

## REMEMBERING Harold James Long

April 11, 1941 - May 21, 2013



"I live my bucket list every day"

It is with great sadness that the family of Harold Long announces his sudden passing. Son of the late Bert and Augusta Long, Harold was born and raised in Powell River and was a respected businessman and community leader.

At the age of 17, Harold earned his pilot's licence and began his lifelong passion for flying. All who knew him knew his zeal for politics and he proudly served two terms as an MLA in the BC Legislature from 1986 to 1991 and again from 2001 to 2005.

Harold's other interests included hunting, fishing and anything associated with the outdoors. He will be missed by all who benefited from his unparalleled generosity, his keen sense of humour, his creativity and his sage advice.

His infectious smile and laugh were widely shared and to Harold a stranger was simply a friend he hadn't met yet.

As much as he loved flying, the "art of politics" and the outdoors, Harold's greatest love and pride were reserved for his family to whom he was devoted and for whom his love was unconditional and uncompromising. For all that Harold gave to his children, they would agree that his greatest gift to them was his unsurpassed work ethic.

Harold is survived by the love of his life Mary Lynne, the mother of his children and his lifelong friend Bev, children Brenda (Kelly) and Kathleen (Al) of Victoria, Phill (Cheryl) and Craig (Kim) of Powell River, Corine and Cindy (Noah) of Victoria. Harold had a special spot in his heart for each of his 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Denise (Tony), Stu (Polly), Annette (Felix), Lou (Dolly) and Roy and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Bert and Augusta and brother Gary.

