

*Lachlan Ralph Mawhinney (Lock)*  
*Emmaus, BC*



*December 19, 1938 - February 20, 2012*

*After a lengthy battle with cancer, that went extra innings, our beloved Lockie, husband and dad, hit a grand slam and slid safely into home. Lachlan Ralph Mawhinney (Lock) passed away on February 20, 2012 in Courtenay, BC. He died at home in the loving arms of his wife Joanne of 48 years; and surrounded by his eight children.*

*Lock Mawhinney was born, raised and educated in Vancouver BC. Following two years of seminary study he earned a B.Ed. Degree from UBC and a M.Ed. Degree in Special Education Administration from the University of Oregon. Lock met the love of his life, Joanne and married in May of 1964 and moved to the Comox Valley in September of that year. It was then that he began his thirty-four year career for School District #71 working as a teacher, consultant, coordinator, supervisor and eventually the Director of Student Services. Lock spent the majority of his career advocating for the rights of all students to access full and appropriate educational services in inclusionary environments. Lock lived his dream of being a gentleman farmer raising kids, pigs, chickens and cows. He was proud of his "hobby farm" which became a place of great contemplation for him. Lock and Joanne's life changed when in 1983 they attended a L'Arche retreat with Jean Vanier. They were profoundly influenced by the message of L'Arche and together worked towards founding L'Arche Comox Valley.*

