



**CAMPBELL, William (Bill) Alexander (1968)**  
**October 24, 1949 - September 13, 2023**

Bill always had a smile on his face, a sparkle in his blue eyes, a contagious smile and endless banter. What a guy!

He was raised in Victoria, BC, attending Oaklands Elementary, Landsdowne Junior High, graduating from Vic High in 1967.

Bill was a natural athlete, competitive and strived to win. In his youth he played baseball, was drafted by the Kansas City Royals, and was inducted into the BC Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also nominated for the BC

Soccer Hall of Fame. Bill returned his good fortune back to the community by coaching for many years. Bill also loved his bridge and played everything from a social game to international level. He regaled us with how he once played with Omar Shariff.

Bill was a Forestry Engineer and loved his work with Pacific Logging, surveying for logging roads along the West Coast of the Island in places only accessible by boat or seaplane. His stories of his experiences were fascinating. He later worked in the sheet metal industry, retiring at the age of 40.

But Bill's real love was his home on beautiful Shawnigan Lake where he played host to family and friends over several generations. People would be cruising the lake, stop to chat and enjoy one of Bill's special drinks (often made with ice cream). His son Leigh (Bubba), daughter-in-law Jodi, grandsons Brock and Ryder and daughter Nadine. Many good times and memories were made over the years at the lake.

Bill had many special people in his life including his soulmate, Bev Bauche, his sister Malene Ross, Valeska Campbell, Lynne/Gary and Shirley/Frank. He was predeceased by his Mom and Dad, Alec and Noreen Campbell, his sis Jackie Levi and brothers-in-law Rob Ross and Barry Levi.

Bill and Bev were snowbirds for many years at Venture Out in Mesa, Arizona where more lasting friendships were made over a multitude of activities including Appy Nights featuring their famous seafood recipes.

We said farewell to Bill with laughter, smiles and love, just as he wanted. Thank you to MAiD. An informal Celebration of Life will be held at a later date next summer.

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