



REMEMBERING
John Frederick Hobbs

March 28, 2024 - November 17, 2024



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John Hobbs, who left us peacefully in his sleep at Lady Minto Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Vancouver, John was a beacon of kindness, humour, and generosity, leaving an indelible mark on everyone who knew him.

John devoted 30 years to the airline industry, beginning with CP Air and later transitioning to Air Canada, where he built a career filled with dedication and adventure. In retirement, his passion for travel and storytelling found new life as a guide sharing the beauty of Canada with visitors from around the world. A proud member of the Salt Spring Island community, John volunteered tirelessly, being an emergency POD leader for his neighbourhood and offering his time to the SSI Tourism Centre and Sendial, a Thrifty Foods shopping service for the elderly and shut-ins.

John was a beloved husband, a loving father and grandfather (aka Papa G), an avid member of the Paw Patrol and a cherished presence in the community. His warmth, humor, and quiet acts of kindness enriched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to cross his path.

He is survived by Roz, his loving wife of 54 years, his son Chris and his wife and children Catherine, Sila and Kai, his son David and his wife and children Farran, Declan and Parker, his daughter Michelle and his dog Sammy.

In honoring John's memory, the family invites you to carry forward his selfless nature. Perform an act of kindness for a loved one or a neighbor—expecting nothing in return—just as John would have done for you.

