

**Ronald Jerry Pearce**, 69, of Victoria passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

He was born to the late Walter and Dorothy Pearce, July 10, 1945 in Victoria, BC. Jerry graduated from Mt. Douglas High School in Victoria in 1964, and graduated from Forestry at BCIT in 1966. He received a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC in 1975. Jerry married Heather Brayshaw, now Kimberlay Pearce, in 1970. Until the months preceding his passing, they lived together in Victoria, in the beautiful home he built with his father in 1977.

As a young man, Jerry worked in forestry both in the Queen Charlotte Islands and on Vancouver Island. In 1976, he began his career with the Canadian Government. During his 34 years there, he made many friends and touched many lives.

Jerry was a helper. As a manager with the Canadian Government, he allowed people to make their own successes and provided advice when asked. As a father, he encouraged his children to choose their paths but was ready with dedicated and unwavering support every day. He made people feel welcome and comfortable – perhaps none more so than his granddaughter, who in their short time together gravitated towards him.

Jerry's love of people and the outdoors permeated his life, and he often combined the two in very special and unique ways, such as providing firewood, slate, fish and blackberries for friends and family. He had a knack for these things and loved to give. He was in his element outdoors – hiking, biking, camping, fishing, beach combing, and golfing were some of his favourite activities. Through his life he went on many wonderful trips with friends and family. Some highlights for him were a road trip to Mexico with his sister Arlene, annual family trips to Parksville with his wife and children, and a recent cruise of the Antarctic. When trips and outdoor adventures were no longer available to him, his best friends Gordon, Sherman, and Scott, with whom he had hiked each Sunday morning for many years, joined him in regular bridge games.

Jerry is survived by wife Kimberlay, children, Trevar (Nadja) and Claire, granddaughter Caleigh, sister Arlene (Al), and nephews Paul and Craig (Jodi).

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral service. Instead, a get-together in his honour will be held on Saturday, December 6. Please RSVP to [trevar.pearce@gmail.com](mailto:trevar.pearce@gmail.com) by Tuesday, December 2, 2014 for details.

Jerry in grade 11 at MD.

