



Allan Ross Murdoch (1956)
July 1, 1938 - August 9, 2013

"Lannie" died for the first time at age 45. His love of his family, the strength of his spirit, and the right roll of the dice brought him back to us for 30 more yrs. Allan was born in Ft. William (Thunder Bay), ON, and moved by train to Victoria the summer he turned 6. It was there that he met his beautiful wife-to-be, Mary, when he was 20 and she was 15. They were married on Aug.18, 1962, after he had graduated from UBC as an electrical engineer. Allan spent most of his career teaching at BCIT, where he always made extra time for any student who

wanted to learn.

Allan was a gentle, modest man who never fully appreciated how incredibly smart (or handsome) he was but the rest of us did. From computers to cars, house reno's to appliance repairs, he was our "go-to" guy. He was delighted to have a grandson who had many questions and a shared passion for how things work. Allan was always generous with his knowledge, time, tools, and kindness.

We will remember Allan's love of canoeing; the beautiful sound of him playing his guitar; his amazing tolerance to the ice cold waves at Long Beach; his appreciation of a good back rub; and the sight of him under his willow tree, enjoying his yard.

Allan is survived by the love of his life, Mary; daughter, Laurie (late husband Brian); grandson, Aidan; sister, Judy (husband Dick), and a wonderful circle of friends and neighbors. Anne & Herb, Gail & Barry, Sharon, and Erichugs for being there for so many years, no matter what. Thanks also to Dr. G. Frame and Dr. B. Horne for taking such good care of Allan, and to the staff of the Bby. Home Care/Palliative Care Program, who made his wish to die at home come true.

Allan lives on in the smiles of his daughter and grandson, and in the hearts of everyone who knew him. He is still with us: love never dies; Allan's just been given wings to fly. There will be no funeral service at his request. In lieu of flowers, please give someone special a hug or a phone call today.

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