



Rev. David W Stewart, retired minister of The Presbyterian Church of Canada, passed away at home in Crofton, BC, with the loving care of family and palliative services, on January 1, 2024, after a valiant battle with cancer.

David was born in Ontario and lovingly adopted by Rev. Dr. Richard and Lois Stewart, joining his brother Richard (Anne). Through the Presbyterian Young People's Society, he met and later married his wife Carol (née McLachlin). Upon David's graduation from Knox College in Toronto, the couple relocated to British Columbia and served communities and ministered congregations in Port Alberni, Kelowna, and Vancouver. David then

committed a year to consulting with a First Nations community in Lillooet, playing a large role in the establishment of their own school. After a move to Victoria, David became the Manager of the Upper Room and later the Director of Operations for Our Place. In both these roles, he strived to make a significant and meaningful impact on the vulnerable population of Victoria. David served congregations as interim minister at both St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Victoria and Duncan. In his later years, he continued to serve as pulpit supply in many congregations on Vancouver Island. David had a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals.

David was devoted to his family and deeply proud of his children and grandchildren: Scott (Jennifer), David, Alex; Suzanne (Timo), Brittany, Courtney; Naomi (Greg), Mark, Ryan; Christy, Riley; and Michael.

David's passions spanned from the golf course to the heart of the kitchen, where he crafted meals with love for his family. Yet, his deepest joy stemmed from every opportunity to be with his family, especially relishing moments with his cherished grandchildren.

The Stewart Family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Cowichan Palliative Services, and David's extensive medical team, for the care provided to him, and for the compassion and support extended to the entire family.

Donations can be made at:

The Soup Kitchen: <https://www.thesoupkitchen.ca/home/donations/>

Cowichan Hospice: <https://cowichanhospice.org>

Please contribute personal condolences & memories at:

<https://everloved.com/life-of/david-william-stewart/obituary/>



Memorial Service for Rev. David Stewart

June 2, 1943 - January 1, 2024

Order of Service

Prelude

‘O God, our help in ages past’ & ‘How great thou art’
Christine Purvis, organist

Welcome On Behalf of The Presbytery of Vancouver Island

Mary Moor, Moderator of Presbytery

Lighting of the Candles

By Grandchildren: Brittany Lucas, David Stewart,
Courtney Lucas, Alex Stewart, Mark Blundell, Ryan
Blundell & Riley Stewart-Noyce.

‘Berceuse, OP 39 #3’ by Reinhold Glière

Performed by family friend Andrew Beer, violin
& Lee Sivkov, cello

‘Grandpa’s Love’ By Brittany Lucas

Read by Grandchildren

Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Hymn #407 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by Naomi Blundell & Courtney Lucas

Musical Reflection

‘You Raise Me Up’ by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham
Lauren Steinman, soloist

Scripture: Psalm 23: 1-6

Read by Suzanne Lucas

Hymn # 324 Great is thy faithfulness

Verse 1, 2, & 3

Scripture: Mathew 25: 31-40

Read by Scott Stewart

Meditation

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Hymn # 670 Amazing grace

Verses 1,2,3 & 6

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

(debts/debtors)

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Committal

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Blessing & Commissioning

Rev. Mitch Coggin

Choral Amen #780

Postlude

‘Joyful, joyful, we adore you’

Christine Purvis, organist

*The family requests the honor of your presence at a
Reception, immediately following the Memorial Service,
in the Kirk Hall.*