PETER de GROOT (HBScF, Ph.D. Entomology) August 14, 1954 - October 22, 2010  --
Peacefully surrounded by the love of his wife Elizabeth Deakin, his children Cathleen de Groot (Alexander Noonan) and Jonathan de Groot (Samantha Schruder) and his grandchildren Adalia and Deiderich de Groot. He is predeceased by his mother Paula Philips-de Groot. Son of Jan and Frances de Groot. Dear brother of Mieke Mason (David). Son-in-law of Richard and Beth Deakin. Brother-in-law of George Deakin (Sheila), Catherine Rogers (Peter), Richard Deakin (Vicki) and James Deakin (Debbie). Special Uncle Pete to many nieces and nephews. He will be remembered by many friends and colleagues.

Friends may call at the Arthur Funeral Home & Cremation Centre (492 Wellington Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2L9, 705-759-2522) on Monday, October 25, 2010 from 6-9 p.m. Funeral service from the chapel on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 1 p.m. Rev. Faye Stevens officiating.

Peter lived his life filled with integrity in all that he did; hopefulness for the harmony of humanity, one with the other, and nature, one with the multitude; a uniquely brilliant humour; a sense of purpose; wisdom; and a spiritual awareness - a rock that so many of us relied on. We have been blessed by his presence in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Kidney Foundation, the Salvation Army or the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Expressions of sympathy may be offered at www.arthurfuneralhome.com

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