MAR - John Mar, P.Eng. - passed away suddenly on Thursday, September 9, 2004 in Victoria, B.C. He is predeceased by his parents: Tim and Loretta Sue Mar; sister, Helen Lee and his first wife, Adelaide (Simpson) Mar. John is survived by his brothers: Jim (Barb) of Chemainus, B.C.; Jack (Arlene) of White Rock, B.C.; Jerry (Linda) of Sunnyvale, California and sisters, Rose Won and Lily Sam of Victoria, B.C. He leaves behind close nephews: Terry (Dorene) Lee of Port Alberni, B.C.; Gordie (Doreen) Richards, Victoria, B.C.; David (Lily) Hay, Richmond, B.C, and many more close cousins, nieces and nephews.

John is also survived by his wife Irene's extended family of 8 children: Therese (Ken) Gossen, Maple Ridge, B.C., Anne (Will) Stelzer, Kelowna, B.C., Linda Quaedvlieg, Whitehorse, Yukon, Mitchell Quaedvlieg, Castlegar, B.C., Michael (Marilyn) Quaedvlieg, Edmonton, Alberta, Barry Quaedvlieg, Kelowna, B.C., Rudi (Robin) Quaedvlieg, Creston, B.C., and Shawn Quaedvlieg, Edmonton, Alberta and 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson, Shamus. He was especially fond of the grandchildren and frequently commented on how proud he was of them.

He possessed many years of senior executive experience in public administration and programs in a broad range of disciplines encompassing research and development, defence, aerospace, environmental protection, energy, health, native affairs including over 15 years of northern social and economic development. John played leading roles in two pioneering ventures in Canada and the United States; the first design and launch of a Canadian space satellite; and the development of the first major oil production project in Canada's north. His experiences have permitted him to travel extensively in Canada and abroad and live and work in most regions of Canada. In his various capacities, he has dealt with all levels of elected officials, bureaucrats, private businesses and the public. Throughout his career, John has consistently demonstrated ingenuity and a strong ability in solving or finding pragmatic solutions to difficult and complex problems.

Funeral Service will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4635 Elk Lake Drive on Friday, September 17, 2004 at 11 a.m. Donations if desired may be made to Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, B.C., V8Z 5N2. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com