



REMEMBERING
Evan Allan Sadler

January 15, 2022



Evan Allan Sadler, a man always interested in staying fit, finished the triathlon of his life on January 15, 2022. Big Al, as many affectionately called him, finished the race ahead of his two children, Karen and Alana, and his wife of over 60 years, Lillah. The starting gun for the swim sounded in Powell River at the Patricia Theatre where he worked as a film projectionist and fell in love with the cashier. Marrying Lillah, he pushed hard through the waters toward Vancouver and swam to the finish line of a degree in electrical engineering and the start of a fulfilling career. Getting out of the water for the cycling section, he began a trek around the province, stopping at BCFP water stations in Kitimat, Prince George, Mackenzie, Kamloops and Crofton. Jumping off the bike and donning his running gear, which looked oddly like a Shriner's clown suit some days, he headed toward the Eastern Stars and finished the first section of the marathon, a teaching career at Camosun College for electrical apprenticeships. The second section had him picking up the pace through the Ministry of Transportation and Highways as electrical engineer for the province. Hitting the last miles and the run into retirement were tough on him. Battling cancerous hills and depressive valleys that had plagued him sporadically throughout his triathlon, he crossed the finish line with many friends and family remembering the funny, kind, and hard-working man who could charm anyone out of a cookie or a bag of jujubes.

We know the friends and colleagues whose lives you touched will feel the absence of your teasing manner, and the family you leave behind is missing you more than words can say. May the hills and valleys on your heavenly race be gentle slopes, and know that angel cheerleaders are waiting for you around the next bend.

