



Richard Beard MAY Ph.D. (1938 - 2017)



Richard (Dick) May, 78, died in Spokane, WA on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 after nearly a decade-long struggle with white brain matter disease. He was born on December 20, 1938 in Seattle, WA, the only child of Ruby June Simmons and

Louie Beard May, Jr. The family moved to Edmonds, WA where he attended grades 1-12 and had a close-knit group of friends. He was an Eagle Scout, a leader in DeMolay, and first-chair clarinet in his high school orchestra.

Richard received his BA from Whitman College in 1961, then his MA in 1963 and PhD in psychology in 1966 from Claremont Graduate School.

He met Marjorie Stevenson of Salt Lake City, Utah in 1961, and after her graduation from Scripps College, they were married at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane on August 25, 1962. They chose to spend their final years in Spokane.

Richard was hired by the newly established University of Victoria in 1966. He retired in 1996 as Chair and Professor Emeritus, Psychology. He published numerous articles and was the senior author of a computer-age textbook on statistical methods that included software, and has been included in Who's Who in the World since 1995.

Richard is survived by his wife of 55 years; son Robert and wife Megan; son Richard and wife Melanie; David and Angela Schmith whose children called him "Spokane Grandpa;" seven grandchildren by age, MacKenzie, Phoebe, Violet, Saffron, Dawson, Ruby and Chantilly; cousin Susan Brown; cousin Vincent Gailey and wife Marlene; cousin Anne Hunter and husband Perry.

The family thanks Dr. Brian Campbell; Dr. Sanjit Dutta for his care and concern over the past year; Family Home Care; Brookdale South Regal, and Horizon Hospice for their kindness and care during his final months.

There will be no service. Cremation. Dr. May's brain will be donated to the Brain Science Project. Cremains will be buried next to his parents in Edmonds City Cemetery.

In lieu of cards or flowers, a donation to the RB May Scholarship Fund, c/o The Development Office, University of Victoria, PO Box 1700, Station CSC, Victoria, BC, V8W 2Y2, or the Brain Science Project would be greatly appreciated.

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