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The “communal family” in our North Forty territory and beyond has experienced a tragedy and loss that has left a gigantic hole that can never be filled. Norm Zeppa perished in a horrific single car roll over Friday, November 17, 2006 near Willows.

Norm’s phenomenal talent and energy raised the bar to an almost unattainable reach for the rest of us who cared for and admired him so much. He entertained us with his music, amazed us with his organization powers, set the example for us by his love of his fellow man, and worked tirelessly to support and promote community needs.

His tireless efforts to help create the TCVFD’s FEAT program, and the money and equipment he was able to generate for the fire department has always been “over the top”, As a matter of fact, he was currently working with Bernie B, of the Jaktri Store in Trinity Center, organizing a New Years Eve fund raiser dance to benefit the TCVFD. But that was Norm. He was the first up to donate his time and voice to any community or personal event. His creation of the “Norm Tabernacle Choir” at the Coffee Creek Community Church was at the top of the list of his accomplishments

A few months back, TCVFD Assistant Chief, Roger Chatterton described Norm as a Class act. We all agree.

Norm was a 2003 heart recipient after many years of heart illnesses which included three by pass surgeries and a two year stay in a hospital hooked up to a machine that administered a drug that kept his heart beating. His heart capacity was down to 7% functionality, and there was a period of time he felt he wouldn’t come home from the hospital before he could receive his donor heart.

Funeral services are pending, and we will keep you posted in this column.

Students from Trinity Center School have been out selling tickets to their Pancake Breakfast November 27, at the Sasquatch