REMEMBERING

John Andrew Kobza (Johnny)

December 23, 1941 - November 22, 2015

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of John Andrew Kobza, known to many as "Johnny". Johnny passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 22, 2015 in his home in Canal Flats at the age of 74.

Johnny was born to Steve and Eve Kobza on December 23, 1941 in Cranbrook BC. Johnny lived his entire life in Canal Flats, growing up with his parents, working at the mill and raising his own family in the only place he ever wanted to be. He relished any opportunity to adventure around the beautiful valley he called home, so much so that he only traveled away twice. He would always say "Why do I need to go anywhere when I have everything I need right here. It just doesn't get any better than this."

Johnny was an avid collector of discarded items and his yard became lovingly known as "Johnny Mart". If you needed a part you could likely find it there.

Johnny had an infectious laugh and smile and was truly at home with the company of his family and friends. Johnny was young at heart, never looked his age and is gone way too soon. Johnny loved his family more then they will ever know.

Johnny leaves behind his children to cherish his memory; son, Cory Kobza (Kim), and daughters Susan Debruin and Anora Kobza (Kevin) as well as grandchildren; Danielle , Levi, Carter, Austin, Amber and Ethan. Johnny leaves sister Edie Greiser. Johnny was predeceased by his parents; Steven and Eve Kobza and brother, Fritz Kobza.

A Celebration of Johnny's Life will be held in the Canal Flats Civic Centre, 8911 Dunn St,, Canal Flats on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 1:00 pm. If friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, #4 - 1551 Sutherland Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 9M9.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.markmemorial.com