



**Michael Ross Gaiger**

**1952 - 2009**

Born June 13, 1952 in Victoria, British Columbia to Darrel and Elsie Gaiger, youngest of three, Mike is predeceased by his parents and his sister Rosalie Wallace (nee Gaiger). Mike fought a long hard battle with cancer, won that battle, but due to a secondary infection, his lungs could no longer support his breathing. Mike lost his battle for life on June 2, 2009. He died knowing that his loving wife was there by his side along with the rest of his family and some close friends giving him their full support, love and strength. Mike so enjoyed life – gardening, camping, woodworking, trips to the Seattle Tug Boat races, Scouting, wine making and most of all -cooking.

Mike gave of his time volunteering without hesitation to help others. Mike & I were together for a short 34 years. He was my true love and soulmate and my life was complete with him in it. His children were his pride and joy—the second loves of his life and he was so proud of each and every one of them.

Mike's family and friends were very important to him. He looked up to his big brother Paul and Paul's wife Diana — they helped him through some tough times and were always there for him. Mike's extending Scouting family gave Mike a chance to help others, support others and shared a great comradery with them. His shipmates and QHM staff were also a large part of his life. One of Mike's favourite sayings was "I'm not ready to retire yet — I'm having too much fun!" Mike, myself and our children enjoyed many years of camping together at We Wai Kai campground on Quadra Island and count ourselves lucky with all the friends we have made over the years up there. Mike was blessed with a great sense of humour and a caring loving heart.

To all our family, friends, shipmates and neighbours I'm sure Mike would say: Thanks for the memories, the love and support. I'll see you all again and will be with you always in Scouting Spirit. As for us that are left behind (for now) I know I will miss him terribly as will my children Alexander, Michelle and Andrew, big brother Paul and his wife Diana and all of the many other loving family members and friends. He was taken from us too soon and I miss him so much but I know he will be watching over each and every one of us.