



REMEMBERING
Howard Schmidt

February 18, 1952 - June 6, 2024



Howard Schmidt died peacefully at home in Duncan BC after living 7 years with a rare degenerative neurological disorder. He was 72 years old.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Jerri, their children Ian, Jesse, Eric (Malva), his grandchildren Logan and Emma; his siblings Joanne (Dale), Warren (Barb), Kathy (Paul), Janet (Steve); his in-laws Shelly (Paul), Glen (Kate). He also leaves behind 7 nieces, 8 nephews and their 18 children. Howard was predeceased by his parents Ernie and Leona Schmidt and his in-laws Corrine and Glen Hollingshead.

Howard was born on February 18th 1952 in Saskatoon Saskatchewan. He spent his formative years in Zaire (Belgian Congo) with his medical missionary family, returning to Saskatoon to finish elementary and high school. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a BA, B.ED and a Masters in School Psychology. He found fulfillment working with students, parents and teachers in Brandon MB, Squamish BC, Castlegar BC and the Cowichan Valley BC. He had a passion for history and enjoyed learning about the areas he lived in. Howard also had a special interest in Mennonite history. He retired in 2018.

Howard was a committed family and outdoors man; enjoying camping, fishing, hiking, skiing and kayaking with his family and friends. His sports passion was soccer. He dabbled at playing and coaching and was an avid world soccer fan. He

truly valued the long term friendships he made in the places he settled. Howard was an animal lover from childhood, and had several dogs and cats that were an integral part of his family life.

Howard was lovingly cared for by his wife Jerri, and they are deeply thankful to his other compassionate and loyal caregivers of the last year: Eric Schmidt, Jesse Schmidt, Shelly Hollingshead, Glen Hollingshead, Marianne Neill, Teagan Hill and Susan Gaudi. Along with Dr Gisla Wenzel-Smith they provided the care needed to maintain a good quality of life for Howard at home.

Howard managed the progressive losses from his illness with stoicism and an amazingly positive attitude. His hearty laugh and sense of humor stayed with him until his last day.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the B.C. Parkinson's society.

