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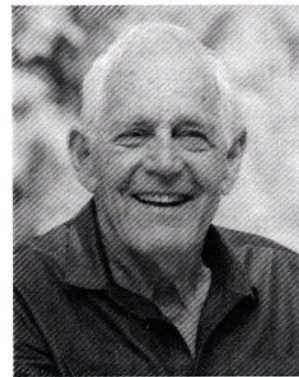
Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies competition is one of the most prestigious and important in the Canadian business community, elevating those companies who win to a status that sets a higher standard within its industry.

With a first line market position as a residential high-rise builder and a reputation for quality construction practices, Intertech is one of the top 5 building contractors in B.C. with volumes in excess of \$100 million dollars annually, 55 salaried employees plus approximately 50 hourly employees.

It's Executive Management Team is comprised of President and CEO, Peter Rezansoff; Executive Vice President of Field Operations, Anthony McGill; Vice President & General Manager, Lloyd Tosoff; and Vice President of Preconstruction, Doug MacFarlane, P. Eng.

Intertech has acted as the construction manager for Blue Tree Management on the prestigious Bayshore Gardens site for the past 9 years, and is the contractor of choice for many other top developers in Vancouver such as Concord Pacific, Wall Financial, Great West Life, Polygon, and UniverCity at SFU.

To have won this honour is a testament to the people, processes and the "Quality Counts" culture of the Intertech Construction Group.



Peter Rezansoff

Sept. 5, 1939 – May 16, 2021

This is the biography of Peter Rezansoff – husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, grandfather, friend and above all very remarkable man.

Peter was born September 5, 1939 in Krestova into the family of Peter and Nellie Rezansoff, joining older sisters Vera and Anne. Siblings Katie and Walter arrived later and together the family of seven resided in the village of Krestova. Peter

grandparents, Marfoonya and Misha Denisoff and Lucy and William Rezanoff also lived nearby.

In 1946, the Rezanoff family's yearnings to lead a life based on traditional Doukhobor principles led them to move with a group of like-minded Doukhobors to Hilliers, BC, on Vancouver Island, where they set about establishing a communal lifestyle. This is where a community school was set up and where Peter received his elementary education.

After seven years in Hilliers, in the summer of 1953, the Rezanoff family moved back to Krestova where they lived a simple life, continuing to uphold their Doukhobor convictions at a time when there was much turmoil in the community.

Growing up during economically hard times, Peter learned from a young age the value of working hard and the art of being resourceful. He learned the skill of carpentry from his father, and throughout his life could build and fix anything that was required around the family home. Helping his mother in their large family gardens nurtured his love of growing fruits and vegetables, also a trait he held to the very end. As a young teenager he would catch a ride to the Okanagan where he worked picking fruit in the orchards. One year he made enough money to return home in a car of his own.

At the young age of 18 Peter met the love of his life, Elsie Chernoff. They first met in the choir in Krestova, and soon after Peter was making many trips to Winlaw. Their courtship was brief, as they quickly realized that they were destined to be together forever. Peter and Elsie were married on February 6, 1960, and they had traditional Doukhobor celebrations in Winlaw and Krestova.

Peter and Elsie moved into a brand new house on Peter's family property

which was built by Peter, his dad and his grandfather. The home was small but cute and was the only one of its kind in the community, in that it had a little pump in the kitchen that brought water into the house. It was here where Peter and Elsie started their married life together, and in 1961 they welcomed their first born, daughter Lorraine.

The year 1962 brought with it a resettlement and hardships. Peter's young family took part in the Doukhobor trek to Agassiz, BC where they spent the next five years living under extremely difficult conditions.

After leaving Agassiz, Peter and his young family headed to the Coast and moved into a rented house in Vancouver. In 1967 Peter and Elsie welcomed their second daughter, Nina.

Needing to provide for his young family, Peter took a job in Hudson Hope doing carpentry work on the dam during the week and returning home on the weekends. This was only for a short period of time as Peter had made the decision that 'now was the time' to further and complete his education. Not having any high school education, Peter was determined to 'catch up' and began classes in Columbia College, where he received his grade 12 equivalency.

A skilled carpenter and always interested in construction, Peter enrolled at BCIT in the Construction Management program. His work ethic and enthusiasm in this field was evident, so much so that he was asked to take on the role of instructor for Saturday classes at BCIT. In 1970, his third daughter, Natasha joined the family.

After Peter completed his BCIT program he began applying for jobs with construction companies. He was hired as a superintendent at the

first company he pursued, Stanzl Construction. He was assigned to one of the towers on a project where the Superintendent on the second tower was a man named Tony McGill. Perhaps it was fate that these two should meet and little did they know what was to transpire in the future.

