Always with us, Cecil William Planedin.

Cecil William Planedin, 68, of Victoria BC, passed away surrounded by family, Tuesday April 2, 2013.

Born December 7, 1944 to Anne and William Planedin in the Doukhobor community of Grand Forks, BC, Cecil was the youngest of eight children. He was in the first graduating class of the Kootenay School of Art in 1963. Cecil met Mary Jennifer Whittall in 1966, and they married in June of 1972.

While in art school, Cecil studied under Zeljko Kujundzic (Yugoslavia) and Santo Mignosa (Italy) and Michael Minot (Great Britain). He went on to become a very prolific artist, working with many different mediums. He will be known by many for his hand carved wood-block prints, which he was often seen working on, and giving away as gifts. He also loved to show anyone willing to learn, how to make their own.

Family was always very important to Cec, and much of his life was dedicated to his wife and his children. The ones he raised with her, as well as many in his ‘extended family’. He leaves a legacy of people whose world he made brighter. He always loved to travel and see the world, and made friends and memories around the globe.

Cecil is survived by his siblings, Patsy, Marie, Annabelle and Gordon, his ‘Partner in Time’ Jenny, his amazing children, and his beloved grand-daughter Koa.

A celebration of his life, and artwork, will be held in Fernwood, Victoria on Sunday April 21, 2013.