



DAVE ROULEAU

DAVE'S CUSTOM METAL WORKS LTD.

Dave was born in Ville Marie, Quebec, Canada and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada. At the age of 18, he began his Metal Fabricating Apprenticeship after which he worked for two local companies as a Fabricator/Welder until he purchased his own business in 1996.

Dave's Custom Metal Works Ltd. is located in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Canada. As side from his involvement with the 'Release of Souls' structure Dave and his competent staff have worked with local Glazing, Construction, Landscaping companies, local School Districts, as well as projects at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. Dave's extensive knowledge of fabricating and welding has made his company one of the leading businesses in the industry in the lower mainland of B.C. as well as Victoria, B.C., Calgary, Alberta, Seattle Washington and as far away as Terrell, Texas. His custom work can be seen in places such as; the Vancouver International Airport where he built a portable cage, which displays **BMW's** newest model of the '**Mini Cooper**'; in Down Town Vancouver, residential housing '**The Shaw Towers**'; retail stores; **BOSE, SPORT CHEK, TIM HORTONS/WENDY'S, STAPLES and OFFICE DEPOT**; in Whistler Village, **DELTA WHISTLER RESORT** and **THE FOUR**

SEASONS WHISTLER HOTEL.

Dave, along with his wife Tina, of fourteen years and son Brandon, reside in Pitt Meadows, B.C. He is a sports enthusiast and professes to 'know it all' when it comes to his favorite sports, golf, hockey and baseball. When his son decided to play the latter, Dave leapt at the chance to coach the minor Ridge-Meadows Baseball team and did so for over eight years. He enjoyed teaching the youths about sportsmanship, the fundamentals and strategy of the game. Dave now rarely misses the chance to donate to youth sporting drives, this is his way to help keep youths active and away from the dark temptations on our streets today.

It is not hard to see why Kathleen Tonnesen, artist and inspiration for the 'Release of Souls', sought out Dave's expertise. She presented Dave with her vision of healing for the 911 victims and their families. Dave had his reservations, but after some thought he too, realized how important our public service personnel are. He knew it would be a privilege and honor to be a part of such an amazing project. Working with Kathleen, Structural Engineer Brian Lytton, and Designer Louis Louw, the final drafts were made and construction began. It took over five hundred man hours, two and half tons of aluminum and many late night vigils, but at last it was completed.

Whether on the job or on tour Dave's favorite line is, "What do you need?...consider it done!" He sees it and fixes it, no questions asked. It is not likely the structure before you today would be here if it were not for the man known now as 'The Metal Magician' who has a heart the size of Texas.

...."Working with the tour has given my family and I, the opportunity to see and hear first hand how our Canadian and American public and enlisted service personnel give unselfishly everyday to keep our lives safe." "It's been an unbelievable experience and a wonderful opportunity to express our heart felt gratitude towards those individuals we are now honoring". "It makes me proud to be a Canadian."

Dave Rouleau, Pitt Meadows, B.C. Canada, September 2004