



**REMEMBERING**  
**Peter Edward Wilson**  
October 25, 1934 - April 25, 2026



Peter Edward Wilson passed away peacefully in Duncan, British Columbia, at the age of 91. Born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, Peter was the third of four children born to James and Lily Wilson and the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Peter's early years were shaped by education, discipline, and sport. After graduating from Gateshead Grammar School, he completed two years of compulsory service in the Royal Air Force. He then attended Loughborough College, where he earned a Diploma in Physical Education and Geography, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to teaching, athletics, and mentorship.

Peter began his teaching career in Bradford, England, before moving to Dortmund, Germany, where he spent five years teaching at the British Forces School. Eventually, he immigrated to Canada and settled in Duncan, where his influence on students and school communities would span decades. He taught at all school levels but spent 19 years at Cowichan Secondary School, where he coached boys soccer and later girls field hockey who achieved the first provincial field hockey championship, something he took quiet pride in.

In 1973, Peter met Joan, a nurse at Cowichan District Hospital, who he found a deep and enduring partnership with, and whose warmth,

confidence, and social spirit complemented his own. Together, they shared 53 devoted years of marriage.

Peter was a proud father to five children. From his first marriage, he had two children, three grandchildren and four great-grandsons. With Joan, Peter raised three children, and from them four grandchildren. Together they built a lively, laughter-filled home on George St. where family life was central to Peter's happiness, from afternoons at the swimming pool and bocce games on the lawn, to the joy he found in time spent with grandchildren.

Education remained deeply important to Peter throughout his life. After settling in Canada, he completed his Education Degree at the University of Victoria. His passion for sport never waned. He played soccer for Cowichan and the Victoria Castaways and cricket for Cowichan. Tennis, however, was his greatest love. Peter played for 35 years at the South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club, continuing twice weekly matches and winter play at Arbutus Ridge well into his later years. His final tennis game was played just before his 91st birthday, surrounded by club members and friends who came to celebrate his last day on the court.

As was Peter's wish, Joan lovingly cared for him at home in his final months and was surrounded by his family in his final days. He passed peacefully, with Joan and their three children by his side.

Peter is survived by his beloved wife, Joan; his children, Sarah, Michael, Rachel, Erica(Chris), and Andrew(Colleen); his grandchildren, Bradley(Jenna), Amahra, Chris, Wyatt, Lily, Jacob, and Hannah; and his great-grandchildren, Mason, Ashton, Braxson, and Colten.

In all his roles—as teacher, coach, athlete, husband, father, and friend, Peter was consistently described as a true gentleman: kind, patient, and generous of spirit. He will be remembered for his quiet integrity, lifelong dedication to education and sport, and the love he shared so fully with his family and community. At Peter's request, there will be no funeral service.

