



REMEMBERING Dirk Pidcock

February 1, 1939 - September 18, 2014



Dirk Tensen Rinehart Pidcock, of Kaslo, BC died at home peacefully, September 18, after nearly two years of significant health issues. He was predeceased by his parents Grant & Betty Rinehart of Nyssa, Oregon. He will be lovingly missed by his wife of fifty-two years, Karen Enstrom Rinehart Pidcock, children Ann Rinehart of Nanaimo, BC, Nathan Rinehart of Golden, BC, Asia Sung Rinehart of Toronto, & grandson Jordan Rinehart of Campbellville, Ontario; sisters: Kristin Ginther (Daniel) of Central Point, Oregon, Gretchen Kimsey (Rustin) of The Dalles, Oregon, Jan Rinehart of Portland, Oregon, & Triena Hiatt of Ontario, Oregon; sister-in-law, Gretchen Cloke of Tacoma, Washington; two aunts, one uncle, many cousins, nephews & nieces. Dirk was born February 1, 1939, in Nyssa, Oregon. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1961, studied theology at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California in preparation for the Episcopal priesthood, and then served three parishes in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, before moving with his family in 1978 to direct the Sorrento Centre of the Anglican Church of Canada. From 1984 to 1991, he served as associate priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver.

Moving to Kaslo in the Diocese of Kootenay in 1991, Dirk and Karen served the seven congregations in Nakusp, New Denver, Kaslo, Balfour, Willow Point, Nelson, and South Slocan. As Missioner of the Kokanee region for twelve years, Dirk was a pioneer in developing innovative ways the Anglican Church might continue to know a healthy presence in communities that have difficulty supporting traditional ministries. Dirk believed each faith community had all the gifts necessary to be alive to the teachings of Jesus...caring for one another and for the world about them...ever-building the spiritual strength and confidence of the membership. He

ended his professional life as Archdeacon of the Kootenays, while serving voluntarily as priest to the end.

Dirk, as a lover of the natural world, became an avid birder, initiating and leading other keen birders of the North Kootenay Lake area, and more recently enjoyed wildlife photography. Throughout his life he loved caring for animals, including many cat and dog companions, raised goats, rabbits, and chickens and grew food in the garden. He loved fishing and camping trips with his family and Kaslo godchildren. He served as president of the Kaslo Hospice Society and served on the board of the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society. Both in Vancouver and Kaslo, Dirk encouraged and supported refugee sponsorship, and served three years on the board of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada. Although a diagnosis of chronic leukemia slowed him down during the past two years of treatment, he continued living life to the fullest, with gratitude for each new day. He and Karen were so grateful for the compassionate medical care received in both the Kaslo Health Centre and the Nelson Hospital, especially acknowledging Dr. Phillip Malpass and the nurses on the chemo ward. Most who were privileged to know Dirk will greatly miss the gentle, supportive and kind person he was.

