

# Griff Welsh

With sadness, we announce the passing of Griff Welsh, a dedicated and loving husband and our much-loved dad and grandfather, on March 1, 2019. He was 80 years old.

Griff was born on June 20, 1938, in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, to Luella and Louis Welsh. Although he was an only child, he was very close to his cousins, growing up with them on "the farm" in the Ottawa Valley, a place that remained close to his heart all his life.

Griff and his wife Deana settled in Burlington, Ontario, where they raised their family and were the proud owners of Mount Royal Hardware. They retired to Montrose in 1998, where he quickly became part of the community, serving as a village councillor and later, as mayor. As a long-time volunteer with the Beaver Valley Nitehawks, he and Deanna welcomed several young players into their home over the years, and Griff could regularly be found organizing the concession and cheering on the team.

In recent years, he worked hard caring for Deanna, who passed

away in 2017, and could also often be found taking in a Nitehawks game, visiting with friends at the Fruitvale Pub, keeping up to date on current events and his favourite sports, or spending time with his young grandchildren. Thanks to his time "in politics," as he liked to say, he was a familiar friendly face in the Beaver Valley.

Griff was predeceased by his son, Tyler; his parents, Luella and Louis; and his wife, Deanna. He is survived by his children, Tracey (Al), Miles (Debbie), Mason (Cori), Dana (Jordan), "Uncle" Chris, and Michael, and his grandchildren, Megan, Ben, Emma, Sam, Sloan, Hudson, and Harrison.

We loved Griff very much.

A celebration of his life will be held in Fruitvale, British Columbia.

