



**REMEMBERING**  
**David Willard Melenka (Moke)**

February 13, 1936 - February 13, 2023



**Tribute from Mark Memorial Funeral Services**

Mark Memorial Funeral Services Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

**Tribute from Charlene Morrison**

Relation: I worked with his wife, Cathy

Cathy, I'm sending deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your special husband, father and grandfather. Although I did not know him personally, I knew of him because he lived "so large!" I know he will be deeply missed but it sounds like you have many vivid memories of his time with you all. My hope is these ease your grief now and into the coming months and years.

Compassionately, Charlene Morrison

**Tribute from Darrel & Holly Dzurko**

Relation: Cousin

Our deepest condolences to the entire Malenka family.

**Tribute from FJ Hurtak**

Relation: Acquaintance

I knew Dave for many decades and I always looked forward to his phone call every year at the end of hunting season. Naturally the focus of the conversation was always wildlife related issues. We didn't always agree on things but his knowledge about wildlife was second to none, there was no question whatsoever about that. He was truly a unique character that exemplified what an outdoors person in the Kootenays was all about. Passionate and caring about the resource itself. My sincerest condolences to Lori, Jim, his wife, friends and family.

**Tribute from Jeanne Halleran McCartney**

Relation: Working in Resource television Dave was often a contributor.

Remembering Dave who had so much energy and good humor. He contributed to so many field trips and was a great friend to WestLand Resource Television. Good memories of Dave with Carmen Purdy, Ray Demarchi, Ross Tozier, John Murray and so many others. Dave lifted everyone's spirits. Sympathy to his family and friends. He will be missed. Jeanne Halleran McCartney.

**Tribute from Lorrie Mills**

Relation: Work friend.

I worked many years at Crestbrook Forest Insustries. Dave made an extra effort to enlighten all of us, who were inclined, to appreciate the world we had around us. Dave spoke at my husbands Dad's funeral and made us all feel blessed to live here, he appreciated all who loved the forest and world around us. May God Bless you "Moke" and may your continued journey bless everyone you encounter. You will be missed.

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**Tribute from Carol Howe**

Relation: Friend

My Sincere Condolences Kathy, Loree, Jim & Families. Moke was one of a kind and his stories are legendary. He watched over our beautiful Idlewild park, and was a great neighbour. Love & Hugs to All The Family . Carol Howe

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**Tribute from Miki lund**

Relation: Long time friend.

kathleen and family, We are so sorry to hear of Moke's passing. What a great man he was and he will be missed, you can be sure of that. I can recall all the times he came into the Barber shop just to visit and B.S with every one. When I retired I lost contact with Moke and I truly regret it. If there is anything you would like us to do for you and the family Kathleen, please call me even if it just to talk. With deepest sympathy with Love and Hugs, Tina and Miki Lund.

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**Tribute from Glen Todd**

Relation: a friend

My deepest condolences to the Melenka family-I got to know Dave in the late 70's when I started guiding in the hunting industry-Dave was a special friend & mentor to me & we kept our relationship going until the last few years. He was an admirable man.

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**Tribute from Lorraine and George Gibson**

Relation: Friend

Sending our deepest sympathy to Cathy and family for the loss of Dave. He was a very special person and he will be sadly missed.

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**Tribute from Louise Nelson**

Relation: I worked at corks and caps, Cranbrook Street Liquor Store

Sorry for you and your family's loss. Moke was a great man that I so enjoyed serving and always listening to his stories. He will be truly missed.

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