



REMEMBERING
Steve Lapshinoff

January 2, 1943 - July 24, 2019



It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of our father, Steve Lapshinoff.

The eldest of 3 children, Steve was born on January 2, 1943 in West Grand Forks to William and Polly Lapshinoff.

Growing up amidst the Doukhobours, the sect's religious beliefs prevented Steve from attending public school but in spite of this, he taught himself to read and write in Russian, English and Spanish and spoke fluently in all 3 languages. He was a whiz at anything electronic and captured life on tape and video, in print and in photos.

Steve's first marriage to Vera Makortoff resulted in 3 daughters and his second marriage to Ann Sorokin provided an extended family and over 30 years of memories and experiences that took him travelling all over North, Central and South America, something he treasured deeply.

As a young man, Steve worked in construction for the Tunnel and Rock Union and later his love for Doukhobour history landed him a position as secretary to Stephen Sorokin of the Reformed Doukhobours. Over the years, he delved deeply into research, archiving and geneology and worked collaboratively with many people in documenting the Doukhobour movement. Steve published numerous reports and publications which will ensure that his heritage stays alive.

Steve was diagnosed with Mesothelioma, a form of Lung cancer due to asbestos exposure from his construction days and throughout the last year he bravely endured many painful procedures, multiple treatments, numerous infections and even a broken hip. His tremendous strength, courage and tenacity was truly

amazing and he managed to maintain his humor and integrity through the entire journey.

Steve passed away peacefully at Mountain Lakes on July 24, 2019 surrounded by his family. He will be deeply missed by his wife Ann, daughters Shaina (Carl) Nord, Elena (Walter) Perepelkin, Alexa (Ken) Hildebrand, sister Liz (Philip) Strelaeff, brother Cecil (Chris) Lapshinoff and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He will stay forever in our hearts and memories as we try to live by his most admirable characteristics...to always be humble and kind. May he rest in Peace, Vechnaya Pamyat.

