



BROWN, Robert James (Bob) (1957)
November 28, 1938 - May 15, 2023

Bob's journey with Parkinson's and dementia ended in much the same way that he lived, with silent strength and his loved ones by his side.

Adopted by his loving parents Boyd and Ida Brown in 1939, family was the cornerstone of Bob's life. He married his soulmate Betty (nee Williamson) in 1959 and together they built a tight-knit family with daughter Debbie (Roger) Pires, and sons Bob (Christine) and Rick (Rhonda) Brown. A beloved 'Papa,' Bob remains a hero to his grandchildren Michael (Jessica), Alysa (Adam), Adam, Alana (Dan), and Emma (Peter). In 2021, Bob was promoted to "Great Papa" with the birth of his two great

granddaughters, Sawyer and Lucy.

Bob proudly spent his life in service to his community both as an Assistant Chief at the Victoria Fire Department where he retired in 1993 after 32 years, and as a dedicated soccer and lacrosse coach. A lifelong athlete, Bob passed on his love of sport to his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed swimming, cycling, running, tennis, and basketball, but his truest passion was cheering on his grandchildren. Rain or shine, he never missed a game (or a dance recital).

Bob loved holidays and all family gatherings. From annual readings of "The Night Before Christmas" to hiding under the "troll bridge" at Rath Trevor Campground, Papa created magic for his grandchildren through countless traditions and meaningful memories. Bob was a kind man and a good friend to all. He is predeceased by his parents, and his sister-in-law Louise McCulloch. He will be greatly missed by his sister Linda (Ken) Armstrong, his nieces and nephews, and his dear friend John Devlin, who was a constant with his caring visits through the end of Bob's life.

Our deepest thanks to the staff at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, Extended Care Unit 1 for their incredible care and support, not just of Bob but our whole family.

Though it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Bob/Dad/Papa, we are able to move forward with strength and care for each other because he showed us how.

"True love is a many splendored thing"

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