



REMEMBERING Ian Robert Ritchie

January 24, 1959 - May 25, 2021



Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre

H.W. Wallace Cremation & Burial Centre staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Carol-Ann Rolls

Relation: Volunteering

My deepest condolences to Ian's family. I met Ian when he was a rider in the Tour De Rock. We connected again when he volunteered as a grocery shopper for Volunteer Cowichan's Safe Seniors Strong Communities program when covid first hit the community. His support to the seniors in need of groceries was very much appreciated by the organization as well as the seniors he helped.

Tribute from Bill Bellwood

Relation: Policed with Ian.

You were a good man Ian and you will be missed by many, my friend. I hear there are some great slopes to ski up there! RIP

Tribute from Kelly Schellenberg

Relation: Initially through forestry summer employment but ultimately lifelong friends

I met Ian years ago when we were both aspiring timber cruisers for BCFP. Ian had a calculated sense of humour that complemented that of his partner in crime Tim M. It was later on that I met Margaret and since she and Ian were an item; I was happy to reclaim an old friendship. Although we connected infrequently; we connected well. We enjoyed family forestry sessions at Mesachie Lake, visits on Mt. Washington and other random visits. Ian was caring and compassionate. I recall in 2016 when I was walking from the visitor lot at Departure Bay to the ferry; I must have looked as forlorn as I felt. My father was dying of cancer at the time and I was headed over to visit. Ian insisted that he drive me the 400 meters to the terminal. He knew I was hurting and listened to my grief. I will never forget that kindness.

Rest In Peace, my friend. You will be missed.

Tribute from Rosemary Michie

Relation: Friend

Dear Margaret and family, I was so sorry to hear of Ian's sudden passing. One of my favourite memories of Ian is of counting hot lunch money for pizza and hot dogs in the Discovery School staff room, he being the only Dad amongst all the Mums. It was always a pleasure to run into Ian and his bright smile in the Village. He will be sorely missed in Shawnigan. My heart goes out to you.

Rosemary

Tribute from Lon Wood

Relation: Friend

Condolences Margaret and your fine young men on losing a one-of husband and dad who with sensitivity and compassion wholeheartedly embraced the joys and sorrows of all he knew and met.

As friends we turned to The Warmlands outdoors almost daily to leave the curse of Covid behind in our dust by hiking, kayaking, e-biking more than 1,000 kilometres; always pausing for good coffee and conversation — and sometimes a shared cinnamon bun after pedalling to breakfast on the dock at Genoa Bay.

In my books, Ian's life was short but a full one nonetheless, he making that "difference" to leave the world a better place.

Best friends are rare. Ian is one to be loved, missed and remembered.always.

Tribute from John Cook

Relation: Friend from years gone by.

I was shocked and saddened to see the notification of Ian's recent passing. He has gone to join his kin and will watch over you forever. Margaret, Ian's spirit will always be with you and the boys. Thinking of you all.

Tribute from Betty Francisty

Relation: I worked with Ian at SD #79.

I was saddened to hear of Ian's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family

Tribute from Linda Milne

Relation: Friend

Margaret and Sons,

I am so very sorry for your loss of Ian. It is heartbreaking- I hope you are surrounded by the love and support of family & friends.

Sincere sympathy.

Linda Milne

Tribute from Hugh and Leslie Williams

Relation: Co-worker at SPD.

Ian was a wonderful co-worker who always had a smile. He was full of compassion and a true gentleman and we are truly saddened by his passing. Condolences to his family.

Tribute from Derek and Marcia Egan

Relation: Work colleague

We were so sorry to learn of Ian's passing. We send our most sincere sympathy to Ian's entire family.

Tribute from Heinz and Yvonne Roemer

Relation: Friend

Margaret and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will always remember Ian as the soccer coach!! he was so good with all the players. . We have many good memories of all those years watching our daughter play soccer with Ian as the coach.

Tribute from Julie Scott-Polson

Relation: Friend

So Sad to hear this news.

Scottie and I have had many run ins and catch ups with Ian over the years.

And will miss his conversations. My condolences to Margaret and the kids.

Tribute from David Haley

Relation: through Margaret

Dear Margaret and family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. These things always come as a shock. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tribute from Nancy Stevens

Relation: Family friend

Our thoughts and prayers to Margaret and family at this difficult time.

Tribute from Mike and Sue Chadwick

Relation: co-worker

Sue and I were so very sorry to hear of Ian's passing. He was a caring and compassionate policeman and a great guy who always had time for a chat or a story. Our sincere condolences to Margaret and the boys

Tribute from Laura Manning

Relation: SPD Co-worker

So sorry to hear of Ian's passing. Ian always had that great smile, made time to have a catch up and chat. He will be missed. Condolences to Ian's family and friends.

Tribute from Walter P Robinson

Relation: Through a fellow policeman.

