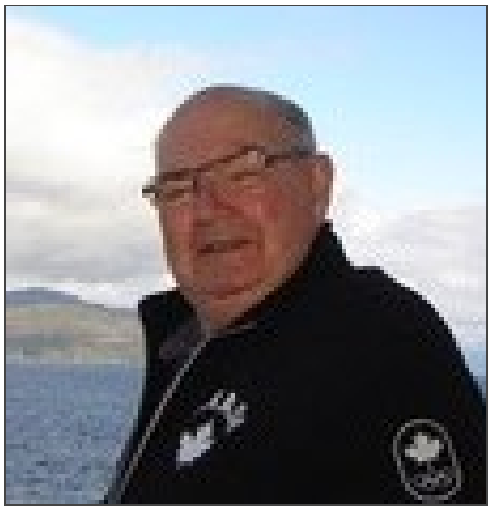
Harvey Charles Coatham



APRIL 27, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Harvey ‘Harv’ Charles Coatham announce his passing on Saturday April 27, 2019 at the age of 76.

Survived by his wife and love of his life, Burdell ‘Birdie’ of 52 years, daughters Charlene Clifton (Gerald) of Moses Lake, WA, Cheri Collopy (Ian) of Port Moody, BC and his precious grandchildren; Abigail and Avery Clifton, Bean and Everett Collopy, niece Wendy and cousins. Predeceased by his brother, Lawrence Coatham, Mother, Beatrice Elma Nurse and Father, Charles Boyes Coatham.

Harvey belonged to ILWU Local 500 for 43 years, working as Longshoreman on the Vancouver waterfront and spent his last years at Neptune Terminals on the North Shore. He spent 50 years in North Vancouver, where he resided in Lynn Valley and Seymour Parkway, while raising his family. During his retirement years, he moved to Abbotsford with his wife.

He was a kind loving soul whose passions were family, traveling, Beachwood Park and casinos where he was right at home with his long-time friends & family. Harvey loved great food and every meal he ate was his favourite. He lived life to the fullest and continued to define the odds know matter how complicated it was.

So long Harv you will be missed. A family gathering will be arranged at a later date.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

So sorry for your loss and our family is sending love to you and your family. We love you from Rome

— Bobbie Jean Daniel

So very sorry for your loss. Many prayers coming your way

— Jan DeBeaumont

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. I have many fond memories of Harvey and beach wood and will cherish those moments. I was honoured to have known him. Sending all my love!

— Rudy Forgie

Burrell and family . So Sorry for your loss. Sending lots of hugs your way.

— Don & Donna Olson

I am so sorry Burdell to hear about Harvey. You both were a big part of my parents life and ours when we moved to BC. Our memories at Birch Bay will always be great ones. Love to you and your girls. Brenda and Gary

— Brenda Parmiter Cooper

Our Deepest Condolences to you and the family Burdell ... you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time ... surrounding your hearts with Light and Love

— Sue & Ron Girard

Janice and I are sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. It was great working with Harvey and learning the ropes on the waterfront. Mom and dad had great times with you and Harvey at Beachwood. RIP Harv

— Kerry Dutchak

Sending condolences to all of Harv's family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

— Doreen Buss

So sad for you my friend, a big change for you, you are always in my thoughts

— Maureen Schug

I have been friends with Harvey and Burdell for over 50 years. I have great memories of happy times spent with them. Harvey loved life, his family, daughters and grandchildren. We will all miss him. My thoughts and prayers to Burdell and family. RIP my friend, lots of love Dee, xoxo

— Dianne (Dee) Stevens

Dear Birdie

It has been a long time since your wedding day in North Van on Lonsdale. It was a great party and a good time. I have thought so so many times that I would like to re-connect with Harvey and thank him again for the fun ski trips to Mt. Baker in his Convair. I was out at his mom's and my Aunt Bea's grave site with leaving with a desire to add my Mom's name to the site. Time is going so fast and when you moved to Mill Lake area, I thought I would reach out one day soon and how Harvey has left us. May God's blessings pour over you and family. Cousin Wayne

— Wayne Jefferson

I met Harvey when I was in my teens and remember him with fondness. I remember him in his youth, spirit and strength. We all used to Rollerskate together at Rollerland and he could mostly outskate all the men and boys. I remember his 21st birthday party at his parents home in Vancouver near the PNE grounds. It was with great sadness that I read in this mornings Province of his passing. My great condolences to Harvey's wife Birdie and his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

— Merilyn (Davis) Anderson

Burdell and Family I am so sorry to hear about your loss I haven't seen my uncle in over 30 years and mom and I were hoping to come and see you guys soon

— wendy coatham

Wayne would love you getting in touch with me. Burdell

— Burdell Coatham

Deepest sympathies to the Coatham family - Harve was a real gentle man and a great soul - always smiling and never a harsh word about anyone. Heng and I had fun with you at the casinos and we enjoyed the quick dinners at Anthonys. We will miss you Harve.

— Angeline Goh