





Rick Esselink of Lethbridge, beloved husband of Trix, passed away peacefully on October 18, 2019, at the age of 69 years, at the Palliative Care Unit at St. Michaels Health Centre after a courageous battle with cancer.

Besides his loving wife Trix, Rick is survived by his children Carmen (Jeremy) Steward, Tim (Veronica) Esselink, Valerie Esselink and Rachel (Seth) Wagner. He is also survived by his grandson Liam Esselink who was the pride and joy of his life. He is also survived by his sister Nancy (Mike) VanderPloeg and his sister-in-law Tetsy Mulder as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Grace Esselink, stepdad John Mulder Sr., his stepbrother John Mulder and his stepsister Jo Brouwer.

Rick was born in 1950 in Edmonton, Alberta and grew up in Lacombe, Alberta. He was blessed to grow up in a Christian home and his faith was an integral part of his entire life. After graduating from Dordt College in 1972, he moved to Duncan, BC to begin his teaching career. It was there where he met the love of his life, Trix. They married in 1975 and had 4 children. After spending 10 years in Duncan, his career took the family to Agassiz, BC where he spent 9 years as the principal and teacher at Agassiz Christian School. He spent one year in Penticton, BC before coming to Lethbridge, AB in 1993. He enjoyed a diverse teaching career at Immanuel Christian School that included various subjects in junior high, woodworking to grades 7-12 and overseeing the work experience and Green Certificate programs. His passions included collecting John Deere toys, HO model railroading, camping and spending time with his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (https://foodgrainsbank.ca/).

Memorial Service

2:00pm, Thursday, October 24, 2019
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
Lethbridge, Alberta
Pastor Paul Van Stralen, officiating

Scripture Readings

Romans 5:3-5 Romans 8:28 , 38-39 Isaiah 9:6
Philippians 4:4-7 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Congregational Hymns

Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art The Lord is my Shepherd Lead Me, Guide Me My Jesus I Love Thee

Special Music

Mike & Nancy VanderPloeg ~ Jesus, All for Jesus

Memories from Rick's family

Memories in Photos

Pallbearers

Carmen Steward Tim Esselink Valerie Esselink Rachel Wagner Jeremy Steward Seth Wagner

Honourary Pallbearers

Gerald Snip Ralph Bruinsma Klaas Brink Hans Visser Jack Mulder Art Brouwer Harvey Brink

Pianist

Patty Varga

A private family graveside service was held prior

Following the service everyone is invited to a tea in the Fellowship Hall.