

George Thompson

George was born May 12, 1942 in Montreal, Quebec. He spent his early years on the Thompson's family farm with his Dad and his Dad's family. When the family sold the farm they moved into the city of Montreal. As a teen George held jobs in the Montreal Forum, at the Stock Exchange, and on the St. Lawrence Seaway. In early 1970 George moved to Tahsis, British Columbia, with his mother, Kay, and Wendy his sister, taking a job as a millworker. This is where he met and married his wife Lorraine (nee Ponsford). The light of George's life was his family. He adored his daughter Sheryl and son Russell. He was a strong family man taking an unflagging interest in all their doings. George was thrilled to be a grandfather to Dylan and Jared Izon, and Rhys Thompson. Time spent with them always transported him away from the cares of the day.

While raising a young family George took a job driving logging trucks for a remote logging operation on the coast moving the family with him. In Victoria George enjoyed working in the automotive industry for Bow-Wow Auto Parts, Pay Less Gas, Esso, and Metro Lexus Toyota.

George's hobbies included car maintenance and restoration, fishing, and bowling. Most of his fishing took place on the west coast or in Pedder Bay. He was a great fan of Mayfair Lanes bowling leagues and won several awards for perfect 300 point games and perfect attendance. He and Russell won second place in the Victoria Volkswagen Club's 1986 "Show'n'Shine" for restoring their 1967 "Bug". In later years George participated in the Day Program at Beckley Farm Lodge where he took great pleasure in playing their games and befriending the people, clients and staff alike. George also treasured his time dropping into Sheryl's workplace, Fairway Group Home, and visiting with the clients and staff every Friday.

George passed away in Victoria Hospice on May 13, 2015 after

spending several years struggling with a weak heart and Vascular Dementia. Hospice gave George a peaceful and gentle end something the Dementia had threatened to steal away. He is survived by wife-Lorraine; daughter-Sheryl (Fraser); son-Russell (Melissa); three grandsons-Dylan Izon, Jared Izon, and Rhys Thompson; sister-Wendy Chouinard (Dan) and nephews Darren Crook and Kevin Crook. George had close relationships to all his in-law relations, and cherished his many nieces and nephews. Missed but never forgotten!

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