

In Memory of Peter Davidson, RPBio

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Born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Peter Davidson grew up on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains where he developed a deep love of nature while herding domestic sheep. Peter obtained both arts and science degrees, as well as a Bachelor of Agriculture, and began his career as a biologist in Sparwood. In 1982, he moved to Cranbrook and took a position with the BC Ministry of Environment, where he embarked on a long-time association with his beloved bighorn sheep —at that time bighorn sheep populations were experiencing marked declines. He worked hard in response to the population crash, becoming involved with selenium supplementation, range enhancement, and later, translocations. In 1989, Peter transferred to Fort St. John and worked for the Williston Lake Compensation Fund. He returned to Cranbrook in 1994 as a Forest Ecosystem Specialist, and retired from the provincial government in 2004. Always intent on the protection of the land, Peter was on the board of directors for the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council and chaired the Rocky Mountain Trench Society.

Peter Davidson was always generous, sharing his knowledge of bird songs and ecosystems without hesitation. Peter was also musical —he sang in the Chuck Bisset Choir, Sun Valley Song, and performed in productions of the Magic Flute and Hello Dolly.



Peter passed away mid-afternoon on a mountainside in the autumn sunshine among his Rocky Mountain naturalist friends. He leaves behind his wife of forty-one years, Maureen, daughters Julie and Annalise, son Shaun, and foster daughter Melissa. **CM**



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