

Bjorn Hugh Blondal (Barney)

June 10, 1931 - January 29, 2022



Barney died in the arms of his family, on January 29. He was the beloved husband of Mary (Yeomans), adored father of Michael (Deb), Katy, Danny (Karin), Kristi, and Jennifer (Kelly). Much loved Poppa of Ben, Madi, William, Ari, Aidan, Cameron, Amy, and Grace. Survived by loving brother Tom (Lynne), many wonderful nephews and nieces. Pre-deceased by parents Barney and Elda, sisters Sally and Marie. He was a man with his glass always half full; gentle, humorous, positive, and non-judgmental. He was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, living his young life in Regina, & Fort Qu'appelle. He worked as a lumber trader for McMillan Bloedel in Vancouver, later in Montreal, where he joined Goodfellow Lumber Co., moving to West Vancouver after 16 yrs. He founded Tyee Timber Co. in Langley, with his partners and friends Trevor and Brian. Barney was always involved in his kids' swimming, hockey, soccer, schooling, always cheering them on, and encouraging them. He loved delving into his Icelandic heritage and had memorable travels there, to Chile, and many other countries with Mary. They loved their annual summer weeks at Yellowpoint and winter weeks in Napili, Hawaii. He enjoyed fishing, family camping, golfing, curling, painting, hiking, canoeing, "Fit Fellas" and most of all hanging out with the kids. After downsizing to a condo near the seawall, he and Mary walked there every day, marvelling at the sea life around them. They celebrated 65 yrs of marriage last month and at 90 years old we say that Barney had a great life.

Our thanks to the wonderful LGH nurses who are so short staffed and the sweet caring staff at the North Shore Hospice. In his memory, Barney and the family would want you to do something nice for a person in need, today. To celebrate Barney's life, a small family gathering will be held at home, in the Spring.

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