



Greg Komaromi

December 25, 1957 –
November 2, 2017

*Loved & remembered
always*

Greg was born on Christmas Day of 1957, in New Westminster, BC, to Alpha (Halvorson) Komaromi, originally from Saskatchewan, and John Komaromi, who had immigrated from Hungary.

A few months later, seeking adventure, John accepted a position in the new federally-created Town of Inuvik to construct and manage a commercial laundry and dry-cleaning facility, an enterprise the couple purchased in 1967 and operated until 1994. Those formative years created Greg's zest for life and shaped his instincts to question, problem-solve, collaborate with others, and find humour in everyday life.

Along with his siblings, Paul and Katharine, Greg attended Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School and Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik. Greg obtained a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Anthropology from the University of Alberta and later an MBA from Queen's University.

In 1985, Greg's first son, Ryan, was born during his marriage to Marilyn Armstrong. Greg later married Elaine Schiman, and the couple had two more sons, Bram in 1990 and Sean in 1992. They raised their boys in Whitehorse, and joyfully became grandparents to Trey in 2015 and Bowen in 2017.

Greg's family was his deepest pleasure and his sustenance. He loved the time spent with Elaine, his boys, and other family, and was proud of his sons' accomplishments in sport and music, at school and work, and especially proud of the loving, resilient, hard-working and fun people they are.

Greg loved the outdoors, especially camping and spending time on the water, fishing and boating. He enjoyed various sports and games throughout his life,

including baseball, badminton, skiing, curling, and billiards; he dedicated himself to being a "gym rat" as he called it, for a time.

Greg's career life was diverse, intense and productive. He was passionate about northern economic development, and believed it was one of the ways to build healthier, happier communities. His intelligence, wit and warmth proved effective tools as he advanced through various levels in the Yukon government, completing his career there as Deputy Minister of Energy Mines and Resources and Yukon Development Corporation. Greg's work experience also included journalism at the Inuvik Drum and CBC, communications at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and his successful management consulting business. His clients included the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon, and a varied portfolio of commercial clients. Greg also served as Acting Chair and Vice Chair of the Yukon Water Board. He always expressed great respect and admiration for the people he worked with.

Greg retired early from public service to focus time on family and renewing his passion for the RV lifestyle. In typical Greg fashion, this meant a 27-foot 5th wheel and accompanying giant diesel truck. While he may have been cheated out of further pursuing those dreams, the times he did spend in the 5th wheel with his family were the most cherished moments he recalled before his passing. Heart health issues have plagued the Komaromi family – a sad reality which likely motivated Greg to make the most of his time with us – and his heart, which carried so much love for all of us, could go on no longer. He died of sudden cardiac arrest on the evening of November 2, 2017.

Greg lost his mother in 1984 and his father in 1992. His memory will be treasured always by his wife, Elaine; sons, Ryan, Bram and Sean; their partners, Justine, Leanne and Jovis; grandchildren, Trey and Bowen; his sister, Katharine, and her children, Bastien, Daisy and Katie; his brother, Paul; and many other family and friends.

