

Wayne Roland Robinson (Wiener)

Wayne Roland Robinson (Wiener), passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Left to grieve are his beloved parents, June and Robbie, sisters Lauren, Kathleen and Suzy, niece Katy and nephew Kael. Born on October 21, 1955, Wayne grew up across from the Gorge Waterway where he spent many hours swimming and boating with neighbourhood friends. In Grade 10, at St. Michael's University School, he excelled at rugby, earning him a position on the First Fifteen. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father, Wayne chose the life of a mariner aboard tugboats. His first deckhand job was on his Dad's tug, The Polar Forcite. He then went on to work for the Vancouver based Shields Navigation. Wayne had plans to attend a navigation course in September 1979, the first rung in the ladder to an eventual captainship. However he was unfortunately involved in a motor cycle accident which left him paralyzed. Fortunately, his right arm and hand were still able to function. He spent many years residing at the Gorge Road Hospital where he had many friends. Wayne loved to play cribbage and was rarely seen without his crib board and cards, ready to play anyone, anytime, anywhere. Wayne was able to travel many times to Hawaii with his best friend, David Dziaduk. They were making plans for a trip to Florida when he was taken from us. As a long time member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, he often had the congregation laughing at one of his spontaneous attempts at humour! He was also known for asking friends and strangers alike to come to church. Many came; some stayed. No matter where Wayne was, one could always hear his booming seal-like laughter, long before setting eyes on him. Thanks to the wonderful, compassionate staff at Gorge Road Hospital, Aberdeen Hospital and Royal Jubilee Hospital. The family would also like to thank Wayne's many friends for including him in so many functions and events over the years.

Although he was bound by the confines of a wheelchair, his spirit always soared!

A Memorial Service will be held at McCall Bros. Floral Chapel, Johnson & Vancouver Streets, Saturday, May 8th at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice.