



REMEMBERING
Scott William Sutherland

July 7, 1955 - July 24, 2025



Scott William Sutherland, a retired communications professional and broadcast journalist, died on July 24 at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island after a valiant battle with cancer. Born in Montreal in 1955, he was the son of the late Michael and Mary Sutherland. Scott was a devoted family man, a person of boundless energy and intellectual curiosity, and a true Renaissance man. He spent his early years in St. Bruno de Montarville, Quebec, and had his early schooling there, before moving to Toronto with his family in his teens. He attended Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute in Toronto and later attended both Trent and Waterloo Universities. Scott spent three decades as a journalist, working for radio stations in the Toronto area before joining the Canadian Press. He relocated to the west coast, first to Vancouver in 1990, then Victoria in 1994, where he was a political correspondent at the BC legislature, and where he served as the President of the Press Gallery for 7 years. In 2008, Scott left journalism to work in government communications, occupying senior positions in several different ministries. He retired in 2015.

A keen traveller, Scott's interests ranged from sailing and boatbuilding to music and literature, history, art and architecture, fine woodwork and antiques, good food, and spirited conversation. He was happiest when he was on or near the water. He seemed to be able to make a connection with anyone he met in all walks of life. Scott was also an enthusiastic volunteer, devoting hundreds of hours to Alcoholics Anonymous, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Society. He was a passionate advocate for sobriety, supporting and mentoring many people during his nearly four decades with AA.

Scott is survived by his first wife, Susie Buckley, the mother of his two children,

Bronwyn Stocks of Salt Spring Island and Barthelemy (Barto) Sutherland of Cobble Hill, his second wife, Marcia McNeil of Victoria, his partner, Suellen Cameron of Kennebunkport, Maine, his two siblings, Victoria Sutherland of Picton, Ontario and Barthelemy (Bart) Sutherland of Victoria, BC, four grandchildren, Jacob Stocks, Benjamin Stocks, Macsen Sutherland, and Heidi Sutherland, and one great grandchild, Sydney Jason-Stocks, as well as his sisters-in-law Lori and Torunn, his son-in-law Jamin, daughter-in-law Ciara, Jacob's partner Emma, Ben's partner McKenna and numerous extended family members.

In Scott's own words, "I've had a great life."

There will be a memorial service/celebration of life in November, with details to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the BC Cancer Foundation, the Victoria Marine Rescue Society or your local recovery centre.

