



**REMEMBERING**  
**Raymond Douglas Anderson**

July 1, 1938 - April 21, 2016



It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of our Ray of sunshine, after a valiant fight against cancer. Ray was born into a large family of 10 children in Bjorkdale, Saskatchewan; he was the ninth child. He eventually moved to work in an oil refinery in Kamloops, BC, where he met the love of his life, Coranne. They had four children and then joined Coranne's brothers in partnership of Airport Lumber in Powell River. When they sold Airport Lumber, Ray and Coranne had various business ventures until they bought Aaron Vending and built the business up into Aaron Service and Supply, where their children became involved after moving home. Ray was a true family man, going on many adventures, including fishing, camping and road trips. (How many more miles Daddy?) Later, when his children had moved on, Ray loved to read on his swing chair on the deck, garden and pick blackberries to make his jelly; if the jelly did not set, we had plenty of syrup to go with his famous blueberry whole- wheat pancakes he served with a silly little jig. Ray took great joy in his grandchildren and recent summers spent at Hummingbird Cove in their fifth-wheel trailer; whittling sticks and shooting the breeze around the "grandpa-sized" campfire will live on in their hearts and memories. Ray left us to join his parents, Emil and Thea Anderson, his brothers Vernon and Willard and his sisters Joyce, Marilyn, Ruth and Anita. Knowing how much that family loves to dance, that is probably what they are doing right now. Ray is survived by his wife of 52 years Coranne (Tipton) Anderson; children Ryan (Brenda), Tannis (Trevor) Thulin, Bernie and Trevor (Jen); brothers Norval (Eleanor) and Gordon (Sharon) and his sister Jo Learmouth; and his beloved grandchildren Brad and Brett Anderson and Bryce and Tyra Thulin. Ray is also survived by Brenda's daughters Tania and Tamara, Brenda's grandson Kado, and many nieces and nephews whom he loved so dearly. The family would like to

extend its warmest gratitude to everyone who helped Ray through his final journey with special care, gifts of knowledge, phone calls and visits. It meant the world to him and his family. He was a big man who left a big footprint in the lives of many people and he didn't really want to leave us. He lived life to the fullest, right up to his last day. A celebration of life will be held in James Hall at Powell River Academy of Music, 7280 Kemano Street, on Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm. Donations can be made to Powell River General Hospital oncology department or your favourite charity.

