



Douglas Wayne Anions

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Doug passed away peacefully on Friday June 12th, surrounded by his wife of 40 years, Marilyn, and sons Monte and Jesse. He is lovingly remembered by his grandson, Arlon; his sisters, Diane (Stuart), Doreen (Peter), and Pauline (Ken); and his brother Larry (Jo-Ann); his many and very close cousins, nieces and nephews; and so many great friends. We all are proud that Doug was an organ donor and able to give a better life to two others. Doug always had a great compassion for others and always a positive attitude for life.

Doug was born in Chatham, Ontario. His love for wilderness, outdoor activities and the environment/conservation was influenced at an early age by his father, Reverend Richard Anions and his friends Bob Jordan and Ted Ackert, both conservation officers. He was also greatly inspired by his uncle, Ken Loftus, and Dr. John Gibson, fisheries biologists. He shared his great sense of humour and interest in medicine with his mother, Winifred Anions.

Doug started work at the Conservation Authorities in Owen Sound, later working as a park warden/biologist for national parks. His 25+ year career with national parks included positions at Pukaskwa, Point Pelee, St. Lawrence Islands, Wood Buffalo, Prince Albert, Gros Morne, and national parks in Nunavut. He even joined his wife, Marilyn, for her botanical studies in the Mealy Mountains, Labrador. His great interest was wildlife research involving studies of wolf and bison interactions, salmonids, black bear, caribou, and moose. Radio telemetry of these animals with many colleagues produced better knowledge for understanding these species for resource management.

He also worked with the National Capital Commission in Ottawa and was extremely interested to increase protection for Gatineau Park through designation as a national park. Later Doug worked part-time in Ottawa for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, greatly improving his french speaking skills, plus increasing his expertise about wine while working in vintages.

Doug and Marilyn shared their love of dogs (and many other things!). They began with field trialing with their first golden retriever, then with their second golden started breeding good lines for many years. One offspring became grand champion in Manitoba with an annual trophy named in his honour. Two puppies from another litter were chosen to become part of the search and rescue team in Switzerland. After the last golden retriever, Doug and Marilyn rescued a tri-coloured border collie, Rueben, who is now joined by Jesse's dog, Nanuq, for friendship and company.

Doug was an active tennis player and enjoyed playing with his friends previously at the Ottawa Tennis Club and recently at the Vernon Tennis Club. He recently began archery and was looking forward to a summer and many more years filled with outdoor activities and adventures with family.

After moving all over Canada, Doug and Marilyn choose to retire in the beautiful township of Spallumcheen, near Armstrong, British Columbia, to be closer to sons and grandson.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday July 11, 2015 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at St James Anglican Church, 2315 Patterson Ave, Armstrong, BC.

In lieu of flowers, Doug would have wished for thoughtful donations be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/>.

Sincere thanks to the paramedics, air ambulance pilots, and Dr. Govender, the trauma team at emergency, and doctors and nurses at the Kelowna General Hospital ICU.