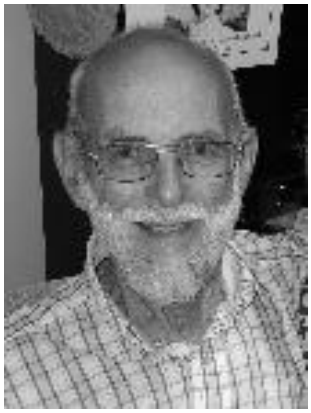

REMEMBERING

Herman Ronald Eyben (Ron)

September 26, 1938 - March 24, 2017

Great men may be known for their accomplishments, but the best men are known for their genuine love, honour and joy of life. Ron Eyben was such a man.

Ron fought valiantly and positively against cancer and passed peacefully at age 78 on March 24, 2017 surrounded by his wife Dorothy, son Michael, daughter-in-law Hedda, daughter Ronda and son-in-law Frank. Ron and Dorothy's dog Lucky, will also miss him dearly. Ron had a deep love of animals.

In Vermillion, Alberta on Sept. 26, 1938 Ron was born to his parents Herman and Jenny Eyben (now deceased) and he spent his earliest years growing up a farm boy with his older siblings Albert (now deceased [Vi]), Irene (Allan, now deceased), Norman (Lee) and Neil (Lucy) [June now deceased]. Being the baby of the family gave Ron very strong family bonds. The family moved to Surrey where, as a teen, Ron learned how much fun it was to be mischievous with his friends. Also in Surrey, 57 years ago, he met his wife Dorothy and married.

The glass business was where Ron spent the majority of his working years but his passions were old cars, music, fishing and mostly his family. His roots grew deep in Abbotsford where he managed Speedy Auto Glass for decades and moved his family to the region in 1980. Quickly, Ron became an active member of the community holding roles in many clubs and organizations but perhaps most important was the Central Fraser Valley chapter of the Vintage Car Club, of which he was a charter member.

Ron approached every part of life with the wonder of his inner-12-year-old. He was loved and respected by many and was a dear friend to those lucky enough to spend valuable hours with him.

Upon retiring, Ron and Dorothy travelled extensively, making trips across Canada

and to Alaska. Life was a ride Ron never wanted to end and unfortunately it went too fast – despite it being incredibly fulfilling for him and those he shared it with. He is survived by many family members and friends who will miss his lively spirit and humour.

Ron’s family thanks everyone at Holmberg House (Abbotsford Hospice) for their compassionate, loving care. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Holmberg House.

A celebration of life is planned for May 31 at 1:00 pm at Bradner Hall 5305 Bradner Rd Abbotsford.