

# NOS DISPARUS

## Jay Redmond

Jay Redmond passed away at his rural property in Paldi, near Duncan, on July 16, 2015 after a short battle with a particularly aggressive cancer that had only been diagnosed two months before.

Jay is survived by his loving wife, Christine (who has worked as a legal assistant at a number of law offices, including Richards Buell Sutton, Lindsay Kenney, the estate practice of Lorne Ginther in White Rock and Heather Sadler Jenkins in Prince George). Jay is also survived by his son Justin (Lindsay) and his grandson Jonathan. Justin is an accountant practising in Victoria. In addition, Jay is survived by his mother, Kory Conwright, his brother Kevin (Laura), his sister Maureen Erickson, nieces and nephews, in-laws and many, many friends, all of whom loved him deeply.

Born on July 22, 1957, Jay was raised along with his brother and sister in rural Surrey, spending several years in a house on Barnston Island near the ferry landing. Jay attended Simon Fraser University where he graduated with a degree in economics, having spent the summers working at Fraser Mills and having spent some time with the Labour Relations Board due to his efforts to organize a union there.

Jay subsequently graduated from law school at the University of British Columbia in 1987, marrying his first wife Sherry while still a law student. Following graduation, Jay completed his articles at Heather Sadler Jenkins in Prince George in May 1988, and was called to the bar in Vancouver (there being no regional call ceremonies at that time). His son Justin was born during the Thanksgiving holiday during Jay's articles.

Jay then obtained employment as an associate with J. Robert Leverman in Prince George, doing both litigation and solicitor's work. (The other asso-



ciate at the time, Eric Williams, went on to a career with the Crown in Quesnel and then moved to Nanaimo, where he recently retired). Jay was in Prince George about three years when his first marriage came to an end.

In 1990, Jay met Christine, who had just moved from Terrace to be a legal assistant at Heather Sadler Jenkins. They soon became an "item". Jay was a founding member of the "Frontier Law Club", a loose association of articulated students and lawyers transplanted to the Cariboo from elsewhere (together with their significant others and hangers on). Members met at a different pub each Friday night. Longtime participants included Larry Barron (currently practising law in North Vancouver), Murray Gendreau, Phil Derksen, Andre DuPlessis, Scott Barron, Oliver Hui, Tracy Clark and Rick Smith (only Rick Smith and Tracy Clark are believed to remain in Prince George). Connie Sauter would drive up from Williams Lake to take part in the festivities from time to time. After Jay decided to return to his native Surrey in 1991, the "Frontier Law Club" limped on for a while but was never really the same again.

In 1991, Jay became an associate with Clayton Campbell, a long time fixture in the North Surrey legal scene (and councillor at the City of Surrey as well as a candidate for the Liberal Party in Surrey). He quickly became a partner in what came to be known as Campbell Redmond.

Jay initially did a mixed bag of solicitor's work together with some civil litigation and criminal defence work. In the later stages of his career, Jay did mostly solicitor's work, including corporate-commercial work, conveyancing and wills and estates. Jay was an eminently practical individual and he brought this acute sense of the feasible and reasonable to his practice, which is why his many clients valued his judgment. Jay parlayed his lifelong interest in economics into a sound sense of how businesses and communities function, develop and prosper and how a client's needs could be served in that context.

Jay was a salt of the earth, genuinely good man who was the heart and soul of his family and friends. He believed in giving back to the community and, to impart this philosophy to his young son, it was not uncommon to see Jay, Christine and Justin volunteering at various events for the Surrey Food Bank. Past president of the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, Jay was also an active and long-term member of the North Surrey Lions and served on the board of directors of many organizations over the years, including the Surrey Food Bank Foundation and the Surrey Christmas Bureau. He also acted as a trustee on the Surrey Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Jay and Christine believed in living life large and combined Jay's avid interest in ancient history with their love of travel. They traveled to a vari-

ety of archeological sites in Mexico, Guatemala and Belize to explore pre-Columbian ruins and visited one of the most remote places on earth, Easter Island.

Jay also loved camping and gold panning. His annual guy camping trip with his son and many friends was one of the highlights of his year; he also recovered enough gold to provide the raw materials for jewellery for all of the women in his family.

Jay and Christine recently realized their dream of owning acreage in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island where they could be close to their families. Jay planned to gradually step back from the practice of law, get back to the earth and become a gentleman farmer. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be.

Jay's legacy in law will be continued. Campbell Redmond will continue to operate under the name Campbell Redmond Hui Kalleitner.

Oliver Hui



## Dorothy Joan Beck

Dorothy Beck was born August 11, 1930, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the only child of Walter and Edna Kent. She moved frequently during the Depression years in order for her father to provide for his family. He was a bright man, who was a self-taught tool and dye maker. After travels from Regina, to Vancouver, to Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay), her family finally settled permanently in Vancouver when Dorothy was 11 years old. When her father took to Boeing an aircraft part he had made on his lathe in the family's tiny kitchen, Boeing hired him on the spot. He later established his own company, building his plant, Modern Engineering, at 5th and Pine in Vancouver.

As an only child, moving as much as she did (in one year she attended five schools in three cities), Dorothy valued her friendships. She remained close with many of her school friends right up until her death on September 29, 2015. She met these friends at Kerrisdale Elementary School, Point Grey Junior High and Magee Senior High, where she graduated in 1948.

