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With great sadness we announce the passing of Joe Almeida, dedicated husband, loyal friend, and dear family member, who passed away peacefully at Cowichan Hospital.

One of six children, Joe was born in a small village in northern Portugal. In his early years, Joe excelled in sports and at school. After earning a degree in animal husbandry, Joe worked many years on a farm in Angola. In 1969, he came to Toronto as a professional soccer player. Looking for warmer weather, Joe moved to Vancouver and opened a book store on Commercial Drive. Joe would strike up a conversation with all that would listen. In his spare time, Joe created and ran a Portuguese radio station and newspaper. But his passion for soccer never died. He enjoyed watching the World Cup on TV, cheering for his home team Portugal.

Joe found the love of his life, Zita, when he was 40 years old and swept her off her feet. Working together, Joe and Zita were property managers at the Pacific Palisades and more recently Evergreen Place Apartments in Crofton. Family and friends and social gatherings were a big part of the Almeida's world and we will all remember fondly Joe's amazing culinary skills. For the past several years he was keeping his brain active by writing. Joe was a very interesting and talented man and will be dearly missed.

Remembering Joe with great love are his beloved wife of 43 years, Zita, and their extended Robbins/Ingham family. You will be forever in our hearts, Joe.

There will be no service but think of him when you watch a soccer game.