I will miss the cheerful laugh coming from the yellow bus when Ian would pull up beside me to ask how it was going and extend a hearty "Have a great day!".

Tribute from Margaret & André St Cyr

Relation: A friend

Our condolences to Margaret and family.. We will always remember our hike on Hornby Island with you all. We met you through friends who were also on the island at the time. Our children were young then and we all went on about a 10 k hike. We did not know at the start of the hike that Ian had made

a bet that our daughter, who was about 4 , would not be able to finish the hike. Well our daughter not only finished but she led the pack! I will never forget Ian's expression!! We all had a wonderful day together. I hope you can find comfort in many wonderful memories you have of Ian.

Tribute from Dwight Grieve

Relation: Ian and i first met doing bicycle rodeos at Discovery School Shawnigan Lake also helping with their bottle drives. We became fairly good friends after that.

Very sorry to hear of your loss Margret . Always enjoyed meeting Ian and having a friendly chat. It does not seem possible that he is gone.

Dwight Grieve

Tribute from Art Pollard

Relation: friend.

Dear Margaret and boys, I was saddened to hear of Ian's passing recently. He was such an inspiration to me and cajoled and wheedled me to become an Area coordinator for the Block Watch programme. I will miss his advice, his concern and his caring for everyone he touched. He was an inspiration and of course a great friend to Mike. I will miss him greatly.

Tribute from The Pasquale Family

Relation: Colleague

So heartbroken by the news of Ian's passing. To the family our deepest condolences. Ian was always a kind and thoughtful man with a positive word to say. He was a stellar colleague at Shawnigan Lake School and a favourite when driving the teams to games or at the provincial championships. He will forever remain in our minds and hearts. Riosare in pace.

Tribute from Mid Island Bus

Relation: Co workers

Our condolences to Ian's family. Ian was a great and humble man. All of us who knew Ian at Mid island Bus enjoyed his calm demeanor, sense of humor and professionalism. He will be greatly missed!!

Tribute from Wendy Williams

Relation: Cowichan Valley Soccer Assoc.

Margaret and boys, We were very saddened to hear of the loss of Ian. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Greg and Wendy Williams and family.

Tribute from Bev Harley

Relation: Neighbours

Dear Margaret and boys. I am so saddened to see of your loss. Ian was one of my favourite people. It was always a joy to have a visit with him and the boys when his mother Nancy came to stay at our B&B. My sincere sympathy to all of you

Tribute from Pat Fiddis

Relation: Mill Bay Library

Please accept my sincere condolences on Ian's passing. A fine man, always smiling and a family man through and through. I am happy to have known him.

Tribute from Judy Duncan

Relation: from Sylvan United Church

Dear Margaret, Arran, Alasdair and Gordon, I am so saddened to learn of Ian's sudden passing. I remember his beaming smile and willingness to lend a hand. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Tribute from Ross, Susan and Nick Holloway

Relation: via Community Policing Blockwatch

We knew Ian well through his leadership in Community Policing. We also remember Ian each day as we view our 8 foot cedar hedge bordering our yard. This was a contribution Ian made to us from a leftover Scout tree planting project he was involved in. Ian was a great guy, dedicated to community and will be greatly missed.

Deepest condolences. Sincerely, Ross, Susan & Nick Holloway

Tribute from Brian and Connie Pinder

Relation: Friend

We were deeply saddened to hear of Ian's passing. I first met Ian at SFU, we both joined the RCMP and started recruit training in Regina just a few weeks apart. In a stroke of luck we were both posted to Warman Detachment. There we got to meet and know Margaret and truly enjoyed Ian and Margaret's friendship. It was a sad day when they left to return to the coast. Our contacts grew less frequent over the years but in March, 2005 we saw Ian again. Connie and I were at the regimental funeral for the members from Mayerthorpe Detachment where I was posted at the time. Unbeknown to us Ian was there to represent Saanich police. Despite the crowds he made a point of tracking us down. Seeing Ian and experiencing the hugs and kind words he brought with him gave us the boost we needed to get through a difficult day. We have never forgotten his kindness. Margaret, we want to extend our sincere condolences to you, Arran, Alasdair and Gordon.

Tribute from Ron and Denine Christianson

Relation: Co worker from Warman Detachment Saskatchewan

Margaret and family we are sad to hear of Ian's passing. I knew him in Warman and even though our connection was brief I do remember what a lovely couple you were.

Our hearts go out to you and your family!

Tribute from Brian Niles

Relation: Worked together at Saanich

I had the great pleasure of working closely with Ian from 1998-2002...he was a consummate professional who cared deeply about youth and the community. Ian was a true gentleman. So sorry to hear of his untimely passing.

Tribute from Veronika McCabe

Relation: Parents of children playing soccer

So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time! I remember all the times we all

stood out on the soccer fields while the kids played! Rain or shine !!
Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Xoxo

