



REMEMBERING
Michal Gdowski

January 1, 1930 - January 30, 2013



GADOWSKI, Michal Jerzy — passed away January 30, 2013 at the age of 83. Survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Elizabeth (née Tomiuk), and children Malgorzata Gdowska and Marek Gdowski, both of Poland, Julia Dewar of Ottawa and Katharine Gdowski of Vancouver, and grandchildren as well as his extended family in both Poland and Canada.

Michal was born on January 1, 1930 in Warsaw, Poland. He endured the hardships of WWII, losing his brother and serving as a youth soldier. He received multiple medals for his war service.

Always adventurous, Michal left home at 17 to join the navy. His father, however, wanted Michal to succeed in the family tradition and study law, and so he very quickly returned to school! Outgoing and energetic, he balanced his studies with extracurricular activities such as competitive swimming, fishing, sailing, traveling and leading a jazz band.

Michal immigrated to Canada in 1962, taking up a variety of careers in Montreal and Vancouver such as professional musician, property manager, operations manager and photographer. Most notably, he had a 23 year career with BCIT. As a photographer, his press assignments included such luminaries as Princess Diana and Pope John Paul II.

Michal and Elizabeth fell in love with Oliver and retired there in 2002, enjoying swimming, sailing and great friends.

Thank you to Dr. M. Myslek and Dr. P. Entwistle, and the team of warm and loving caregivers at the South Okanagan General Hospital and McKinney Place, for caring for Michal in his final months.

A funeral service and reception will be held on Monday, February 4th at 11:00 am

at Christ the King Catholic Church, Oliver, BC. Condolences and tributes may be directed to the family through www.nunes-pottinger.com.

