Hans Ludwig Roemer

Hans has left us to explore the alpine meadows in heaven, correcting the misnamed plants and finding unknown species. Having spent his early years growing up in the shadows of the Alps, he was passionate about plants and mountains all his life.

In 1965, Hans' life path was shaped by a mountaineering expedition to Afghanistan. In 1967 a call from Marc Bell in Canada offering work as a research assistant at the new University of Victoria changed his path again. He signed up for one year, but he never left Victoria.

Hans' kind, generous, and adventurous spirit will be remembered by future generations of professionals, friends, and family who have benefited from his knowledge and mentorship over the years. In his life he published a native plant guide and was honoured to have a native grass named after him (Festuca roemeri). Hans leaves behind a legacy of research, stewardship, and leadership in protecting rare ecosystems… as well a special alpine rock garden.

He will be missed by his family: his wife Heidi, son Markus (Emily van Lidth de Jeude), daughter Julia (Keith Davies) and grandchildren Taliesin, Rhiannon and Evan, as well as his siblings in Germany and the family labradoodle Mädi.

The family wishes to thank Hans' doctors and the compassionate and dedicated team of palliative and hospice care givers. Instead of flowers, please consider a donation to the Marc Bell Scholarship in Environmental Studies at UVic. https://extrweb.uvic.ca/donate/marc-bell

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Horticulture Centre Of The Pacific, 505 Quayle Rd, Victoria, BC on May 10th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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