



age 82.

## **Robert Grundison (1947)**

**1919-2023**

Robert John Grundison (Bob) was 94 when he passed away peacefully after a short hospital stay. Bob was born in Victoria on March 11, 1929 to John (Jack) and Helen Grundison. Bob and younger brother Bill grew up in James Bay, attended South Park School and graduated from Vic High.

Bob attended Vic College and then UBC where he received a degree in Math and Physics. He taught High school in North Vancouver before changing paths and attending Pacific University in Oregon, from which he received his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1957. Luckily for him, his cherished partner Evelyn accepted his marriage proposal and the two lived their first married years in Oregon before returning to Victoria where Bob started his practice, which would last over 50 years and from which he reluctantly retired at

Together, Bob and Evelyn raised three wonderful children, Rob (Laura), Stu, and Leslie (Frank), and enjoyed their six amazing grandchildren, Tyler (Darcy), Celia (Brandon), Nick (Jenny), Leo (Lara), Julia (Gareth) and Luke.

Bob was a man of many talents. Having grown up in a seafaring family, Bob was an avid sailor and fisherman. He was a lifetime member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. He built several boats and spent many happy hours cruising and racing sail boats competitively. Family holidays were enjoyed on the water or on the ski hill. Bob was also an avid and accomplished watercolour painter.

Most of all, Bob loved people. He cherished family, friends, colleagues and patients. He loved meeting new friends on his travels with Evelyn. In his latter years he formed a deep connection with the folks on the Henderson chips with whom he walked and visited at the local MacDonald's. Bob took it as a point of pride that he remembered everybody's name and story! A lifelong learner, Bob was intelligent, positive and kind. He was loved and will be dearly missed!

A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria. All are welcome. [dignitymemorial.com](https://dignitymemorial.com)

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