



# JOHN HANLAN

*June 4th, 1950 - September 20th, 2015*

John Hanlan was born in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, on June 4th, 1950, and passed away on September 20th, 2015, in Nanaimo, BC.

John is survived by his brother, Richard (Joanne) of Nanaimo, BC, and sister, Heather of Red Deer, Alberta. He was predeceased by his oldest brother, Norman. He is also survived by nephews Peter (Deborah) Hanlan, Shane Gordon and Jesse Gordon and nieces Jackie (Cory) Phillipson, Kim Gordon and Margaret Hanlan.

John was an accomplished pianist and provided accompaniment to numerous musicals in Yellowknife. He had occasions in which he played the organ for members of the Royal Family when they visited Yellowknife.

John taught school at David Thompson and Lochearn in the Rocky Mountain House school district and at the Yellowknife Public School and J.H. Sissons School in Yellowknife where he wrote music for the school song. He was also assistant principal at J.H. Sissons School for a brief period. He received his Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology from Portland State University in 1980 and returned to Yellowknife to work for Stanton Yellowknife Hospital as head of the Speech Pathology Department. He returned to Oregon Health Sciences University and became a registered Alcohol and Drug Counsellor and worked for 5 years in the prison system in Oregon. In 1994, he returned to the school system and was a Speech Language Pathologist in North Clackamas school district in Portland until June of 2014 when he retired and returned to Canada.

John had a love for music and was an Anglican Church organist in both Rocky Mountain House and Yellowknife for many years. He was a member of the Yellowknife City Bagpipe Band and a supporter of the Gay and Lesbian Choir in Portland, Oregon. He had a love of language and was proficient in German and French, and at the time of his passing was learning Mandarin Chinese.

At John's request, there will not be a service.