



REMEMBERING
Hans Elias

April 12, 1932 - October 1, 2012



Hans was born in Leipzig, Germany. An adventurer from early on, he immigrated to Canada at the age of nineteen.

It was his love of the outdoors that led him to work as a Logger, Firefighter and Forester in BC. He loved the bush - if you gave him a chainsaw, he was the happiest man around.

Hans fell in love with the Kootenays in 1954 and he finally made it his home in 1981.

His strong connection to nature led him to advocate for preservation and stewardship of the forests.

Hans was well loved. His gentleness of spirit drew people to him.

He was genuine, a good person and he inspired many people.

Hans will be missed. He is survived by his beloved wife, Flavia, his children, Tim (Chantal), Heather, Jock, Elske (Patrick), six grandchildren, his brother, Wolfgang, (Gine), niece, Birte, nephew, Kristoffer and other family members in Germany.

Many thanks to all who were involved with this journey; Dr. Malpass, Dr. Reinecke, the compassionate nursing team, home support, friends and family.

