



**REMEMBERING**  
**Arthur Laib (Art)**

February 18, 1936 - February 6, 2024



Arthur ("Art") Laib, a cherished son, brother, husband, father, foster parent, friend and artist, departed this world on February 6, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, creativity, and kindness. Born in Bessarabia in 1936 to Anna and Johann Laib, Arthur's life journey was marked by adventure and a profound devotion to family.

Arthur shared his upbringing with six siblings, who left an indelible mark on his life. At 21, he ventured alone to Toronto, where he met his first wife, with whom he had his daughters, Monica and Angela. Despite a brief return to Germany, Canada held Arthur's heart and purpose, so after his first marriage ended, he moved back to Toronto.

Upon his return, Arthur's life took a serendipitous turn as he crossed paths with a good friend from the past, Carol and her three children, Brenda, Michael, and Edward. Carol became the love of Arthur's life. They got married in 1985 and were inseparable until his last day.

In 1990, Arthur and Carol embarked on a new chapter, settling on Vancouver Island, where they first lived with their daughter, Angela and their grandchildren, Bianca and Jeannine, for one year before they moved to Colwood.

In 2001 they adopted their son, James, and opened their hearts and home to many foster children whom they cherished as their own. In 2003 they moved to Duncan, where Arthur would spend the remainder of his life. Arthur and Carol's dedication to providing a nurturing environment touched countless lives, embodying Arthur's innate love of children, kindness and generosity.

Professionally, Arthur thrived as a painter and decorator. He was a talented artist and loved creating flourishing gardens.

Throughout his life, Arthur's laughter and zest for life were infectious, leaving a

lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He left a legacy of love, creativity, and kindness.

In his final days, Arthur found solace in the embrace of his devoted wife, Carol, and step-daughter, Brenda, whose unwavering care provided comfort during his battle with Primary Progressive Aphasia.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Arthur's medical team and caregivers for their compassionate support. A celebration of Arthur's life will be held to honour his memory and legacy of love at a later date.

Though Arthur may be gone, his spirit lives on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have shared in his journey. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

