



## **REMEMBERING Dennis Compton**

June 19, 1948 - April 1, 2020



Dennis (Anthony) Compton, passed away on April 1, 2020, at the age of 71, after a one year long battle with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis).

Our family believes it was fitting for Dennis to choose April 1st, as he was a prankster at heart.

Dennis was affectionately known by many as the "Handsome Prince", and "BOB" (Big orange balloon). He was famously opinionated, and big on telling it like it is. He told the truth, even if you did not want to hear it. He was always happy and grateful for everyone and everything in his life. Many of us were lucky enough to experience many years of his silly pranks, and his wicked sense of humor.

He was an incredible father, who always made time for his girls. He taught them to be kind, to give back to others, to work hard, to love your family, and to be grateful for what you have. He teased, challenged, encouraged, celebrated, and loved them dearly. He gave the best lectures, and the best hugs; usually in that order.

Although Dennis's career was in electrical engineering, he also had an incredible talent and love for building and fixing things. He could fix anything, and his designs, planning, and craftsmanship, were always impeccable. The "Barzebo" that he built was the project he was most proud of. Dennis also loved gardening, and listening to Latin music, which you would often see him dancing around to. He loved to organize parties, dinners and celebrations! He spent time meticulously making sure everything was perfect so that everyone could enjoy themselves!

His feistiness served him well throughout his life. Even in his waning months, he was a model of strong will, positivity, and sheer determination. His acronym for ALS, was "Alive and Living Strong" and he did this right up until the end of his journey.

He was known as, "Grandad", "Stinky Pete", and "Pancake", to six adorable grandchildren (Taylor, Ethan, Mason, Jules, Austin and Eloise). At every

opportunity, Grandad would teach the grand kids goofy and rotten things to delight their parents. They will remember him for his magic tricks, jokes, silliness, and creative play-doh creations.

He often reminisced, and told funny stories about work mates, neighbors, family and friends. He will be greatly missed, and fondly remembered by many.

Dennis is survived by his wife (Janet) and his children Jayne (husband James); Lauren (husband Trevor), Brittany; sibling Jackie Fish (husband Bill), nieces, nephews, friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Despite the intense struggle Dennis endured in his last year of life, he was immensely grateful for his happy life and his sense of humor continued to shine through right to the end.

We love you and miss you.

A Celebration of Dennis's Life will be organized at a later date.

