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# **David E. Parker**

## Obituary



PARKER, David E. April 19, 1930 - October 18, 2018 David was born at home on Parker Road, and spent his early life in Qualicum Beach. He and his brother Gordon were raised almost solely by their mother, thankfully the Parker clan was large and he was supported by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his father George, who died when David was 9. His beloved mother Reena, passed away in 1984. David met his soulmate Patsy (nee Tidman) in 1957, the following year she became the 13th Mrs. Parker to live in Qualicum Beach. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 6th of this year. Over their married life David and Patsy lived in many different towns and cities on the Island and lower Mainland, their final move, was to Victoria in 1996. He had many interesting jobs over his lifetime, his last career was with MacMillan Bloedel. David retired in 1990 after working for the company for 28 years. Next to his family, David's 2 greatest passions were golf and travel. He and Patsy combined the two, with holidays and golf games all around the world. They were snow birds for 10 years, heading to their winter home on the golf course in Mesa Arizona. David volunteered in one way or another for most of his life; be it coaching soccer in Port Alberni, helping out with the Boys and Girls Club or driving cancer patients, he was always there to lend a hand. He will be greatly missed by the love of his life, Patsy, his very caring children; Lynda (Ian), Brian (Jill), much loved grandchildren Stephanie (Mike), Brett, Cole, Nathan and Connely, darling great-granddaughters Amelia and Cassie, his blended family Brooke (Allan), Noah & Mattisyn, Richard (Erin), Haely and Grant and his much-loved brother, Gordon (Ann). He will also be lovingly remembered by brothers and sisters-in-law; Janet (Duncan), Ron (Judy), Nancy, John (Eileen), Elizabeth (Michael) and his many cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be remembered by a wide, diverse group of friends, also for the happy

times spent with Jason and Holly. In his later years, he lived by the 3 words JOY, LOVE & PEACE; he said "I have had the JOY from and great pride in my family, I've had the incredible LOVE of my very best friend and I am at PEACE with how my life has unfolded". David was diagnosed with prostate cancer 26 years ago, thanks to the dedication and support of many doctors and care givers he lived those years to the fullest. He never gave in and never gave up, he lived in the moment, and handled each new hurdle with the same dignity and class he lived his life by. He died exactly as he wanted; peacefully, at home, in his favorite recliner chair, surrounded by loved ones. In keeping with David's wishes, there will be a family gathering for a celebration of his life. He hoped his friends would have a "wee low flyer" in memory of great times spent together. In lieu of flowers please donate to the BC Cancer foundation or charity of your choice, in David's honour. You may be gone from our sight, but never gone from our hearts.

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