

PINK, David Bertram [UNTD PREVOST '61] (1943 - 2014) Age: 71



Pink, David Bertram September 3, 1943 - September 12, 2014

Our courageous David passed away peacefully on the evening of September 12th at the age of 71 in the arms of his loving family. David is survived by Dianne his devoted wife of 47 years and his loving children Stephanie (Marcus) and Derek (Jen) and his adored grandchildren Charlotte, Candice, Clark and Charleigh. David was predeceased by his first daughter Cynthia in 1972. The eldest of six children, David was born in Burks Falls, Ontario, the son of Harvey and Helen.

David graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1964. He was in the naval training division followed by a successful career with IBM. He remained active in later years with independent business and entrepreneurial endeavours.

David had a flare for bbq'ing and hosted many wonderful get-togethers for friends and family. He had a passion for photography and has captured many beautiful moments for us all to remember. He had a love of travel and enjoyed many sunny vacations and adventures with his family. Being a grandfather was the highlight of his recent years and a constant source of pride and joy. They have so many memories to cherish. A leader in community fitness initiatives and a passionate advocate for youth sport participation, David was involved with many youth sports organizations on the North Shore. He was always generous with his time inspiring young athletes to enjoy sport and fair play. His commitment to coaching spanned three decades and encompassed all levels of youth and adult teams. David was a founding director of the NS Charitable Foundation, chairman of North Van Sport Council, and a long standing board member at the North Van Rec Commission.

With immense gratitude the family would like to thank our wonderful friends and neighbours who assisted and supported us in making the final chapter of David's life full of love and celebration. David was able to enjoy milestones including his 71st birthday, and 47th wedding anniversary at the NS Hospice. Our family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff who helped guide David through his journey at Lions Gate Hospital, BC Cancer Clinic and the North Shore Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on behalf of David to the NS Hospice Society. The family will be hosting a celebration of David's life at Hollyburn Country Club from 2-4 pm on Sunday October 5th.

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David had 3 UNTD summers; '62, '63, '64. He was Commissioned in the Fall of 1964, just in time to witness the Paying-off/Decommissioning of his Home unit PREVOST on Nov 30, 1964. It would be 26 years before PREVOST was Recommissioned (Sep 29, 1990). It was shortly after graduating from UWO that he began his IBM career and in the earlier years worked in a number of cities before taking root in Vancouver. As such he was able to maintain a NavRes career at SCOTIAN, STAR and DISCOVERY.

He had summarized that period as part of a CV; snippet below;

"After basic [IBM] training in Vancouver, I was transferred to Halifax as Administration Manager responsible for business processes, management, personnel and facilities for the Maritime region. This was then followed by a move to Hamilton with similar responsibilities and also a large pilot project to

implement major changes to branch accounting and financial systems. While there, I was also sent on temporary assignments to Windsor and Edmonton to conduct major audits to resolve significant impact issues. Success in all of these projects earned me a transfer back to Vancouver as an Administration Manager for a larger operation and for other special project opportunities. During this time, I successfully completed a number of IBM management and marketing courses as well as an Qualified Instructor's course and other leadership programs in the Canadian military and served in Naval Reserve as New Entry Training Officer, Aide-d'-Camp to Commodore and Public Relations Officer for HMCS Scotian, ROUPT Training Officer at HMCS Star, New Entry Training Officer and Navigation Instructor at HMCS Discovery."

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