REMEMBERING

Barry Simmons

June 16, 1939 - December 14, 2011

Barry Wayne Simmons passed away peacefully at his home on December 14th, 2011 in

Agassiz. He was born in Winnipeg on June 16th, 1939, and moved to Vancouver at age

four. He graduated from John Oliver High School and then worked with his father in

construction. Soon after he pursued an education degree at UBC, accepting his first

teaching position as the shop teacher at Agassiz Secondary. He later went onto

become principal at Harrison and Kent Elementary Schools. He completed his Masters

Degree in Curriculum Development, focussing on Mathematics. In total, Barry taught in the Kent School District for over 35 years. Barry was also an active member of the Agassiz volunteer fire department for over 20 years and a member of the Elks Lodge #311. He owned and flew a Cessna airplane during the 70s, a boat and motor home during the 80s, and finally settled on his fifth wheel trailer in the 90s. Barry enjoyed reading, woodworking, golf, RVing and traveling the world. Barry and his wife Jane set foot on every continent except Antarctica enjoying excursions to The Great Wall of China, African Safaris and his favourite Australia. He spent many hours working in his shop creating toys for his grandchildren and works of art in wood, never wanting to repeat a project twice. He loved playing golf at the Harrison Hot Springs Course with his buddies, holes 2 and 7 especially. Barry also loved spending time traveling with the trailer. Together Barry and Jane took trips to the US, across Canada and just to get away. He could always be found sitting in his chair carving a found piece of driftwood,working on a word puzzle or

reading another novel with his faithful Pug, Fancy by his side. He is survived by his wife Jane, children Karen (Dwayne), Blair (Anna) and Todd, grandchildren Paige and Riley and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Richard, his mother Edith and his sister Louise. A celebration of Barry”s life will be planned for Spring of 2012. A special thank you to loyal friends and to the many years of care by Dr. L.M. MacIntosh.