

Hans Young – July 22, 1941 – July 6, 2017

Born in Bremen, Germany, Hans Young (Hans Peter Junge) immigrated to Canada with his mother in 1957. He quickly adapted to his new country, learning English while watching 1950's movies. During his younger years, Hans worked in the catering industry, where he perfected his English, and made many good friends.

1967 was a year of great pride, when Hans became a Canadian Citizen and a fully participating member of the country he appreciated and respected.

Hans married Shirley Mass on July 22, 1968 in Vancouver; from their first meeting they were a close couple, and together embarked on a lifetime of love, commitment and togetherness.

Family was everything to Hans, and he adored his wife, their three children and the six grandchildren. Time spent with them was his greatest pleasure, and he was always deeply interested in their activities.

In 1970, Hans joined the team at Auckland Grainger, where he was employed for over 35 years, working first in Terrace, and then in the Lower Mainland. Hans worked as a General Manager and as a Sales Associate. One year he was the top sales person in Canada, and was given a La Baron Convertible in recognition of that achievement.

A natural musician, as a young man Hans organized a band performing at banquets and weddings. He could play every instrument. Hans particularly took pleasure in the music of ABBA and Fleetwood Mac; additionally he was a great jazz enthusiast, and had a passion for concerts.

Hans enjoyed watching baseball, American football, golf and movies. The family James Bond Marathons were legendary! His intense love of baseball was prominent as he watched sons Ed and Bob play the sport.

Hans was active with BC Athletics, first as a doting parent spectator cheering on Cheryl, and then becoming a familiar face working at the finish line during numerous track and field meets in British Columbia. His sense of humour, his happy personality, and his smile will be missed by all in the Track and Field Community.

Hans passed peacefully, with his family holding his hands, on the sunny morning of July 6, 2017 in Surrey, BC. A gentle kind man, his was a life of dedication, support and caring for his dearest ones.

Hans is survived by Shirley, his loving wife of 49 years, sons Edward (Renee) and Robert (Maybel), daughter Cheryl (Brian) and grandchildren Jared, Isabella, Olin, Elise, April, Jona and his dear canine companion Abby.

The Young Family welcomes your participation on a day of remembrance.

July 29, 2017 1:00 PM

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Memories can be shared with the family at chedro@telus.net and will be cherished.