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## John Lewis Ferguson

**July 11, 1951-February 11, 2017**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Lewis Ferguson, "Farmer". He passed away peacefully on February 11, 2017, at the age of 65 after a long battle with cancer at the Merritt Hospital with his family by his side. He is survived by his loving wife Diana Ferguson; children Glenn, Dennis (Spencer), and Candace; granddaughter Colbie; grandson Frank; sisters Carol Ann Ferguson and Glenna Allen as well as nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. He is predeceased by his mother, Dora Ferguson, father, Glenn Ferguson, and brother, Terry Ferguson.

He was born in London, Ontario, on July 11, 1951. He moved to the Nicola Valley in 1979, and married the love of his life, Diana Ferguson (Rees) on August 15, 1981, where they raised their family. Farmer was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend to many. He loved spending time restoring classic vehicles and spending weekends drag racing in Ashcroft with his friends. He will be remembered for his open friendly attitude, his humour and warm easy smiles.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life to be held on Saturday, February 18 from 12-4pm at St. Michaels Anglican Church Hall in Merritt BC. In lieu of flowers donations will be accepted for Merritt & District Hospice Society or mailed to them at 3451 Voght St., Merritt, BC, V1K 1C6

## Fish & Game trophy night and dinner

The NV Fish & game Club will host their annual potluck & trophy awards night on Sat., Mar. 4, starting at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm, at the Seniors Centre.

The deadline to enter your trophy is today, Feb 15th. There will be a raffle, silent auction and many categories to enter. Tickets are available at Gun Fishin' Sports Store, Ponderosa sports, and at the door. FMI Paul 378-4904 or Ed 378-2547.

## People of a feather Nicola Naturalist Society meeting

Due to a cancellation, this month's program will instead feature the award-winning documentary about eider ducks in the Canadian arctic and the people that rely on them: *People of a Feather*.

This excellent movie has won numerous awards and has some incredible footage of ducks underwater and in flight, with a very relevant modern twist.

Tomorrow, Thurs. Feb. 16, 7pm at NVIT Lecture Theatre. All welcome, membership or donation. FMI check the website: [www.peopleofafeather.com](http://www.peopleofafeather.com)

**A Smart Tip** Two opposing candidates for county office happened to be sitting next to each other in the local diner. One turned to the other and said, "You know why I'm going to win this election? Because of my 'personal touch.' For example, I always tip waitresses really well and then ask them to vote for me." "Oh, really?" replied the other. "I always tip a nickel and ask them to vote for you."

## Neighbourliness

We would like to thank our three neighbours who have helped us through this winter of much snow. They have unfailingly cleaned our driveway, noticed that our entrance was blocked with heavy snow and ice (due to the snow-pow) and cleared it up for us, and come over with a tractor and removed the ice and snow so that our car can climb our little hill. You are wonderful examples of what it means to be a good neighbour!

*Anne and Pius Chong*

## \$10,000 bequeathed to the Arts Council

The NV Community Arts Council will receive \$10,000 from the estate of Edmund (Bob) Cokayne for music programming. The Board will announce programming plans once the criteria has been set & the funds have been received. The goal is to provide an array of musical events in Merritt & the Nicola Valley.

Bob (May 18, 1916-Dec. 5, 2016) was the Third Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, and much loved by all who knew him. He first came to Merritt as a manager at Craigmont Mines in the 1960s, and upon retiring back here, Bob became an active member of the community. He performed in a small band and participated in the choir, and 'all things music'. He was an inspiration to all who knew him with his vitality and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## Community

### Technical Literacy for Seniors

At MSS Wednesdays, 2-3pm in Room #17, FMI call 250-378-5131. Seniors can also block time with Anne at the Merritt Library on Tues. & Thurs., call 378-4737.

### Estate planning seminar

Kamloops Funeral Home presents a free seminar on estate planning, on Thursday, Feb 16, 10-11:30am at the Civic Centre. To register, call 1-866-420-7758, or email [kfhome@shawbiz.ca](mailto:kfhome@shawbiz.ca)

### Friendship Friday

Everyone is welcome to St. Michael's Friendship Friday, 1-5pm. There will be coffee, tea and sometimes food, no questions asked, just plenty of hospitality. It is a time for socializing, games, social events, sitting with a magazine or book, or just resting. St. Michael's Community Centre, downtown, 1990 Chapman St.

### Friday country jam at the Hall of Fame

Don't miss the music jam at the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, 3-7pm each week. Guitarist Roberts Bertrand has committed to playing & everyone welcome, just bring your instrument! Donations welcome, FMI Dan 315-5508.

### 11th annual Community Art Show

The Community Art Show will run Feb. 24-Mar 18. Drop off your submission now through Feb. 23 at 2pm. The Gallery is open Thurs-Sat, 12noon-6pm. A small fee for entries will make up the prizes: *under 16, adult, best of show*. FMI 378-6515.

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