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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kevin Reid Robertson, peacefully, at his home in Chester on his 83rd birthday, after years of living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Kevin was born in Halifax to Gerald Reid and Monica (O'Connor) Robertson. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother John Robertson, and his sister Justice Mary Heather Robertson. His health declined following the loss of his faithful companion, Winnie, his beloved Labradoodle, in April 2024. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

While at Dalhousie University in pre-med, Kevin began his career in haematology at the Pathology Institute. Later, Kevin joined the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO), where he worked for 35 years with the Geological Survey of Canada. His work enabled him to travel in China, Australia, the United States, Venezuela, the Azores, and the Canadian Arctic. Over the years, he formed lasting friendships with colleagues and their families, including the Gorveatts, Pickerills, and Schafers.

A lifelong lover of the water, Kevin spent his early years scuba diving off the coast of Nova Scotia. In 1975, he purchased his first boat, Aspinquid, and found joy in sailing, preferring leisurely downwind cruises with a gin and tonic over competitive racing. Though he only won one race as skipper, his sister, an avid racer, often took Aspinquid to victory. He was a member of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron from 1975 to 2002, later operating his boat out of the East River Shipyard.

Kevin lived in Halifax for many years and was a devoted caregiver to his family. He moved home to care for his parents in their later years, and after his sister's skiing accident in 1995, he moved in with her, sharing a home in Halifax and later in East Chester from 2004 onward.

A proud Mason, Kevin was a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for 50 years and served as District Deputy Grand Master. This year marked his 50th anniversary, and he was honoured to receive his 50-year Jewel. Kevin enjoyed a round of golf with friends and was a member of the Chester Golf Club.

Kevin was deeply grateful for the care and support he received over the past year from Heart to Heart, operated by Lynn Key, and her dedicated staff, who made it possible for him to remain in his home.

At Kevin's request, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Bonny Lea Farm.