

MARVIN ALFORD MITCHELL (1938-2021)

Marvin Alford Mitchell passed away peacefully in Burnaby General Hospital after a long illness. Marvin was born 15 May 1938 in Vancouver, BC and went to school in Vancouver and Britannia Beach, where he worked in the Howe Sound Copper mine. His parents were William Borrowman Mitchell from Jedburgh, Scotland and Marjorie Cavell Alford from Calgary, Alberta.

He completed school and enrolled in engineering at UBC but switched to the Montana School of Mines (now Montana Tech) in Butte, Montana.

He married Elizabeth Vollans, a well-known nurse from Britannia Beach and Squamish in Vancouver in 1967. He obtained his Professional Engineer certificate (P.Eng.) in 1972, and worked as a Geological Engineer and Consultant based in Vancouver. He worked as a consultant in many parts of the world: the Britannia Mine, in coal geology in northern BC and Australia for Ranger Oil, underground at the Bralorne Mine, and many other projects in Canada, USA, Uganda and Mali, Mexico, Argentina and Tajikistan.

He became a respected advisor and Director for many junior companies in Vancouver, including Island Arc Resources Corp. and many others, basing himself out of the Rogers Building, Vancouver. He suffered a major stroke, after which he rehabilitated himself by becoming a postman, and later, after a serious accident, on Granville Street near his office, with a transit bus on August 4, 2015, he was hospitalized for a long time and was placed in the Finnish Care home, South Vancouver, where Elizabeth, his wife joined him later. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Robert, who died in 2015 in Victoria. He is survived by Robert's wife Christa and her children Heather and Kevin, his wife Elizabeth, his half-brother Melvin Boxall in England, Elizabeth's niece Jo-Anne Montenegro and her family, and many friends in the mining exploration business in Vancouver and elsewhere.

Marvin was always a positive and cheerful person, even after his accident and accompanying medical problems, which he bore with dignity, and his good nature was an inspiration. He will be missed by us all.

There will be no memorial immediately, but perhaps when the Covid pandemic is over, family and friends can gather for drinks and stories.

