REMEMBERING

Allan Pera

May 24, 1956 - March 16, 2021

Allan Pera passed away with medical assistance on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 in the company of beloved family and friends at his home in Cobble Hill, from end-stage renal disease.

His life began on May 24th, 1956, after his mother took a frantic boat ride from the isolated logging camp of Kokish, to the hospital in Alert Bay. The logging camp provided a paradise of a home for a young boy to climb trees, play sports, and roll tires down hills.

Self-described as getting through Cowichan High School “right through the front door, and out the back”, Allan Pera found his education in life through curiosity, conversation, and work. After kicking around gutters and other construction jobs, he landed in the exterior deck railing business – and liked it enough to spend over 40 years of his life helping create and run Dek Rail. Through the strain of running a business, he remained close friends with his business partner Tyler Giesbrecht.

For a man who described living his life “one step ahead of the reaper” – he stayed ahead for 64 fun-packed years. Once he grew past enjoying late-night snooker games, you could often find him enjoying his steps in life on the golf course.

He joins his predeceased father (Paul Pera), and is survived by a family who will miss him dearly; including his son, (Paul Pera), his mother (Paula Pera), his older brother (Timo), his younger sisters (Laila Pera & Lisa Pera), his little Jack Russell Terrier, (Hank), and beloved cousins, nieces, grand-nephews, and extended family. He also leaves behind his best golf-friend of many years, Paul Harding, and the Vancouver Caledonian golf group – with whom he shared many treasured memories.

There will be no service upon his request, but we will be holding a small celebration on April 3rd. In lieu of flowers or other commemorations, please make any contributions to the BC Transplant Society. If you’d like to share a story or memory of Allan, it would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to: paulpera@gmail.com

Thanks to all who knew him, and shared in laughter with him.

“The key to life is in moderation – you can enjoy everything in moderation. And

some nights, you should be moderate in moderation.”’