



LESLIE HARPER (1945)

July 10, 1926 – April 7, 2023

Les passed away in Victoria on the 7th of April 2023. He was born in Calgary, the 3rd son of James B. and Ida M. Harper (nee Webster). His family moved to Victoria in 1929. Les was an artist & initially worked in advertising & illustration before joining the Queen's Printers in Victoria as a graphic artist. While there, he designed many logos, tourism designs, maps, flags and medallions including the Order of the Dogwood. He received an award for his design of the 1971 British Columbia Centenary of Confederation with Canada medallion. Les was a founding member of Island Illustrators & Victoria's Group XIV who showed individually and as a group in & around Victoria during the 1970s and 80s. He was active in set decoration for Victoria theatre groups such as The Belmont Players and the Victoria Mystery Theatre. Les took part in a National Book Week travelling show for Children's Book illustrators and also illustrated books for several local authors.

He is predeceased by his wife, Joyce (after 60 years of marriage), his parents Jim & Ida, his brothers Mal, Wilf, Bill & George and his niece Judy. He is survived by his sister (Stella) Beth Thurston (Bob), sister-in-laws Kathy & Iris Harper and 14 nephews & nieces: Vivian, Allan, Susan, Patricia, Gail, Dodi, Cal, Karen, Rick, Jay, Randy, Jacquie, Bob and Trevor, as well as numerous great nephews and nieces. He will be remembered for his kindness, humour and creativity by all who had the good fortune to have known him. The family thanks the staff of St. Charles Manor who took care of him for the last 5 years. His ashes will be interred at Royal Oak Burial Park next to Joyce, in a Terrace Niche.

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