



In Loving Memory of Chris Northrup  
(October 5, 1955 - September 2, 2011)

Chris loved coming to the rink to watch his daughter, Alex, learn the game of Ringette. His enthusiasm for the sport soon transported him behind the bench to become a coach who rejoiced in watching his team become better skaters, grow as individuals, and enjoy success as a team. Even when Chris was no longer able to remain on the bench, he was at the rink for as many games and practices as possible to cheer on Alex and her teammates. He was a model Ringette coach, friend and parent. We will dearly miss him.

Chris lost his year-long fight with brain cancer on September 2, 2011 at the age of 55. Chris is survived by his wife Grazyna, daughter Alexandra, sons Jason and Kamil, mother Shirley of Ottawa, father Stuart of Oak Bay, NB, sisters Julie and Tish of Toronto, Sand of Vancouver, Wendy (David Buston) of Calgary and a large extended family. Chris' life revolved around his family and home. He was a loving husband and father. He spent hours playing sports with his children and was very proud of coaching Alex's ringette teams. Chris always had a home improvement project on the go and built a warm, inviting home where he and Grazyna hosted the extended family for many special occasions together. The essence of Chris was reflected in his ability to connect with people in any circumstance. Chris' kindness and generosity touched family, friends and colleagues alike. He was quick with a joke and could find the humour in so many things. He was an accomplished athlete and took great joy sharing his love of sport. Chris had an extensive knowledge and interest in military memorabilia and enjoyed finding new treasures to add to his collection.

### **The Chris Northrup Award**

The Ajax Ringette Association is honoured to be the recipient of donations in memory of Chris. We will create an award in his memory with the guidance of Grace and Alex. Please make your cheque payable to the Ajax Ringette Association and mail it to the attention of Sue Sidaway, 5 Flazington Crt Ajax ON L1S 6N4. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. Please note that the Ajax Ringette Association is a registered not-for-profit organization, however we are not a registered charitable organization therefore we are not able to issue a receipt for income tax purposes. Your donation will help us establish an award that will honour Chris's memory by helping a deserving Ringette player.

Thank you, Chris. Our thoughts, prayers, and support are with Grace, Alex and your family.