

PHILLIPS, Wayne Sheldon

Jul 25, 1949 - Jul 9, 2021

Wayne died peacefully in Richmond General Hospital just shy of his 72nd birthday. He was the elder son of Chauncey and Mildred Phillips and is survived by his brother Eric, girlfriend Nancy Bitcon, aunt Bobbi Goddard, cousins and friends.

Wayne was a lifetime Richmond resident and attended William Cook, R.C. Palmer and Richmond Senior Secondary Schools. He went on to graduate, top of his class, at BCIT's Electrical and Electronics program. Wayne worked for IPEC, a BC Hydro subsidiary.

Wayne set the cross-Canada cycling record (6035-km) twice with the final time under 15 days. During Race Across America (RAAM) in 1985, he was struck from behind and left a paraplegic. He spent 13 months in hospital and rehab.

Despite his physical disability, he lived independently and continued to challenge himself by competing in about 50 marathons (42.2-km).

Wayne was also an avid sailor with Disabled Sailing and enjoyed the freedom, camaraderie and the especially the challenge of shifty and gusty winds.

Special thanks to Drs D.K. Dihn & R. Ying for years of care; to the doctors and nurses of Richmond General Hospital: and to his neighbours Denis and Jim for allowing him to live independently. A celebration of life will be held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on 2021-09-18 at Richmond Funeral Home, 8420 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC. Canada.