



REMEMBERING
Denis Bissonnette

May 29, 1937 - December 13, 2009



Denis Robert Joseph Bissonnette passed away peacefully Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the Penticton Regional Hospital with his family by his side. Denis was the youngest of 12 children and was born May 29, 1937 in Assiniboia, SK. He was raised on the family farm in St. Victor, SK and moved to BC in 1958. His wife of 40 years, Carole Bissonnette and his children Laurel Turner (Patrick) and Cameron Bissonnette (Kelsi) survives Denis. His 3 grandchildren Katie, Liam & Sophie also survive him. Denis enjoyed a career with the Department of Transport in the Coast Guard working on weather ships and also at the South Terminal at the Vancouver airport. In 1978 Denis moved his family to Osoyoos to operate the Husky Car & Truck Stop. In 1985 Denis & Carole were awarded the license to operate the Osoyoos and Kingsgate Duty Free Shops. They were among the pioneers in the Canadian Duty Free Industry. Denis was a very active member of the Osoyoos community serving and holding various board positions of the Osoyoos Gyro Club, Osoyoos International Curling Club, and the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club. Denis was involved with a group of partners that developed the first phase of properties at Fairway Hills Estates. "El Capitano" was an avid golfer, poker player, curler, investor, and passionate Canucks and BC Lions fan. He also loved to dance as was exhibited at many bonspiels. Denis was a great family man and loved being around friends and always enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. Denis loved to travel, he and Carole were fortunate to travel to many countries and exotic destinations around the world. Denis's health declined in the last year and he was suffering from various ailments all the while maintaining a very positive attitude. Denis will be greatly missed by all. Until we see you again "El Capitano", there is an 8 minute call for you on the 1st tee box.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday January 2, 2010 at St. Anne's

Catholic Church with Celebrant Fr. Rex Velmonte. A reception will follow at the Watermark Beach Resort, 15 Park Place, Osoyoos, BC.

No flowers please. Donations gratefully requested to the South Okanagan Medical Foundation for a new CT Scanner. Condolences and fond memories may be directed to the family by visiting www.nunes-pottinger.com

Arrangements entrusted to Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium, Oliver & Osoyoos, BC.