Peter started his employment at Stanzl Construction in 1971 and then moved on to Narod Construction in 1981. At Narod, Peter was recognized for his business acumen and was promoted to Vice-President. However, Narod did not survive the recession. Peter and Tony closed out the remaining projects on Granville Island under the receivership company Baxter.

Being a builder, Peter was determined to exit the rental market and build a house of his own. In 1974 he bought a lot in Surrey and started his family home. As always, it was a family affair from clearing the lot to building the house, leaving half the back yard for the girls to play and half for the garden. Good thing there was an empty lot next door where Peter could keep his big pile of lumber. This also became a playground for the girls. Peter hung a tire swing and built the biggest rabbit cage ever.

After the house was built, Peter came up with another project. The girls wanted to go to Disneyland, so he built his own camper and the family took their first family vacation – a road trip to California. That camper came in very handy over the years. As Peter was determined to have his girls grow up having close relations with their cousins in the Kootenays, he planned annual summer camping trips to Osoyoos and Sam's Resort at Woods Lake, where all the brothers and sisters, with their kids would vacation together. These were some of Peter's favourite times. There are so many stories and memories from

those fun days.

In 1983 the biggest recession was upon Canada and the construction industry was hit particularly hard. Peter and Tony, in their infinite wisdom, formed their own construction company Intertech Construction Ltd. They both knew concrete and felt that together, with Tony's strength in field operations and Peter's strength in client and financial management, they could keep their crew working and continue to build hi-rises.

Peter always had something on the go. In 1984 he began building a family home in Crescent Valley with his 'first' promise of retirement. He moved his family back to the community along the Slokan River. Not long after this move, his partner called and convinced Peter that there was a good job opportunity for Intertech and that he should return to Vancouver. Peter and Elsie began commuting between Crescent Valley and Vancouver.

Intertech was a driving force, with Peter at the helm. He ran the company with a passion for excellence and fairness. In the beginning, Peter was the President, Project Manager, CFO and Estimator, and he oversaw all client relationships. He was a skilled negotiator and a man of his word, sealing agreements with a handshake. He was the reason long term clients and business relationships lasted decades. He mentored multiple generations in the construction industry with his knowledge and technical competence. He was a respected leader, admired by his industry colleagues, employees and the entire business community. As a result, the hi-rise projects kept coming, so Peter and Elsie returned to live in a condo in Vancouver.

Peter also took the opportunity and was proud to involve family in

the company whenever he could. Intertech was known as a family company as it created a culture of trust and loyalty. It was well known that Peter never took his employees for granted. He expressed his appreciation often, was supportive and encouraging and anxious to see them grow in their roles. He was thoughtful, kind and considerate. It was his touch to thank the employee's wives for their patience and support through the year at his annual Christmas event speech. He was a team builder and a teacher. His knowledge and intelligence were only surpassed by his great memory.

Peter's success as a businessman did not overshadow his love of the Doukhobor community and his connection to his roots. He used his knowledge and influences to support and promote his many initiatives such as the Doukhobor Cultural Association (DCA), the Whatshan Retreat Society, the Tolstoy Café Bakery at Yasnaya Polyana in Russia, the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College, the Lower Mainland Doukhobor Benevolent Society and the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ (USCC), in addition to ITC's many social build initiatives. If there was a worthy cause, he could be counted on to help in any way possible. Peter was a true Doukhobor in his heart.

Peter loved Doukhobor singing and had a wonderful voice, coming from a family of very talented singers. He was a self-taught musician having bought his first accordion at the age of 16. His favourite times would be large family gatherings, singing and playing the accordion surrounded by the people he loved. Just a few years ago Peter wanted to take up guitar and enlisted the help of his oldest grandson to help him buy a guitar and give him lessons. He

was always willing to learn and try something new. Golfing and fishing were other activities Peter enjoyed, and even more so when it included his grandsons.

Peter and Elsie participated in the 1995 Voices for Peace Choir. They have been members of the Lower Mainland Doukhobor Choir for 25 years, participating in the annual USCC Youth Festival. Many of these performances included Peter accompanying the choir with accordion alongside his grandson, Misha on guitar.

Always looking to the future, Peter decided he should build a home in the interior, closer to his extended families, friends and the Doukhobor community. He insisted that this time, this would truly be his retirement home. In 1998 Peter built a big, beautiful house on Christina Lake. He designed it to be able to accommodate his entire family when gathered. There are so many memories of numerous gatherings over the years at this home that he so loved. Peter was a people person, and his greatest joy was when everyone got together, the more the merrier. He was a gracious host.

In 2011 Peter retired from ITC Construction (a rebranded name for Intertech Construction). He took on the role of Chairman of the ITC Board of Directors so he could oversee the direction the company was taking, the company he co-founded and was so proud of, a company that is well known for its collaboration, drive and performance and is recognized as one of the most successful hi-rise residential builders in Western Canada.

