



Ivan Charles Messmer

July 23, 1931 - March 08, 2015

Ivan passed away peacefully at his home in Penticton at the age of 83. He is predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Marge. He is survived by his two daughters and their families; Susan Strohmann (Rob), Cindy Lewthwaite (Don), five grandchildren, Matthew, Jenna, Marcus, Charlie and Charlotte, and two great-grandchildren, Thomas and Oliver. He also leaves behind his partner and companion of the last 11 years, Lillian Carlson.

Ivan moved to Penticton in 1967 with his family from Barrhead, Alberta. Messmer Construction built many houses and duplexes in the Summerland area as well as building and owning Peacock's Perch Pub in Summerland. He was also an active business man in Alberta and as far away as Molokai, Hawaii. Ivan was the Mayor of Penticton from 1980 – 1986. He continued his political career representing the riding of Boundary Similkameen as an MLA from 1986 – 1991. During his term, he held several key portfolios including Minister of Parks and Solicitor-General. He retired from politics and went on to enjoy camping, golfing, wintering in San Diego, spending time with friends and cooking for family gatherings. Ivan was known for his great sense of humour and the twinkle in his eye. He loved to debate any topic and usually had you agreeing with his point of view. He will be missed terribly by his family and friends. We will always treasure our memories. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 150 Orchard Avenue, Penticton, B.C. with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Penticton & District Hospice Society, c/o Moog & Friends Hospice House, P.O. Box 1105, Penticton, B.C. V2A6J9

Tribute Wall

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Juliette Proom

I'm so sorry to hear of Ivan's passing. He was my favourite Cabinet Minister. I had the pleasure of working with him as he took BC parks into the doubling-the-parks-system exercise. I spent a great deal of time with him, and I enjoyed his hospitality and humour. In Nelson, when there for a public meeting, Ivan's eyes started to sparkle when the Regional Director of BC Parks retired early for the evening. We were in someone's hotel room for a beer after the meeting. Tom knew that we had to get to the airport early, and didn't want to be responsible for running out of gas. The minute Tom left the room, Ivan cancelled his wake up call. He then jumped around like a young puppy. As we all know, Ivan was a big man. Not your usual young puppy. Ivan once told me that although he enjoyed it when Marge accompanied him to Victoria, he liked being able to have popcorn for dinner when he was on his own. When my daughter was born, Ivan had moved from being the Minister Responsible for Parks to the Solicitor General. Regardless, he sent me the Complete Beatrix Potter with a heartfelt inscription about how lucky Anita was to have a mother like me. He lived a robust life. I'm sorry he's gone.

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Don & Chris Gillard

Dear Sue, Cindy & Lil and family : We are so sorry we were unable to attend the Service for Ivan, But , we were there with you, with Sad & heavy hearts. Ivan was a very "Special" friend, and we will remember him Always. He is in a better place now. Love , Don, Chris, Spring, Don & Todd Gillard

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dave peters

Hi Rob and Sue, Matt, Jenna and Marcus We were shocked to hear of your Dad's passing this past weekend. Dave has always had a great respect for Ivan and his points of view dating all the way back to the 70's when we moved here. He was a valuable member of the McDonalds coffee club bringing a steady point of view to their discussions. He will be missed by all the guys!! Also a very generous man - taking coffee to some of the guys that couldn't make it out any more. Blessings on all of you as you celebrate an accomplished life! Dave and Cheri Peters

D Debbie Klaver & Family

We are very sorry for your loss. Mr Messmer was a wonderful, caring person and will be sadly missed. We chatted many times at the mailbox in the Westbench area and if we were training horses he would always watch for awhile and tell us about his daughter and her new horse. Debbie Klaver & family

C Carol Budgen

Cindy and Sue andWe are so sad to hear of your Dads' passing. Your Dad and Mom were such great people, Mom and Dad had so many good times with them, and Dad so enjoyed being on council with Ivan. One of the times Mom and Dad always chuckled about was when their doorbell rang at 10 p.m. and they went to the door to find Ivan and Marge sitting in their hot tub. Dad joins us in sending our condolences to you and your families.. May your memories make you smile and your family and friends give you strength. With our sympathy, the Butterfield family. Gordon (Gordo to Marge and Ivan) Carol and Sandy, Joan and Bruce, and families.

B Bernie & Ev Monteleone

Cindy & Family . . So saddened to hear of your dad's passing, Cindy. You're in our thoughts & prayers at this time. Cherish your memories! Love, Bernie & Ev & all the Monteleone's

D David Perry

We wish to express our condolences to the close friends and Family of Ivan Messmer. Ivan was a strong political influence in Penticton during his time in office and remained a out spoken supporter after retirement. He always had a good word to say for those taking up the challenge of civic politics which was always appreciated. His presence and guiding influence will be missed. David & JoAnn Perry

G Gladys Brown

So sorry to hear of Ivans passing. Gladys (Messmer) Brown
