



REMEMBERING Joseph John Clarke

August 20, 1944 - September 23, 2023



Joseph John Clarke, a man of profound integrity and wisdom, passed away peacefully on the eve of September 23, 2023, at Cowichan Lodge, where he had been under compassionate care. Born on August 20, 1944, in Vancouver to Jean and Arthur Clarke, he was the eldest of five beloved children.

Joe's inquisitive mind and love for learning were evident from an early age, a trait he carried throughout his life. He pursued education at Magee High School and later at the University of British Columbia, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in the Class of 1967. Athletics and sports played a significant role in his youth, where he excelled in baseball and rugby, igniting a lifelong passion for sports as both a participant and an avid spectator.

In 1963, fate introduced him to Claudia through friends, and their lively and often challenging adventure together began. They exchanged vows in 1968, establishing a lifelong companionship. In 1976, they made a life-changing decision to move to Salt Spring Island, seeking solace in the island's simplicity and nurturing a close-knit family. Joe wore many hats, embracing various professions, until he founded STONE GATE Hardwood Floors, leaving an indelible mark in countless island homes with his expert craftsmanship alongside his devoted sons.

Joe's dedication to family was unparalleled. He leaves behind his wife Claudia, four children—Ben, Robin (Phil), Josh, and Anna (Chris)—siblings Betsy, Peter (Kathy), Bert (Ellie), and Andrew (Curtis), and his cherished grandchildren Jordann, Jacob, Osha, Emelia, Lily, Ella, and Chloe. Being a Dubda to his grandchildren brought him immeasurable joy and pride. He was a beacon of unwavering support, wisdom, and love for them.

He will be remembered as a man of unshakable loyalty, precise and thoughtful in his actions, endlessly generous, and a true friend to all. Joe's legacy will live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known him.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Cowichan Lodge for their compassionate care and support during Joe's time there. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Society of Canada in Joseph John Clarke's name, to honor his memory and contribute to the research and care for

those facing Parkinson's disease.

A memorial service to celebrate Joe's life will be announced at a later date, allowing family and friends to gather and pay their respects to a remarkable man.

