



REMEMBERING
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Lee William Kaslander died Wednesday December 6, 2023, at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island. His old lungs could not fight off the pneumonia that followed a bad bout of stomach flu. He is survived by his wife Bev Franks; sons Jon (Kelly McKay) and Evan (Katrina); 4 grandchildren; sister Kris Omness and her son and family; Chris Ast, the mother of his sons; several cousins; Bev's sisters Val and Terri and her mother Theresa.

Lee was born on October 9, 1946, in Alma, Michigan to Leonard and Eunice (Converse) Kaslander. He attended Kalamazoo College, which included 6 months of foreign study in Erlangen, Germany. He and Chris then moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, where Lee earned an MSc in Chemistry. Instead of continuing in chemistry, he decided to join the new computer centre in the Saskatchewan government. He spent the next 25 or so years working in the IT industry in Saskatchewan, Yukon, British Columbia, Washington state, California and where-ever else he was sent.

But then Lee found his true calling when he took a motorcycle safety course and decided to become a certified motorcycle safety instructor in Washington state. Over the last 20 years, Lee taught about 9,000 students and worked with 171 other instructors. These were truly his people and this was his joy.

Lee loved motorcycles - riding and owning them; teaching others to ride them; watching them race; following the riders and teams; visiting bike shops; talking to "like minded fools" about them; taking solo motorcycle trips and trips with Bev and the "bike gang."

Other fun facts about Lee: his favourite song was "The Weight" by the Band; his "backup plan" was Stevie Nicks; he kept stats on motorcycle racing, his motorcycle classes, baseball, books he'd read; he was a reader and read the New Yorker from cover to cover; he was a grammar and punctuation purist and believed in the Oxford comma. He loved a good "debate."

He was a smart, funny, good man and he will be missed by so many people.

In lieu of flowers, please take a motorcycle safety course, give money or time to organizations who help the environment or animals, and best of all, raise a pint to Lee.

