



Thomas Matthew Richardson (1955)

Thomas Matthew Richardson (Tom) of Nanaimo passed away peacefully with family at his side on June 14. His death followed a valiant attempt to recover from sudden and severe pneumonia. Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Kathie Richardson, his three children, Jim (& Jeannie) Richardson of Nanaimo, Kelly (& Ron) Bannister of Thetis Island and Alan Richardson of Nanaimo, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Don Richardson of Victoria.

Tom was a well-known independent businessman on Vancouver Island in the food distribution business. In his youth, he rode with the Victoria Motorcycle Club and became national scrambles champion in 1958. In early adulthood, he was active with the Nanaimo Curling Club and the Nanaimo

branch of the Associated Canadian Travellers, serving as president for both. Tom was generous in his volunteerism and support of local charities. In the 1970's he helped raise \$300,000 for the Nanaimo Travellers Lodge (seniors care home), which later became Eden Gardens. Tom and Kathie attended the Day Program at Eden Gardens in 2024 before transitioning to long term care.

Tom loved to golf, fish and fix just about anything in his workshop. He was an avid boater who took his young family fishing, camping and exploring the Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound. After retirement, he and his wife Kathie spent winters in Maui enjoying friends from all over the world.

Tom's sharp wit was only surpassed by his keen sense of humour. He was inseparable from his wife and a devoted family man. He is dearly missed, never forgotten, and forever loved. Conference Centre in Nanaimo.