

SCHROEDER, GREGORY Saturday, 14 May 2011

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Gregory James
Schroeder

Gregory James Schroeder passed peacefully Saturday, May 14, at home in Vernon. He was a devoted family man, an exceptional community member and a loyal friend. His loving support, quick wit and joy for life were valued by all those close to him.

Greg will be greatly missed by his wife, Liz, seven children – Dana, (Sue), Erinn, Adam (Nicole), Katy, Melissa, Alex and Emily – and the lights of his life, his three grandchildren, Jimmy, Sarah and Finn. His stepmother Dianne and siblings Drew (Pam), Marla (Mike), Celia (Mark), Jed (Janet), Joanne (Jamie) and their 13 offspring also grieve his loss.

Greg was a longtime partner of Davidson & Company Lawyers and a tireless community supporter, bringing a tremendous passion for social issues within the community. Greg was instrumental and proactive in many social projects in Vernon including: Vernon Community Land Trust, The United Way, Teen Junction, Vision Okanagan, Community Futures and Kalamalka Rotary.

Greg lived his life fully, with a keen sense of adventure and a love for travel. Depending on the season he could be found on the lakes, Silver Star or Predator Ridge Golf Course, where he was an inaugural member, and his circle of friends was more important to him than improving his handicap. In his younger days, he played many team sports, starting as #32 on the 1966 BC Basketball Champion Vic High Totems.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful caring staff at the Cancer Clinic – thank you for your compassion while treating Greg, and to all of his friends and neighbours for their love, support and remarkable food. A special thank you to Dr. Marla Williams, Greg's sister; because of her, Greg was able to spend his final days at home surrounded by those who loved him.

A celebration of Greg's life will be held at the Trinity United Church, Saturday June 4th at 3:00 pm. Donations can be made to the BC Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.