

NICHOLAS (Nick) PHILIP JONES



Nicholas (Nick) Philip Jones of Summerland BC died on Aug 11, 2022 battling Parkinson's disease. Nick was born May 6, 1944 in Harrogate, England

Nick is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Marina (Calangis-Jones), brothers and sisters Paul Jones (Deep River, Ont.), Mark Jones (Annapolis MD), Fenella Bramwell (Manchester, England), Clare Haire (Belfast NI) Roland Jones (Dubai UAE), many nieces and nephews, in-laws and close family like friends.

He is predeceased by his parents Joyce (Bird) and William Jones and brother Julian.

Nick immigrated alone to Canada from the UK in 1962

as an 18 year old boy to work in the high Arctic for the Hudson Bay Company (HBC) settlement stores trading goods and furs. He thrived in the Canadian northern environment and found his true life there. He was posted in what was then Spence Bay, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Belcher Islands and then also after leaving HBC worked in Paulatuk and Bathurst Inlet.

Nick did many jobs after moving "south" to Yellowknife NWT in the late 1960s. His passion was the ice roads which he worked building, driving and maintaining. He was an avid adventurer, snowmobiling, fishing summer and winter, bush whacking and being with friends, many who are still life long. He worked as a fishing guide on Great Slave Lake and had jobs over the years too many to name. His career included being a firefighter with the Yellowknife Fire Department and his final work in the NWT was back on the ice roads.

Moving to Summerland, BC with his wife Marina in 1988, Nick settled into Okanagan life, establishing his own business and taking up golf, always continuing to fish, trap shoot, fossil hunt, geocache, bird watch. He loved all things that took him outdoors. When he became more home bound he loved the hummingbirds and always was in search of the perfect photo.

Life slowed Nick down with health issues including a final diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease less than one year ago. It took him down quickly, but he was brave in his diagnosis and decline. Nick passed away with dignity and grace with Marina and family like friend at his side.

No service planned at this time. Have a drink to toast instead!