



## Wolfgang Hilleke

December 20, 1941 - February 2, 2024

Wolfgang Hilleke, known to some as "Papa Nature," passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by the memories of a life well-lived and the love of close friends who became his family. Wolfgang leaves behind a legacy of kindness, warmth, and a deep appreciation for the natural world.

Wolfgang was born in Boldenfelde, Germany to August Hilleke and Helene Munstermann. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, as well as his cherished siblings, Sigrid and Ulrich. Despite experiencing profound loss throughout his life, Wolfgang's resilient spirit and unwavering optimism shone brightly in the face of adversity.

In the mid 1960s, Wolfgang embarked on a journey that led him to Canada, where he ultimately settled and built a homestead in Alberta. He was captivated by the beauty of the Canadian wilderness. Whether hiking through the majestic Rockies or simply enjoying the tranquility of a forest, Wolfgang found solace and inspiration in nature's embrace.

Beyond his love for the outdoors, Wolfgang had a passion for the game of checkers, where he showcased his strategic prowess and gentle competitiveness. He also had a profound appreciation for music and frequently attended concerts hosted by the Alberta Baroque Ensemble, where

he found joy in the timeless melodies of classical compositions.

Wolfgang had a sharp-witted sense of humor, his presence spoke volumes, and his kindness touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be remembered for his charm, infectious laughter, and his unwavering sense of integrity.

In Wolfgang's passing, we find solace in knowing that he is reunited with his loved ones who have gone before him. Though he may no longer walk among us, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to call him friend.

Rest in peace, dear Wolfgang. You will be deeply missed,