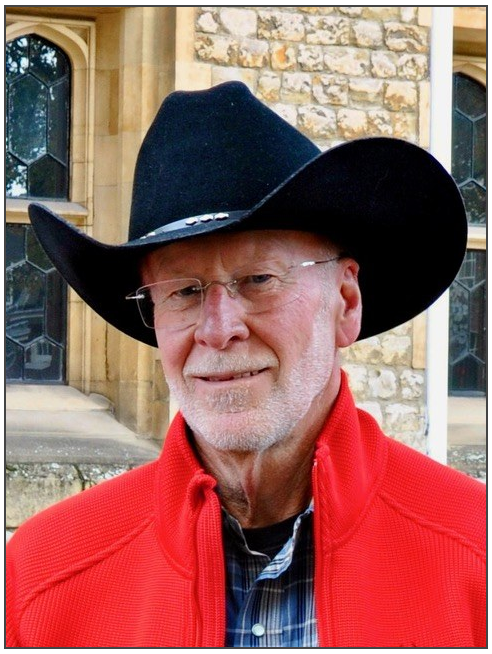
Derrick Cresswell-Clough



JUNE 28, 2023

We, his family, are very sorry to tell you that DC (Rick) Clough – our rock, role model, guiding spirit and “force of nature” – passed peacefully in the night, June 28, 2023.

Rick was born in 1944, in Calgary, while his father served at CFB Lethbridge as a flight instructor. He grew up in Richmond, BC, where his family was based. After leaving school before graduation he distinguished himself at various jobs in construction and auto care before embarking on what became a truly spectacular career in business. Bitten early in life by the entrepreneurial bug, in the 1960s he co-founded Impark, a well-known and very successful parking business in Vancouver, BC, which eventually went North America-wide.

It wasn’t long, though, before Rick bought what became his true passion in life – his farm. Salishan Meadows came to be in 1974, and the rest is history. He promptly put together a small but powerful horse racing stable, which evolved into a Thoroughbred breeding operation – one of the largest and most successful in western Canada throughout the 1980s and 1990s. In 1994 he added an art gallery to the mix, Jenkins Showler Gallery, which became a destination location for lovers of fine Canadian art.

Then, in 2006, with development closing in on his cherished south Surrey farm, he sold it and re-created Salishan anew in south Langley, where he lived the rest of his life.

Like his life in business and horse racing, “new” Salishan was and remains spectacular – a perfect embodiment of the great man who envisioned and created it. Indeed, this was the hallmark of his life: Wherever he went and whatever he did, he left a trail of beauty, good will and love. His uncanny ability to picture something beautiful in his mind, and then bring it to life, was remarkable. Visitors to Salishan – including the many filmmakers who’ve created movies there – attest to this upon seeing it.

As for the people in his life, he has left an equally beautiful legacy. He loved his family passionately and wanted the very best for everyone in it. As for his friends, too numerous to number, he was loved and cherished as a confidante, guide, helper, role model and cheer leader. As a volunteer, he made tremendous impact as President of the BC Thoroughbred Horse Society in the 1980s and Chair of the Pacific Racing Association, which operated Hastings Park Racecourse, in the later 1990s. For his service, among many honours, he was inducted into the Jockey Club of Canada; was recognized as “Man of the Year” in White Rock, BC, where he poured countless hours of work into organizations such as the White Rock-South Surrey Foundation; and received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal as well as Rotary International’s Paul Harris Fellow award. He also ran numerous election campaigns, and created countless friends on both sides of the House along the way.

In his spare time, Rick loved to fish, and spent many hours on the water at Queen Charlotte Lodge, owned by his brother, Paul – he even did some guiding, which made him very proud. He loved to read, and would often boast of how many books he’d read in a given year. And he loved reading the newspaper in his shop, where he not only read but built a wide variety of beautiful things – mostly for those he loved.

Rick is survived by so many who knew and loved him: Lois, his loving wife of 38 years; his son, Derrick, and his wife, Ayesha; his daughter Cheryl, her husband, Warren and his son, Steve; his cherished grandson, Decker; his first wife, Marlene (Rob), with whom he remained great friends; his brother, Paul (Cynthia), and sister, Cheryl (Ernie); mother in law, Frieda; his sisters in law, Linda and Maureen (Elden); and his many nephews and nieces, with whom he held a special bond.

A celebration of Rick and his remarkable, well-lived life will happen as follows:

Date/Time: September 15th, 2023, 2pm-6pm

Place: Salishan Meadows (Rick and Lois' home), Aldergrove, BC

In the meantime, heartfelt thanks to all of you who showed your love to Rick in his final days – we really appreciate it, and we know Rick, did, too. In lieu of flowers, according to Rick's wishes, please consider donating to the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation.

For now, Godspeed, Pop. And keep watching over us. We love you, and miss you like crazy already.

Messages of Condolence

What a lovely tribute to an amazing man. My heart goes out to you. Rick was like a magnet. People were drawn to him and stuck with him thru thick and thin. He was a mentor to many and I am proud to be one of them. I will miss him terribly. Love Shar.

— Sharon Simpson

Rick was a good friend and brother in law to me. Although the years away from his family are many, the few times we saw each other, he always greeted me with a smile and friendly wishes. For the past 54 years, he remained constantly friendly and respectful whenever we crossed paths. I had the highest respect and admiration for Rick and the memories will be with me always!

— Milt Gunn

I was so very sorry to learn of Rick’s passing. Our sincerest condolences to Lois and family. Rick contributed to making the community better in so many ways and while I enjoyed working with him, how we originally met, it was our friendship that I truly valued. My regret is that time and life resulted in us not spending as much time together as I would have liked. We will cherish the memories of times at Salishan as well as a few political skirmishes!

— Jess Ketchum

Rick was a great man and an inspiration to all that had the good fortune to meet him.
In the relatively few years that I knew and worked alongside him, I always appreciated his words of wisdom.
My condolences to his dear wife, Lois.
With a heavy heart,
Martin Jevans

— Martin Jevans

Rick hired me in September, 1973. He was the best boss I have ever had...RIP.

— Jim Middleton

Rick Clough quietly and consistently encouraged my teenage self to aim higher than might have been my destiny in White Rock circa 1980. Rick was my mentor before I knew what the word meant and I will always have enormous gratitude for his low key but determined and loving support. Thank you Rick. May all your pastures be green.

— Patricia Dunn

I had the privilege of knowing Rick for several years in the 90s; we met through Jenkins Showler gallery. I'm now 72 and in my life I have known very few individuals as gracious, warm and supportive as Rick. He really was a quiet force of nature, to be admired for all he was as a man and as a human being. I am truly saddened, and extend my condolences to Lois and Derrick (who I met) and all of his family.

— Erik Peters

My heart felt condolences goes out to Lois and the entire Clough family. I spent a lot of time with Rick in the Thoroughbred business in the 80s and 90s. he was always a great supporter of of everyone in the industry. I personally looked up to him for may years during that time. A wonderful man that will truly be missed by many.

— Mike Grahame

My sincere condolences to the family. I ran across a piece of clothing that Lois gave me years ago. An immense feeling of sadness came over me. I thought to check in on Rick and Lois. You both, with Derrick, Cheryl, Marlene Frieda and so many more in the family made an unforgettable impact in my life, I cherish those days spent together and I am grateful to have crossed paths with you. May Rick rest in peace God knows how good he’s been to the world. Love always Nicole.

— Nicole Poirier

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