Gregory Hourston

MARCH 3, 2026



With heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of Gregory Alan Hourston.

Greg was born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he formed friendships that endured throughout his life. His 32-year career in the airline industry took him and his family on various adventures around the world, allowing them to experience many cultures and places together. Most recently, Greg fulfilled long-held dreams by visiting Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Iceland, places he had long hoped to explore.

Following his retirement from Air Canada/Aeroplan, Greg devoted his time to volunteering with Vancouver Coastal Health, primarily at Richmond General Hospital, giving back generously to the community he loved.

Greg had an extraordinary love for animals and found deep joy in caring for them. He affectionately nurtured Taipan, Mojo, Agnes, Mercy, and Carmilla, and later opened his heart to his senior cat, Lola. His daily visits to feed the ducks at his local pond earned him the affectionate title of their devoted “Duck Dad.” His summers were always spent in Point Roberts, where Greg’s love of the beach, sun, and sea truly came alive. A devoted beach goer, he enjoyed skim-boarding, sandbars, and lingering until the tide swept away the last sliver of gold. Many of his summer birthday barbecues were joyfully planned and hosted by his wife, Malou, at their summer cabin. Greg also took great pride in building and entering sandcastle competitions with his daughters, Kyra and Mackenzie, returning home year after year with top honours and trophies from the Crystal Water Beach Association.

Greg was predeceased by his parents, William “Rod” and Evelyn Hourston, and by his brother, Roger. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Malou, his daughters, Kyra and Mackenzie, and sister, Patricia Ciccozzi.

Greg will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his generosity, devotion to family, and love of life.

In Greg’s memory, donations may be made to a charity supporting those affected by alcoholism.

Funeral Mass held Friday March 27, 2026, at 4pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (4451 Williams Road, Richmond)

Celebration of Life to follow at the Parish Gym across the parking lot at 5pm.

Messages of Condolence

I was so sorry to hear of Greg’s passing . Gone far too soon, my deepest condolences to Malou and your daughters.

— Karen Smith

Malou and family, Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Greg. Sending you strength.

— Colyn

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