

Andrew Gazzity

Andrew Gazzity was born in Battonya, Hungary on November 15, 1916 to Prokop and Irma. He raced ahead to open the pearly gates, for the rest of his friends and family, leaving us peacefully on March 24, 2011 at Victoria Jubilee Hospital. He was known as Andy, Dad, Andras, Bandi, Papa and 50-50; the later due to his reply when greeted.

Andrew was adventurous, inspirational, inventive, a humanitarian, an entrepreneur for many years, loved his family and lived his life fully and with gusto.

He took pleasure in going to Hawaii for many years, and delighted in swimming the Kamaole Beaches in Kihei, Maui.

Andrew loved singing, dancing, and delicious food. He enjoyed telling and hearing good jokes. He appreciated technology and would marvel at the latest innovations especially when all you had to do was "push the button".

In his younger years Andrew was a boxer and studied martial arts "back in the old country". It came in handy in his early 80's when he was attacked by a ruffian who suddenly realized he had unfortunately met his match! He was proud of maintaining his strength right to the end.

Andrew left Hungary in 1948 and immigrated to Moncton, New Brunswick in 1951. After working for a year in New Brunswick he decided to explore Canada, with his new friends Louis P. and Louis N. They stopped along the way to work in Tillsonburg, Ontario. Andrew was looking for a nirvana, (a place with the least amount of snow accumulation in Canada). He established himself in Vancouver BC, where he began a business in scrap metal which was his second love. He settled eventually in Victoria in 1970. He maintained a business in the scrap industry in one way or another until his mid 70's.

At a New Year's Dance in 1954 he met his wife to be Emelia, and celebrated New Year's Eve, robustly, every year to his very last.

Those left to wonder at his passing include his brother, Valdemar; wife of 54 years, Emelia; daughters, Maria, Ettel (Attila), Emelia (Brent), Kathy (Rick) and Ann (Pieter). As well he leaves 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Andrew was predeceased by his sisters Amelia, Hajnal, Elizabeth and his brother Peter.

A Celebration of Andrew's Life will be held in MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson & Vancouver Streets on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to your charity of choice. To send condolences, please visit www.mccallbros.com.