

REMEMBERING Paul Emmanuel Giroday

July 2, 1964 - April 16, 2017



On April 16, we lost our beloved Paul. He passed away at Powell River General Hospital surrounded by family. Paul was born in Dawson Creek on July 2, 1964, but was a Powell River resident from July 1968 ever after. He was predeceased by his dad Michael (2002) and is survived by his mother Shirley, siblings Lesley (Greg), lan (Sheryl), Neil, Patrick (Rita) and Robert, and his nephews and niece David, Blair, Daniel, Matt, Nolan and Cara. Paul loved his nephews and niece dearly and they always looked forward to receiving his unique Christmas and birthday gifts. Until the last few years, Paul was a great walker and was seen and well-known around town. He also loved his drives around Powell River with his dad, and in more recent years with his mom and/or siblings. With his passing, the Eagles have lost their greatest fan, and shares in Coca-Cola will dip quite a bit. Paul looked forward to his daily Coke and newspaper. He also liked the occasional Labatt's Blue. Paul loved rock and roll music and had a vast record collection. He also loved America and often expressed his wish to live in California. He had some great trips to New York City, California and to Aunt Dolly and Uncle Bill's acreage outside Toronto where he spent many hours "teaching the shickens to crow." Paul suffered many illnesses and setbacks throughout his life. He endured them with a stoic courage. He spent most of his adult life in community care with Inclusion Powell River (formerly PRACL). Paul's family is forever grateful for the love and care he received from his caregivers, past and present. A big thank-you as well to doctors Dohm, Burns and Murphy for their care of Paul over the years, and to staff at Powell River, Lions Gate, Vancouver General and St. Paul's hospitals, where he spent far too much time. To those of you who gave Paul a kind word or gesture over the years, we thank you. A gathering in remembrance of Paul will take place between 1:30-4:30 pm on Friday, May 5, at Jean Pike Centre, 7055 Alberni St, Powell River. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Inclusion Powell River.