We sadly regret to announce the passing of Gordon Allan Mitchell peacefully on September 13th 2019, at Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson BC, at the age of 68 years.

Born July 1st 1951 in South Porcupine Ontario, Gord moved to BC in 1955 with his parents and older sister Heather.

Gord had a life long love of music being a gifted drummer, and a naturally talented musician. Gord performed throughout the lower mainland with his Haney and Garibaldi High School friends, forming many successful bands including Pax & Pace.

Moving to Enderby BC in the early 1970's, Gord made an impact in the North Okanagan Music Scene. Playing with many beloved band members in OTC, Shakewood Annie, The Pin-ups, Hy Flyer, Strange Brew, Sage County, Buddy Knox and more. Gord was a guest performing drummer for music videos for a Kelowna studio in the 1990's.

Moving to the Kootenays in the early 2000's, Gord’s drumming anchored bands in the vibrant local music scene.

Gord was also known as a photographer, gourmet cook, and fisherman.

He was a musician first, however, he also spent most of his life working in building supplies sales at Mara Lumber in Vernon, BC and Maglio Building Center Nelson, BC.


Survived by his son, Aaron Mitchell (Dana Butchart), grandson Landon Webb, Aaron’s mother, Barbara Dutot, Sisters Heather Christiansen (Aage) , Elaine Tosh (Rob), Virginia Gollan, Robin Mitchell, nieces and nephews, Crystal Hallett and family, Shawn Gregory (Sandy) and family, Rod Gollan (Ali) and family, Codey Gollan, Trisha Denison (Sean) and family, Mitchell Christiansen (Reena), Carmen Christiansen (Will), Robbie Tosh, Kathryn Tosh, Aunt Norma Croteau, Uncle Robert
Mitchell (Della), cousins & special friends.

Gord was always outgoing and cared deeply about his family and friends. He was always ready with a smile, meeting many beloved friends, band mates, coworkers, employers and customers, many of whom were so helpful with his care and will miss him.

Gord’s family gives thanks to Drs. Sonnichsen, Malpass, Tuvel, Merritt, the wonderful KLH nursing staff and Nelson Home support for their assistance, love & kindness given to Gord.

No service by request.

A private interment at Mount Ida Cemetery, Salmon Arm, BC, to be held at a future date.

Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice in Gord’s name.

Gordon Allan Mitchell