



## **REMEMBERING Herb Couch**

March 25, 2019



Herb Couch (May 7, 1948 - March 25, 2019)

The Couch family is heartbroken to find themselves needing to announce the passing of their beloved father and husband, Herb Couch. Herb passed away from the effects of an aggressive glioblastoma brain tumour on March 25, 2019 at the age of 70.

Herb was born in Nelson and was raised in Vancouver where he attended Lord Byng Secondary School and then UBC where he trained to be a teacher. He taught grades 2 and 3 in Prince Rupert for two years before returning to Nelson. He spent 29 years teaching in Nelson/Kootenay Lake school district. He was a strong advocate for his union and held the position of bargaining chair for many years.

Herb was an advocate for many social justice causes. Among them were: the preservation of Red Sands Beach, Proportional Representation, Occupy, the environment, and gay pride, among others.

He maintained a 50 year passionate advocacy for cannabis legalization. He was a founding member of the Canadian Media Awareness Project which passed news items about cannabis on to their members across Canada while encouraging members to write letters to the editors. He inspired many to write. He was also the SensibleBC coordinator for the West Kootenays and the Western Canada director for Educators for Sensible Drug Policy.

Herb is survived by his wife Kathy, his daughter Diana, sons Danny, Jesse (Jacqueline), Paul (Brienne) and David, grandchildren Jason and Juliet, brother Don Couch (Pat) and sister Sharon Olsen. He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws to mourn his passing.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on May 11, from 2-5 pm at the Prestige

Lakeside Resort in Nelson. Everyone welcome. A microphone will be set up for people to speak if they wish to say a few words.

