

RITSON_James ("Jim") passed on peacefully on February 10, 2004, with family at his side, after a brief but well fought battle with cancer. Jim was born in Quesnel, BC on August 5, 1940 and moved to the lower mainland in the late fifties. He is sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends. Jim was the kind of man that kept his friendships alive and has left behind many long term friends, some of whom he was able to say a fond farewell to this past weekend at a party for him at the Vancouver Golf Club. Jim was an avid golfer and a long time member of VGH where he spent many happy hours playing a round of golf and "hanging-out" with the "guys" at the Club. Jim is survived by his father and mother, Jack and Dorothy Ritson; his wife and life-time friend Sharleen Sutherland; his stepchildren, Karen Arneson, Edmonton and Glen (Laura) Arneson, Port Coquitlam; and the brightest light in his Life this past year, his granddaughter Chloe Anne Beige Arneson of Port Coquitlam, (Chloe will miss her "Papa"); and his aunts, uncles and many cousins. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the Vancouver Golf Club, 771 Austin Ave, Coquitlam on Friday, February 13th at 2:00 pm. Many thanks to the Drs and Staff at the Palliative Care Unit of VGH for the care and compassion shown Jim and his family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Cancer Society in Jim's memory.