



## REMEMBERING Mark Melis

September 22, 1959 - June 18, 2022



Mark had the world!

The world's best smile that is and he loved to laugh and make others laugh too. He had an amazing life full of family, friends and adventure. Mark spent his childhood sailing the world with his family and was like a fish in the water. He especially loved to swim the backstroke. Once settled in Victoria, Mark attended Crossroads Day Program for more than twenty-five years. He loved going to Crossroads and had countless good times with the friends he made there. After Crossroads, Mark moved with Campbell, Diane, and Cissy to the Cowichan Valley. Once settled into retirement, he certainly didn't slow down. Instead, he had even more time for the recreational activities that he particularly loved, such as fishing and crabbing with his pal Dave. He was always up for any fun activity, including many camping and road trips with family and friends, snowshoeing at Mt. Washington, kayaking at Comox Lake, snowmobiling at 100 Mile House, go-carting, playing regular rounds of mini golf, enjoying ping pong at Yellow Point Lodge and bowling (just to name a few!). He was a well-travelled soul. Amongst his travel he cruised to Alaska, Mexico and Hawaii, attended a Super Bowl Party in Las Vegas, saw his favorite Star Wars characters in real life at Disneyland, spent a day at the San Diego Zoo (very fond of the monkeys), saw the Grand Canyon, hiked in both Sedona and New Mexico, rode the trolley in San Francisco, drove the coastal highway through Big Sur, and spent many winter breaks with his many friends at Los Amigos in sunny Arizona. Not only did Mark enjoy participating in sports and activities but he loved watching sports too. He loved to watch the Canucks, the Blue Jays, and the

Raptors, and was very happy watching Canada compete at the Olympics. He loved coffee, food, and celebrating every kind of holiday. He especially loved his birthday and Christmas. Mark spent the last year of his life with the kind folks of Campbell house. We will miss him (and his smile) greatly.

