

IN MEMORIAM

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DR. BRYAN WIGGENS 1939–2025

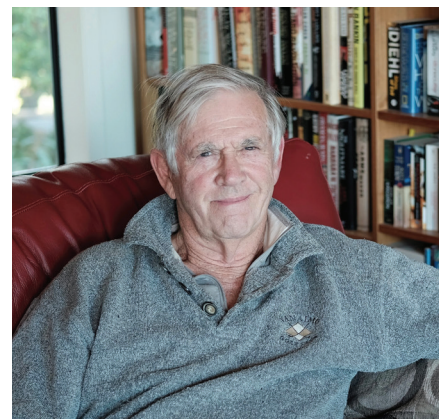
With great sadness, we announce the passing of Dr. Bryan Wiggins age 85, of Nanaimo, BC, on March 10, 2025.

He is survived by his partner, Cynthia Olson; children, Silya, Kaya, and Jon Wiggins; grandchildren, Madeline Wiggins, Chloe Postawski, and Evan Ranieri; sister-in-law, Judy Wiggins; and nephews, Hamish, Andrew, and Simon Wiggins, along with their families in New Zealand and Australia. He was predeceased by his parents, Jean and Francis Wiggins; brother, Michael Wiggins; and former spouses, Anne Wiggins (Beehan) and Ruta Wiggins (Onni).

A lifelong scholar and adventurer, Bryan attended the School of Physiotherapy at Dunedin University in Otago, New Zealand from 1963–1965. He continued his medical studies in London, England, from 1968–1975, earning his MD from Middlesex Hospital Medical School at the University of London, where he was recognized with prizes in surgery, anatomy, and orthopedics. He later specialized in urology, qualifying as a surgeon at the University of Western Ontario in 1982.

Bryan's career was as vast and varied as his interests. A globetrotter with an exceptional mind, he worked 45 different jobs in 28 places across six countries. In his early adulthood, his work ranged from installing fences, bricklaying, and selling ice cream to serving as a housemaster at a boys' school and teaching English in Germany. As a physiotherapist in Christchurch, New Zealand, and later a general practitioner in New Zealand, England, and Canada, he dedicated his life to medicine. Eventually, he settled in British Columbia, working as a surgeon at hospitals in Nanaimo, Ladysmith, and Duncan, until his retirement.

Bryan was known for his sharp wit, boundless energy, and dedication to excellence. He loved his medical career, competitive sports (particularly golf), world history and culture, creative pursuits, automobiles and car racing, animals, travel, and —above all— spending time with his friends and family.



Contributed by Jon Wiggins

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