



REMEMBERING
Donald Kozak

May 9, 1943 - March 16, 2014



Born Mother's Day, May 9th, 1943 - March 16th, 2014

After a lengthy illness he passed away peacefully. He was predeceased by parents Patrick Thomas and Helen Rosalind (nee Gurski) and a sister.

He was born and raised in Winnipeg. He fondly remembered his mother for her culinary skills. He was proud of his father for saving the life of a man in the early 1930's from going over Niagara Falls. He was glad that he himself saved the lives of 3 people. He had three daughters from a previous marriage to Bettyann. He will forever be proud of his daughters for who they are and their achievements. Kim for being a nurse, Tracy for being a legal assistant and Carmelle for being a teacher.

While living in Winnipeg, he celebrated many achievements with music and careers. He was a well known musician during the 60's and 70's in Manitoba, playing in many bands and teaching music. He was one of the initial members of "Big Brothers" in Winnipeg. He worked at Bristol Aero-Space as a tool and die design drafts man on the Lockheed L1011 jumbo jet and Black Brant Rockets. He went on to own many businesses in the next 30 years. He owned and ran "Party Shack", the largest cold food catering company in Winnipeg until 1991. He also belonged to Toastmasters' and was a member of the Lions and Kinsmen clubs.

He enjoyed Island life to the fullest after moving to Vancouver Island in 2000 with best friend and wife Milli. Don and Milli started Island Bonsai and were "fixtures" at many markets from Victoria to Comox, selling their beautiful little trees for over 8 years. He taught bonsai classes from Victoria to Nanaimo and he was instrumental in starting the Cowichan Bonsai Club. During retirement they enjoyed canoeing, fishing, bridge, mountain hiking, rock hounding, car trips and casino jumping. In more recent years he spent many enjoyable hours tying flies and learning about fly fishing. He and Milli loved their gardening and landscaping endeavors and had looked forward to many more years of retirement prior to his passing..

He wished to be cremated and asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to

the Canadian Lung Association. Please share in his celebration of life service at H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre, 5285 Polkey Road, Duncan BC on Saturday March 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

We love you Don and Dad, you will be in our hearts forever!

