



RICHARD DUNNING ROBERTS (1963)

Richard suffered a heart attack while kayaking in Loreto, Baja Mexico, and passed away on Monday February 6th at the age of 77. Richard is deeply missed by his lifelong partner, Janice Eisenhauer, their son Daniel Roberts-Eisenhauer, and Richard's sister Pam Manson (Harris). He is predeceased by his parents, Ted and Elsie (DuFeu) Roberts. Richard is also lovingly remembered by all his extended family, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Janice and Daniel would like to extend their most sincere thanks to all those involved in the heroic kayak rescue efforts including Paul Nicklen and crew, and Steve Hayward, the Ramons and staff at Sea Kayak Baja Mexico for their warm, caring support during this tragic time.

Richard was born in Asbestos, Quebec, and spent his early years in Calgary on his family's silver fox ranch in what is now the SW district of Spruce Cliff. He spent his teen school years in Victoria graduating from Victoria Secondary School in 1963, and received a BA in Environmental Design followed by a Masters in Architecture-Interdisciplinary Studies (1972) from the University of Washington. While there, he won a first prize in a NASA sponsored competition for design of the Manned Orbiting Space Station. The award was

presented by Philippe Cousteau, Jacques Cousteau's son.

In 1984, Richard established his own consulting company, working with clients from the public, private and non-profit sectors through his business: The Praxis Group^{â„}. He brought together a wonderfully skilled team of employees and contractors who specialized in public and stakeholder consultation, survey and market research, and socio-economic impact assessment.

A true adventurer, Richard was always first to suggest new plans for family travel and activities. Despite the constant demands of running his own business, Richard never hesitated to take time away from work to be with the family in nature, and he was deeply devoted to his son, Daniel. He wasn't a swimmer, but he bravely took up scuba diving 15 years ago to ensure the family could discover the wonders of the oceans together. Summers were filled with family backpacking trips, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping and generally enjoying the great outdoors, in locations right in Alberta's beautiful backyard, and in many unique and spectacular countries around the world.

Richard was a keen photographer and has proudly displayed his photos via an online gallery (roberts-images.ca/). Working towards semi-retirement over the past few years, Richard continued to be very successful in his business in Calgary. In addition, he carried on activities as an Adjunct Professor at the

University of Calgary and as a mentor in the Haskayne Business School in their Sustainable Energy Development Program.

While devastated by this huge loss, the family are comforted by his life well lived. He will be forever missed, and we cherish the gifts of his infectious smile, adventurous spirit, curiosity for life and his love of nature.

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