



Derek Perkins passed away peacefully at Surrey Memorial Hospital on the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022. He was born at Vancouver's Grace Hospital on June 1st 1929 to parents Ivy and Harold. He spent his childhood on the North Shore and later served an apprenticeship as a machinist/engine fitter at a North Vancouver shipyard. He joined the merchant navy as a junior marine engineer, working his way up to Chief Engineer well before he was 30 years old. Derek met his wife-to-be, Anne, while studying for his Marine Engineering certificates in Liverpool England in 1952. After coming ashore to spend more time with his family in 1956, he worked in the UK as a Boiler Inspector for Scottish Boilers and as a Maintenance Engineer for British Steel until returning to Canada with Anne and his son Keith in 1975. Since then, he worked for BC Ferries as a Marine Engineer, the BC Boiler Inspection Branch, and then as Chief Engineer at Flavelle Cedar Sawmill in Port Moody from 1978 until his retirement in 1994. In retirement he formed his own company and worked as a contract Power Engineer and Turbine Specialist. Derek was also an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer in the engine room of the SS Master, a heritage steam engine tugboat. He is survived by his wife Anne, children Elaine and Keith, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Valley View Funeral Home on January 28th 2023. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Canadian Cancer Society