, trailering in the 60's and 70's and boating in the 80's grew legs. What followed was travel overseas to Italy, France and elsewhere. Summer long Desolation Sound cruises aboard their beloved sailboat Elixir. Motorhome trips in "Harvey the RV" across Canada and the US stopping along the way to visit friends and Rick and his family in Arizona and California. His love of woodworking and making jewelry really blossomed and he was always fixing or building something in his workshop.

Allan was loved by all and was truly a kind and humble gentleman who was kind to all people and creatures. He had a lifelong love of service which began with Kinsmen and continued with Rotary, volunteering at Craigflower School and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army kettle.

He was predeceased by his parents and wife Diana. He is survived by son Rick (Chris) and daughter Brenda. Grandkids; Cody, Candace, Jett and Levi. The family would like to thank the incredible staff at Island View Place Care and also the wonderful folks at VGH.

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