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Celebrating the Life of  
*John Robert Silverio Pirquet*

1940 - 2018



### In Loving Memory

John passed on December 8, 2018, taken from us much too soon. Those who had the opportunity to sail or hike with John appreciated his profound love of nature. He loved the ocean, taking every opportunity to go sailing. Never deterred by what others would call foul weather, he relished the briny wind on his face, the glide of the boat and the power of the waves. He inspired many young people to reach their sailing potential, some in Olympic sailing. One of the longest serving members of the CFSA, he was proud of winning at least one trophy each year for his exploits in his beloved boat, Hilda Harris.

John was a hike leader with the Cordova Bay Hikers. His fellow hikers know the joy with which he tramped the hills, taking much delight in finding a calypso orchid or a fawn lily. He loved nothing more than to have "elevenes" on a rocky hilltop looking out to the sea and mountains.

He believed deeply in giving back to his community, contributing in any way he could. He played flute with the Greater Victoria Concert Band in community concerts and senior residences. He drove for the Oak Bay volunteer services for many years, enjoying his outings with seniors. He was also a member of the Windsor Park Art Studio Group.

John was born Johann Robert Silverio Pirquet in Bad Ischl, Austria to Dr. Barbara Pirquet (Travers) from England and Dr. Anton Pirquet from Vienna. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy

after finishing high school in England, graduated from Royal Roads Military College, then completed an engineering degree at the Royal Military College. He enjoyed his Navy career, serving as engineering officer on several ships while he keenly pursued all opportunities to travel, ski and mountaineer. Following retirement with the rank of Commander, John worked for 14 years with the Department of National Defence in marine engineering design.

John's wife of 24 years, Lyn, shared countless travel, sailing and life adventures with him. His yearning for interesting experiences led them to unusual destinations. John's three children, Nadia, Simon and Oliver, have all inherited their father's passion for the outdoors and a robust love of adventure. His three grandchildren, Owen, Abigail and Johann, were dearly loved. John has three sisters in the UK and three half-siblings, one in Australia and two in Canada. He will also be missed by his beloved Austrian cousins whom he visited as often as possible to explore the hills and swim the lakes in his country of birth. Nieces and nephews scattered around the world completed his family.

John was joyful in everything he did and lived life to the fullest. He will be deeply missed.

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