

Rodney H. Hawkins

Rodney H. Hawkins died peacefully on June 22, 2022, in Williams Lake, British Columbia after a two year battle with cancer. Born in Claremont, New Hampshire, on April 3, 1944, to Richard Hawkins and Mildred Hepburn Hawkins, Rodney came to Dartmouth from Williston Academy where he played soccer, performed in choir, and most significantly, traveled to Germany as an exchange student. While returning from the exchange on a ship that stopped in Galway Bay, Rodney met his future bride Sandra, when she boarded the ship. They married in 1965.

Rodney majored in German at Dartmouth, and shortly before graduation he was surprised to be recruited by the CIA. He turned the offer down and moved with Sandra to Canada, where they happily made a home, living first in Vancouver, where Rodney attended law school at University of British Columbia. He passed the bar in 1974 and moved to Williams Lake where he ran a legal aid office for seventeen years. He later was appointed Administrative Crown and supervised prosecutions in Williams Lake and its vast surrounding areas until his retirement in 2012.

Rodney loved reading, planting lilacs, kayaking, walks with his golden retrievers, and travel to Scandinavia, Iceland, Germany, and the USA, along with teaching law, researching his family tree, bee keeping, and volunteer work in restorative justice.

Predeceased by his son Rodney, he is survived by his wife Sandra, son Christopher (Eiren Zolotas), sister Helen Fullerton (Cal), and many nieces and nephews.