



**John Morrison Taylor (1947)**

**October 10, 1929 - December 15, 2023**

***Flight Lieutenant – RAF***

***Captain – RCAF***

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Morrison Taylor. Survived by his beloved Elizabeth, wife of 62 years, his three daughters Karen, Nicky & Carolyn, sons-in-law John and Craig, his wonderful grandchildren Jessica (Jordon), Nicholas (Shelby), Chris and Olwyn, great granddaughter Callie-Rose and sister Jean. John was a rock in so many peoples' lives, a much-loved uncle, father, husband, brother, and friend.

Born in Muthill, Scotland, John grew up in a busy household. John was a competitive swimmer, he played the bagpipes, tolerated school, and always had his eye on the skies. To nobody's surprise, he joined the RAF as soon as he could and with great pride received his wings in 1952. John flew with both the RAF and RCAF before trying his hand in the family business. Farming equipment did not have the same allure for John, and so he returned to the RCAF and moved permanently to

Canada in 1967. John was highly respected for his skills and was honoured to be invited to join the RCAF's Red Knight aerobatic program – however, he put family first due to the intense travel schedule demanded and declined the offer. After 8 further years of service, John left the RCAF in 1975 and joined the BC Government Air Services, first as a pilot, then Chief Pilot and finally as Director before retiring in 1994. Through the years, John flew a myriad of aircraft – Meteor, Vampire, Valiant, Tutor, Argus, Citation, Challenger to name a few, and just last year, with a huge smile on his face, a Cessna 182 with a group of his pilot friends. John enjoyed mentoring and training young pilots throughout his career. Always calm and positive – good traits when training young fighter pilots in close formation flying.

In 1962, handsome RAF pilot John met gorgeous London stage actress Elizabeth Davidson. They were smitten from the start, and in no time were married in London – the “Jet Set” marriage of the day. With daughters Karen and Nicky, they moved to Moose Jaw in 1967 where Carolyn was born, and then the family moved to Comox in 1971 and finally to Victoria in 1975. John was a great support to Liz in her stage performances and music career in Victoria – reading lines, learning music, and keeping the family fed during busy rehearsal time. John enjoyed his family life, so many wonderful adventures. John enjoyed sailing, golf, reading, squash and even enjoyed a little horseback riding when coaxed into the saddle by his daughters. He had a passion for fast cars and could always be relied on to have strong opinions about who deserved to win the next F1 race.

Always a loving, kind, and calm gentleman – he will be remembered dearly by many. Look up, you might see him there, banking hard, riding the clouds.

Special thanks to the team at Gorge Road Hospital, Bridgeview Ward who took such good care of John and the family during his last days.

A celebration of life will be held in Spring 2024 – yes John, martinis will be served.