

George Swetlishoff 1945 - 2013

George G. Swetlishoff was born on March 8, 1945 in Gilpin, BC. He passed away on April 3, 2013 in his home in Krestova, BC.

George worked as a carpenter in construction for more than 35 years. He had a very strong work ethic and insisted on quality workmanship. He was very adventurous and loved all outdoor activities. He loved country music, Elvis Presley and car racing. He had a keen interest in chasing trains and called himself a "railway nut". His more recent pastimes included watching baseball and listening to CBC radio. George was a down-to-earth, kind-hearted, compassionate and generous man who tried to live his life according to his Doukhobor understanding. We will all miss his gentle presence and uncomplicated outlook on life.

He is survived by his only child, daughter, Stephanie, and her husband Barry Verigin of Grand Forks, BC; his brother Paul; his brother Mac and wife Linda, their daughters, Marcie and her partner, Weniamin (Benny) Lazarescu, all of Krestova, BC and Dasha and her partner, Milosh (Gary) Lakovic of Kelowna, BC.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Fred and Martha Swetlishoff and Peter and Ann Podmoroff; and his parents, his father, George in 1996 and his mother, Ann in 2002.

Funeral services, under the compassionate care of Bill Strilaeff and Sarah Greenwood (Castlegar Funeral Chapel) took place on April 9, 2013 at Krestova Community Hall, followed by interment in the Krestova Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in George's memory may be made to Krestova Community Hall, payable to Valerie Balchewski, Financial Secretary, 3325 Krestova Rd. Krestova, BC, VOG 1H2 or ISKRA, payable to USCC, Box 760 Grand Forks, BC, VOH 1H0.

The family of George Swetlishoff would like to thank all for their thoughtful messages of condolence. Words cannot express how much all your love, kindness and support meant during this difficult time. From the bottom of our hearts – thank you to all who attended George's service to help us remember his life and say farewell. God Bless.

