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Geoffrey Brian Gould

Geoffrey Gould died peacefully at home in the early evening of March 24, 2015, with his beloved wife, Lola Marie Vermeulen, at his side. Having been diagnosed with brain cancer on October 23, 2012, Geoff with great determination fought what was ultimately an unsuccessful battle. In his 69 years, Geoff left a legacy of deep and lasting friendships, many of which spanned his lifetime.



Geoff was born in Victoria on May 1, 1945. The family moved to Burnaby where his father built the house that Geoff lived in until he left home. Geoff was only ten years old when his father passed away from injuries he sustained from his Navy years. Geoff grew up quickly, learning about responsibilities working first as a paperboy, then with Safeway. He excelled in all that he took on from an early age. As a teenager he progressed through the scouting movement to become a Queen's Scout. Throughout his lifetime Geoff exhibited his integrity, honour and compassion for others.

All who knew Geoff knew him as a man who had many and varied passions. His love and fascination with cars had its inception when he was 14 and was given the opportunity of working in the pits at the Mission Raceway. He loved the Formula Atlantic, CART and NASCAR racing at Westwood Race track, Canada's first racetrack, now long gone. In his later years he would make his yearly trek with several friends to the raceways in Carmel, California. In mid-life, Formula One caught his interest. He traveled to many locations around the world to follow the sport, but more often he was up at 4 am watching the race on TV. His passion for cars included his ownership of a Jensen, Mustang 2 + 2 and in later years his Porsche.

Geoff attended the University of British Columbia, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts with a history major in 1968. Combined with his interest in history, Geoff had a fascination with photography and would always be seen with a camera around his neck.

After obtaining his undergraduate degree, Geoff took a year to travel around Europe, working at Safeway in London to help finance the travels. Thus began his passion for travel. Law school at UBC followed, with Geoff being called to the bar in 1972.

Geoff practised law in New Westminster for over 40 years, primarily as a solicitor. With his prodigious memory and attention to detail Geoff excelled in providing not only legal services but also sound business advice. In business negotiations he was always very focused, maintaining his unruffled sense of humour. One of his long-term clients remembered him for his wisdom in negotiations: "Always keep your eye on the prize". This concept guided his attention and kept his clients out of trouble.

Anyone who knew Geoff recognized him to be a true gentleman. He was intelligent, courteous and respectful, but would always drive a hard bargain for his clients. For Geoff the glass was always half-full. He was an optimist. He was non-judgmental of others. Having practised with Geoff for approximately 25 years, I certainly appreciated his mentorship.

Geoff was interested in many things but his first passion was people of all ages and backgrounds. He made friends wherever he went and he kept those friends for his lifetime.

Family was important to Geoff. Geoff had two siblings, Wendy and Cary. In addition to his immediate family, his many friends became extended family. Geoff's commitment to friends, family, colleagues and clients enriched his life and theirs. This commitment meant if Geoff was needed, no matter where in the world, Geoff would be there. He was a very good listener and an avid talker.

Geoff married Lola Marie Vermeulen in 2002. Marie, with good humour, tells the story of one of her first dates with Geoff, riding the seawall on bicycles. Upon stopping Geoff pulled out from his backpack a gourmet picnic with a bottle of exotic wine. Upon learning that Marie did not drink, without missing a beat, Geoff said he knew of a wonderful café and promptly headed for the Sylvia Hotel. Always with a backup plan, Geoff was adept at meeting the challenges of any situation.

Geoff's family expanded even more with his marriage to Marie. He added daughter Simone, son-in-law Jonn, ultimately three very much prized grandchildren and a large extended family.

During his life with Marie, Geoff traveled a great deal in North America and also to far off places such as Africa, South America (including the Gala-

pagos), Central America, Turkey, England, France, Italy and India. Geoff, ever curious, always wanting to know more, had plans to do and see a lot more. Closer to home, his eclectic interests included collecting artworks, glass sculptures and the like. Curiously, although Geoff was colour blind, he had an acute sense and taste for the arts and a talent for finding, and negotiating the purchase of, the exquisite. Geoff loved negotiating purchases.

On May 1, 2015 a celebration of his life was held at the Pan Pacific Hotel. More than 300 people attended, paid lots of tributes, and celebrated Geoff in the way he would want: food, drink, and good conversation. Geoff was remembered by all in what was truly a celebration of his life and person. His life was truly rich with the many people, young and old, who had been gifted with his friendship and caring. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

David H. Goodwin



Herb Dodd, Q.C.

On May 19, 2015, the partners and associates of Farris LLP lost a dear and highly valued member of our firm. Together we had the privilege of practising law with Herb Dodd, who passed away, much too early, at 65 years of age. For 36 years Herb practised in Farris' corporate and commercial group, acquiring during that time an enviable reputation as a uniquely talented and capable solicitor.

Herb was born and raised in Creston, B.C. After earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Victoria, he attended law school at the University of Toronto. Early in his time there he demonstrated his aptitude for the law, winning the Carswell Prize in Torts, the Davies, Ward & Beck Prize in Contract Law (shared), the Laskin Prize in Constitutional Law and the Legal Writing Prize. Herb believed unconditionally in the pre-eminence of his University of Toronto alma mater. From the start of his career in the law, Herb aimed high, and generally found his mark.

After graduation, Herb returned to British Columbia, where he joined Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy as an articling student. He spent his entire