Surprisingly, Peter settled into his retirement gracefully. He and Elsie would plan their winter vacations in Maui, while their spring, summer and fall months were spent at Christina

Lake. Together Peter and Elsie have seen a lot of the world. Peter would convince and nudge Elsie to agree to take a trip to a destination that was on his bucket list. Their last trip was a cruise around New Zealand and Australia in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They have also travelled to: Hawaii, Russia, China, Europe, Dubai, Mexico, the Caribbean, Cuba, Costa Rica, Cook Islands, and after every trip they would return and say that there is no place more beautiful than their spot on Christina Lake.

Determined to stay current and relevant Peter always kept up with technology. He wasn't afraid to learn new things and became proficient with computers and cell phones. He could check if his automated sprinkler system was working at his Lake home from his Vancouver home.

Peter was a good listener and had the ability to make each person feel like they were the most important one at that moment. He was a peacemaker. He gave guidance and supported his children and grandchildren in all their endeavours. He encouraged and supported all of them in obtaining a higher education, which he strongly felt was so important. Peter was so proud of each, and every one of them and the path that they had chosen, and more importantly the good people they had become. He had a special relationship with all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Peter was the patriarch of the family. Married to the love of his life for 61 years, they were inseparable. Together they raised and nurtured a family, instilling love, good values and their Doukhobor beliefs, always reminding them to never forget where they came from. A family that worked, prayed, sang and played

together, and one that truly enjoyed being in each other's company.

Peter was genuine and bigger than life, often referred to as having a quiet but impactful presence. He was an authentic leader who never compromised his values. His leaving so unexpectedly has left a void in so many hearts and is a great loss to the family, as well as the business and Doukhobor communities. He touched so many lives, more than he probably even knew. From humble beginnings to great successes, Peter certainly lived an accomplished and honourable life. He was admired, loved and respected by his family and by all those who came to know him. We are blessed to have shared Peter in our lives.

Peter was predeceased by his parents Peter & Nellie, brother-in-law Bill Voykin and nephew Johnny Voykin.

Peter leaves behind his loving wife, Elsie; children, Lorraine and husband Howard, Nina and husband Grant, Natasha and husband Harold; grandchildren, Misha and wife Candice together with great-grandchildren, Luca and Liv, Andrei and wife Mariana, Matvei and partner Romã, Mandi, Nicholas and partner Paula, Mariah and partner Jesse; sisters, Vera Podmoroff, Anne Voykin, Katie Podmorow and husband Harry; brother Walter Rezanoff and wife Winnie; brother-in-law Harvey Chernoff and wife Kim, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues.

A family service was held on May 22, 2021, at the Castlegar Funeral Chapel with interment at the Krestova Cemetery. A celebration of life will be planned in Vancouver at a later date.

The family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards, emails and phone calls offering

condolences, as well as those who brought food to the house; JJ Verigin for his kind words at the graveside service, as well as Harvey Chernoff, Elmer Verigin and Tony McGill for sharing their heartfelt thoughts; Bill Strilaeff and staff at Castlegar Funeral Chapel for their excellent and caring guidance and service; Fred Makortoff for his assistance and direction at the burial, and the Krestova grave diggers who prepared Peter's final resting place. Thank you all for your love, presence and support.

Peter will be missed and fondly remembered. May the Gracious Lord accept Peter into His Heavenly Kingdom. *Vechnaya Pamyat' v Tsarstviyi Nebesnom.*

The following donations were made to ISKRA in memory of Peter: Elsie Rezanoff, Howard and Lorraine Chutskoff, Grant and Nina Nixon, Harold and Natasha Barisoff and families, \$1000; Vera Podmoroff, Anne Voykin, Katie and Harry Podmorow, Walter and Winnie Rezanoff, \$160; Lower Mainland Doukhobor Choir, \$100; Bonnie Strukoff & Paul Witt and Dottie & Tom Dudley, \$100; Steve Horkoff and family, \$100; Lawrence and Kathy Popoff, \$90; Gordon and Vi Bondoreff and family, \$50; Bill and Lovette Nichvolodoff, \$50; Jim and Lil Popoff and family, \$50; Beth and Lindsay Novokshonoff, \$50; Paris Voykin and family, \$40; Julie Ewashen, \$40; Paul and Mary Verigin, \$25; Irene Malloff, \$25; Harry and Debbie Argatoff, \$25; Walter and Vera Kanigan, \$25; Nick and Mildred Rilko, \$25; Ernie, Teresa, and Anastasia Verigin, \$20; Mike and Nina Jmieff, \$20; Steve and Joyce Jmieff, \$20; Gord and Linda Henniger, \$20; Bill and Liz Pepin and family, \$20; Sharon and Lorraine Gevatkoff, \$20; Mary Postnikoff, \$10; Nellie Keraiff, \$10. Total, \$2095.