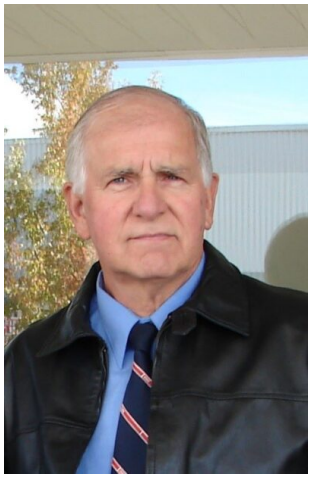

REMEMBERING

Roy Douglas Warkentin

October 23, 1947 - August 27, 2023

We sadly announce the passing of Roy Warkentin on August 27, 2023 at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster. Roy was born October 23, 1947 in Matsqui Cottage Hospital, the fourth son of Peter George and Helen Warkentin.

Roy is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret, son David; brothers, Don (Carol) Warkentin and Tom (Lois) Warkentin; and numerous nieces, nephews and other members of his extended family. Roy was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Helen and his oldest brother, Bob Warkentin several years ago.

Roy lived his entire life in Abbotsford and was well known in the community as a co-owner/manager of Fraser Way Esso, a service station which became a family business in 1956. Roy began his working life at a young age as a mechanic helping his dad. Being around vehicles sparked his life-long passion for big motors and fast cars. During his working years and even after retirement, Roy would set out on his early morning walks around the Abbotsford Auto Mall while he dreamed of his brand new hot rod. He fulfilled that dream in 2022.

During earlier years, Roy, Marg and David had great camping adventures with friends in campsites all over the province. These trips always included water and boats.

Many will remember Roy as a kind and generous person who lent his ear to morning customers at the service station. Roy and several buddies often met for coffee, sometimes breakfast, during which time they solved the world’s problems. Roy also loved a good laugh and he really looked forward to Wednesday lunches at Rivers Restaurant with his close friend, Roger.

In later years until the present, the family enjoyed immensely wonderful summer days at the Harrison Lake cottage with their cherished lake friends and neighbours who became their other extended family. Still an early morning person, Roy loved to soak up peaceful moments with his coffee on the deck, quietly listening to the sounds of the lapping water and the birds singing while everyone else still slept.

We give special thanks to the medical team at Royal Columbian Hospital for giving Roy every chance to live.

Fly with the angels, Roy, your new journey has just begun!

We invite you to help us celebrate Roy's life on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 11:00 a.m., at the Clarion Hotel, 36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford. We respectfully request that you not send flowers and we do encourage you to donate to the Kent Harrison Search and Rescue, in Roy's memory. You may etransfer your donation to info@khsar.com or send a cheque to Kent Harrison Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 747, Agassiz, BC V0M 1A0.