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Wayne Lester NORTON

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NORTON, Wayne Lester
November 13, 1942 - January 6, 2018
Wayne was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba to Josephine and William Norton. He spent his early years in Manor, Saskatchewan before moving to Port Moody where he attended school,

excelled in a variety of sports and formed lifelong friendships. Wayne studied at Whitworth College on a basketball/baseball scholarship and, while there, was scouted and signed by the New York Yankees. His professional baseball career as a player, coach, developer and scout is

well documented. Wayne and his wife, Trudy (Drake), met in high school. They recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. During Wayne's time with the Vancouver Mounties baseball team (now the Canadians) they purchased their home on Alderside Road in Port Moody where they raised their family and continued to reside. Family and home were at the top of Wayne's priority list with baseball a close second. Trudy, their son Steve and his wife Daniela, their daughter Elizabeth and her partner Derek, and granddaughters Carolyn (Taylor), Gina (Scott) and Natasha, are so grateful for the years of love and care he shared with them. So too is brother Brian and his family. Granddog Stella concurs. Wayne deeply valued his connection with baseball colleagues as well as with the talented young players he scouted and, on occasion, signed. He was proud and appreciative to have signed his scouting contract with the Seattle Mariners for the coming season. The support offered by friends from days at the JCC and, more recently, ALSBC meant a great deal. During the past two years he was honoured with several awards such as the JCC Merit Award and inclusion in the Port Moody Sports Display; he was celebrated at special events including the ALSBC TriCity Walk, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at a Mariner game and being inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. This recognition and respect from his peers was extremely gratifying. A Celebration of Life will be held February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Inlet Theatre and Galleria at Port Moody City Hall, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, BC. In lieu of flowers, a donation to ALSBC - Patient Services in Wayne's name would be appreciated.

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