

Ewald August Schroter

“Eddie”, as he was affectionately known by his friends, died peacefully at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, B.C. on August 25, 2011.

Eddie was born on August 11, 1927 in Glashütte, Upper Silesia, Germany, the youngest of seven siblings (Gerhard, Karl, Ilse, Hilde, Alfred, Herbert). Ed is predeceased by his wife of thirty-two years, Gertrude, in 1988 and is survived by his daughter Ruth, son-in-law Abby, cherished grandchildren Alycia, Anna and Aaron, his dear partner Lotti, and many other close relatives and friends.

Eddie apprenticed as a welder at Hennigsdorf Berlin, Germany during the war years, and by the time he applied to come to Canada in 1951, he was already a journeyman. Holding A, B, and C Welding tickets, his prolific skills in Oxy-Acetylene and Arc-Atom welding took him to the Alberta pipelines and numerous B.C. projects, including the Ocean Falls Pulp Mill, the Kemano Power Station, and to Malaspina College in Nanaimo as its first welding instructor. Throughout his professional career, Eddie was a member of the Boiler Makers Union of Victoria, Local 191.

One of Eddie's many trade stops was in Victoria, where he met and fell in love with Gertrude “Gertie” Glashuettner of Mödling, Austria. He married Gertie in 1955, and they had a daughter Ruth soon after. The family eventually settled in Victoria, where Eddie found work with Nicholson-Murdie Machines, Limited for over thirty years until he retired in 1989. An avid soccer fan, Eddie played semiprofessional soccer in Germany, and was coach of the Victoria Kickers in the late 1960's and mid 1970's. As a founding member of the Victoria Edelweiss Club in 1970, many weekends were spent both volunteering his labour skills, and sharing laughter over a beer with good friends. The last 23 years of his life were

spent with his devoted partner Lotti, travelling extensively, sharing her great cooking, and visiting friends.

A celebration of Eddie's life will be held on Friday Sept. 2, 2011 at Lambrick Park Church, 1780 Feltham Road, Victoria B.C. at 1 pm. Interment procession will follow after the service to Royal Oak Cemetery, and reception for family and guests afterwards.