

Lawrence Edward Hill

Aug. 11, 1936 – June 28, 2020

Laurie died peacefully at home in North Saanich of Kidney Failure. Predeceased by siblings June Kaube, and Bill Hill. He leaves his wife of 59 years Gloria (Lomas). Sons Andrew (Shannon), Scott and daughter Stacey (Andrew), grandchildren: Shawna, Nick, Mathew, Candace, Lexie, Jacob, Brielle, Joely and Nathan and great grandchildren: Harrison, Cameron and Abel

Laurie grew up in Victoria and graduated from Victoria High School (class of '54). He was a welder at VMD working on the first BC Ferries then pipe welding on construction of many new Pulp Mills. He built three house and three steel fishing vessels (Pacific Warrior, Westerly Wind, Cape Keppel) on his 24 acre property in Deep Cove. He fished the 60 foot Westerly Wind for Tuna, Plankton and Halibut, 45 foot Cape Keppel for Sole, Cod and Dogfish. He redesigned his last boat CFV Zodiac to fish live shrimp.

With partner Dr. Bill Heath created Pioneer Aquafarms an oyster farm in Sansum Narrows. He developed the 24 acre property on Cloake Hill and built his retirement home on a view lot. Laurie was talented, innovative, hard working and always included his family in his projects sharing his skills in welding, building, fishing and skippering a boat. He was referred to as boss. He had a good life and will be missed.