



REMEMBERING
John Derek Hooper

September 10, 1929 - October 25, 2017



John Derek Hooper September 10, 1929 - October 25, 2017 It is with extreme sadness we share that John passed away peacefully with his family by his side after a short stay at Willingdon Creek Village. John (known as DD to his family) will be greatly missed by his wife of 63 years Beryl, daughter Lesley DiZazzo, granddaughter Tara DiZazzo and son-in-law Roberto DiZazzo. John was born in Stockton Heath, Cheshire, England, where he trained as a machinist prior to entering military service. In 1966, John and his family immigrated to BC, settling in Powell River in 1967. He worked for MacMillan Bloedel as a millwright until his retirement in 1989. John loved the outdoors from an early age (frequently being truant from school to fish in the local canal!). His passion for outdoor activities encompassed cycling, mountain climbing, camping, swimming, boating, fishing and hiking with his family by his side. Upon retirement, John joined with a few fellow hikers to form the BOMB Squad (Bloody Old Men's Brigade). These avid hikers opened up the backcountry around Powell River creating a lasting network of trails and bridges. John's passion for travel was well known. He explored the world with family and friends and he and Beryl spent winters as snowbirds in Yuma, Arizona. Cruising became a favourite way to discover new destinations and in 2006, John, with Beryl, realized his dream of a world cruise. Throughout his life, John was known for his sense of humour and practical jokes. Family meant everything to John and spending time together was the highlight of his life. We will love and miss him forever and always cherish our memories. In his words we "love you plenty." Our family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Pieter Rossouw and Kim,

Powell River Home Care and the staff of Willingdon Creek Village, especially House 3. Your care and compassion for John meant so much and will never be forgotten. At John's request, there will not be a service. If you wish, donations in John's name may be made to BC Lung Association or Willingdon Creek Village.

