

RICHARD BOCHONKO

RICHARD BOCHONKO Richard Bochonko passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 after a 20-month battle with ALS. Richard was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1941 to Adam and Sophie Bochonko. He was a devoted husband, wonderful father and grandfather and a generous friend. After graduating from St. John's High School in 1958, Richard attended the University of Manitoba, earning a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Mathematics. He then moved to Ann Arbor to attend the University of Michigan, where he earned a Ph.D. in Astronomy and met Helen Hodgins, the love of his life. They were married in 1965. Richard and Helen returned to Winnipeg in 1970 when Richard became a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of Manitoba. They raised two children and remained active university and community members. Passionate about teaching and learning, Richard spearheaded the acquisition and installation of the 40 cm Evans' telescope and construction of the Glenlea Observatory, providing critical hands on experience for his students. Following an influential teaching career spanning 33 years, Richard and Helen retired to Victoria, where they enjoyed traveling, exploring their many interests, and connecting with friends and family. Richard is survived by his wife, Helen, their two children, Coca (Mark Springer) and Thor (Sona von Hunke), granddaughter Petra, and brother Walter Brock. A special thank you to Dr Carroll, Dr Cashman and the wonderful people at the ALS Clinic and Society, VIHA and Hospice. A Celebration of Life will be held on November 23, 2014, in Victoria. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Society of BC, Victoria Hospice, or the charity of your choice. To send a condolence or make a donation please visit www.earthsoption.com