REMEMBERING

Mike Murphy

December 28, 1944 - October 25, 2026

Today, we said goodbye to Mike in the most loving and compassionate way. He was able to choose his own ending, and his family is grateful that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is an option available in Canada. Mike and his family deeply appreciated the kindness and professionalism of Dr. Gisela Wenzel-Smith.

Mike passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. Everyone had the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with him, sharing stories, memories, and tears. These precious moments brought comfort and allowed the family to say goodbye with love while giving Mike a peaceful departure.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the exceptional team at Cowichan District Hospital. Our heartfelt thanks go to the doctors, nurses, care aides, student nurses, housekeeping staff, and food services personnel for the kindness, compassion, and care they showed Mike throughout his time there.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Gail; his sons, Grant (Shelly) and Dean (Michael); his grandchildren, Sheldon, Chelsea, Hannah, and Gillian; his four great-grandchildren; and his four-legged fur baby, Murph. He is also survived by his brother, Jim (Karen); his sister, Barbara; and many extended family members.

Mike will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will live on in the stories shared, the tears shed, and, above all, the love he leaves behind.

Grief never ends, but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. It is the price of love. Our grief reflects the love we were given and the love we shared with those who have passed. In time, we learn that the love remains to balance the grief.

As requested by Mike, there will be no memorial service

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dying With Dignity Canada