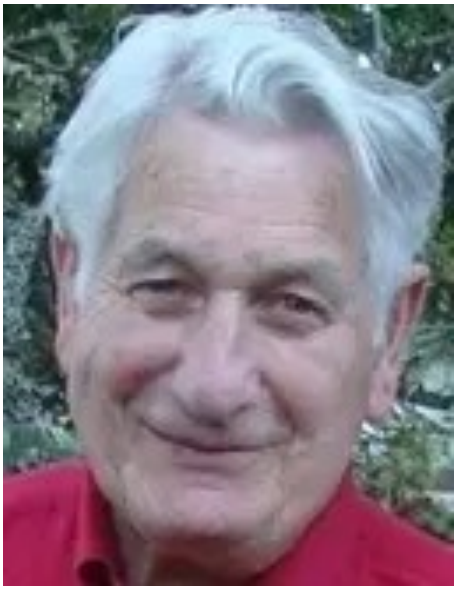


David Smith - Obituary

Victoria, BC 1931 - 2026

David passed away suddenly in his garden October 16, 2026. He leaves behind his loving wife of 65 years, Joan.

He was a proud father of his daughters Stephanie (Jason), Esther (Will), and a much loved Poppa to Andrew, Oliver and Jackson.

He had a varied career as a fisherman, lithographer, and, for 25 years, as a navigator and air crew manager with the BC Government's Air Survey Branch—a job he described as "the best job in the world."

He was a talented marine artist who loved fishing, was a poor golfer, loved cats, tolerated dogs, and was antagonistic towards deer! He held his friends in high esteem, treasured time with family, and enjoyed growing strawberries, which he turned into delicious homemade jam.

Our special Thank you to Dr. Ted Bachynsky for his care throughout and the kind first responders. If desired, a donation to the heart and stroke foundation would be appreciated.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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David was a proud MD ’49 alumnus who kept in touch with classmates over the years as well as our MD Alumni Association. His art work was shown at our MD ’80 (or 85th) anniversary celebrations.