

Manuel Francisco Furtado

May 22, 1946-February 15, 2009

"The ultimate Canuck fan has left the building."

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear Manuel, beloved Husband, Father, Vavô, Son, Brother and Friend. Manuel passed away courageously at the age of 62. He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his wife, that adored him more than life itself, Virginia, his five beautiful children, Carlos (Becky), Libral (Tara), Oscar (Jennifer), Karen (Shane), Ricky (Ariane) and his nine grandchildren and one on the way, Blake, Brooke, Hazen, Vienna, India, 'Baby', Marcus, Mersaya, Eve and Kusius and loyal canine companion, Diesel.

Manuel leaves behind his Mother, Maria Paixão, siblings Adelina (Manuel), Antonio, (Manuela), Senhorinha (Virginio), Manuela (Antonio), Isabel (Barry), Armando (Helen), Natalia (Vivaldo). He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and amazing friends.

He was born in the village of Ponta Garça, on the island of São Miguel, Açores (Portugal) and immigrated to Canada in 1963. He founded Victoria Landscaping Ltd. in 1970. That same year he married his best friend.

Manuel and the family enjoyed frequent vacations back home to São Miguel. He always looked forward to planning his next adventure with his wife and family. He lived life to the fullest and will forever be in our hearts. His zest for life, respect for others, positive attitude and selfless acts will always be remembered. And you will be met at the gates in Heaven by your father, Manuel, cousin, Antonio Maria, brother-in-law, Artur and many good friends and family previously lost.

You fought with grace and are the warrior we will never forget!

A rosary service to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 6:00PM and the funeral service on Friday, February 20, 2009 at 11:00AM both at Our Lady Of Fatima Church on 4635 Elk Lake Drive.

In lieu of flowers a charitable donation can be made in Manuel's name to the BC Cancer Foundation (Lung Cancer), 2410 Lee Avenue, Victoria BC, V8R 6V5.