

Michael Thoma

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved brother and friend, Michael Andre Thoma on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Michael was predeceased by his mother Erna Elizabeth Kneisel and his sister Ursula Elfriede Thoma. Michael is survived by sisters Barbara Echeverri of Port Moody, BC and Monica Forbes of Sydney, NS; niece Danielle Forbes and nephew, Ian Forbes; brothers-in-law Freddy, Franklin, Diego and Abel Echeverri and Ralph Forbes and sister-in-law Amparo Echeverri. Michael was born August 4, 1952 in Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany. He came to Canada when his parents emigrated in the 1958. He grew up in Montreal and later moved to Sydney, Nova Scotia with his family in 1966. He completed his high school at Sydney Academy. He left Sydney after the death of his mother, after which he enrolled in Dalhousie University and lived in Halifax with his sisters Barb and Ursula. He travelled to Toronto where he was part of the rich political scene in the 1970's. He enjoyed political debates and in that milieu made many friends who still love and cherish him. He went on to get his diploma in Computer Programming from George Brown College in Toronto. His work as a computer programmer took him to many cities across Canada.

Michael thoroughly enjoyed his tenure as computer programmer with Canadian Airlines in Richmond, BC. With Canadian he had the opportunity to travel to numerous exotic destinations where he played volleyball, snorkelled and enjoyed himself greatly. Eventually Michael settled down in Victoria. He most recently worked with his many beloved colleagues on the Pharmacare project at Maximus.

Michael (Mikey to close friends) was a quiet, soft spoken, gentle and kind hearted man who was a student of languages and history. He loved bookstores, enjoyed and collected any kind of reading material, including comics. He loved playing his guitar. He took much pleasure going to the movies, eating out

and taking long walks with his friends and colleagues. He enjoyed simple pleasures like walking around Elk Lake or perched on a bench at Cattle Point, reading quietly.

Michael will be missed by all who loved him dearly.

The funeral service will be held at The Chapel at Royal Oak Burial Park at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 4673 Falaise Drive. Burial will be at Royal Oak Burial Park immediately after the service. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.sequoiagardens.com.