

## Donald James McLaws – VHS Class of 1997



McLAWS, Donald "Donnie" James  
Our much loved 'Donnie', Donald James McLaws, was taken from us far too soon by cancer, on November 3, 2016. From the first diagnosis in early summer, Donnie stoically faced his certain fate with grace, courage, and an ever-present gentle smile for those around him. We are all so proud of you Donnie, and we miss you so much. Donnie was born in Calgary, AB on New Year's Eve, 1975. He moved to Victoria in his mid-teens and attended Central Middle School and Vic High, and then Camosun College where

he developed his interest and skill in photography. His eye made the commonplace unique and the familiar special, and many have seen and appreciated his vision of everyday life through his photos quietly on display around Victoria for many years. Aside from developing photographs, Donnie also developed great friendships with co-workers and patrons at Mr. Big and Tall and at View Royal Casino where he worked for the last eight years. Donnie loved the night shift and everyone who worked or played at it! Donnie is survived and mourned by his mother and best friend Trish, uncles Pete and Bill, aunties Crickie, Donna and Joanne, cousins Geoff, Freya, Melissa, Michael, and Jacki and all of his extended family. Please join us for a celebration of his life at Sands Funeral Chapel, 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria, BC, 3 - 5 pm on November 19, 2016. In lieu of flowers we ask that you donate to the BC Cancer Society. There is so much more to the life you lived and words fail us but, Donnie, you are in our hearts always.