



REMEMBERING
Raymond Emile Carriere
December 31, 1946 - August 15, 2024



Raymond Emile Carriere, age 77, passed away peacefully among family on August 15, 2024, in Oliver, British Columbia. Ray was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and mentor who touched the lives of many throughout his years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Carmelle and Edmond Carriere, and his oldest sister, Laurie Thompson. Ray is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Ann Carriere and his loving family: sons Marc (Lise) and Damien (Michele); daughter Michaela (Ben); and ten cherished grandchildren, in addition to his brothers Dennis (Judy) and Ron (Pat) Carriere, sisters Paula Rousselle, Lou-Anne Carriere, and Michelle (Mario) Claro.

Ray was born in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, into a military family and was one of seven children. While teaching in Montreal, Ray met and married Ann. The couple decided to move to B.C., and Oliver - where they resided for 48 years - became their final destination.

Ray was best known in the Oliver community for the 30 years he dedicated as a teacher, coach, and mentor at Southern Okanagan Secondary School, Osoyoos Elementary School, and Oliver Elementary School. His commitment to education and the countless students whose lives he enriched will be remembered by many. Ray's passion for teaching and mentoring extended beyond the classroom, as he was deeply involved in the development and growth of his students, always encouraging them to strive for excellence.

Ray loved participating in various sports, including cycling, tennis, pickleball, skiing, hockey, and hiking. He also enjoyed tending to his hobby orchard. His adventurous spirit led him to travel extensively, exploring destinations throughout Europe, China, and Thailand, as well as making multiple volunteer trips to the Philippines, where he

made a lasting impact.

Ray was also a man of deep faith, serving as a longtime elder of the Oliver Alliance Church. His dedication to his faith community was a testament to his character and the values he held dear.

Ray's legacy is one of kindness, gentleness, dedication, and love for his family. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of life will be held at Oliver Alliance Church on Saturday, September 14th at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ray's memory may be made to JoeAnna's House which offers affordable, on-site accommodations for out-of-town families with loved ones receiving care at Kelowna General Hospital.

