

ROY SHEPHERD January 03, 1929 - June 04, 2022

Shortly after suffering a stroke, Roy passed peacefully with his children and granddaughter at his side. Born in the foothills of the majestic Rockies, Roy Shepherd developed a keen appreciation for nature. As a youth, Roy became a King Scout, the highest award in Boy Scouts. He continued to climb high with ambition and stamina by joining the Alpine Club. There, he mountain-climbed with his future wife and was smitten by her adventuresome spirit. She would be a perfect entomologist's wife (aside from the fact that she hated creepy crawlies!). And indeed, they were a great couple for 66 years. They held the bar high for their children and grandchildren, all of whom gained the same passion for the outdoors. Together, they have enjoyed hiking, backpacking, camping, skiing, sailing, curling and travelling.

His love of nature, and in particular for coniferous trees, helped lead to his entomological career focusing on the control of insect outbreaks using pheromones, an alternative to chemical sprays. For his successful research, in 1966 he received the Western Canada Forestry Entomology Founder's Award. His passion for the environment placed him on the board of Friends of Cedar Hill Park, where his advice included the protection of King's Pond. He and his wife, Colleen, who died last year, installed a sign at this pond, identifying the various ducks that inhabit it. He also maintained another large sign with his own photographs & descriptions of plants in the area. Roy was a life-long photographer, with a fondness for wild flowers, and enjoyed painting and sketching various nature themes.

Roy was a steadfast friend and family member, organizing outings, visiting those who couldn't get out, driving them to appointments, and hosting bridge parties and gatherings with Colleen. His children Loraine (Nancy) and Keith (Patty), with their children Trevor (Gabby) and Sarah, will sorely miss him, as will extended relatives and friends. Roy, you are now resting in peace with your beloved Colleen!

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Entomological Society of Canada Scholarship Fund <https://esc-sec.ca/2019/01/25/the-entomological-society-of-canada-scholarship-fund/>