



Mr. Richard Thomas Green

November 6, 2016

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Richard Thomas Green. He will be greatly missed by those he left behind: his siblings Carol Cullen, Julie Blackburn (Phil Blackburn), and Eddy Green (Bonnie Green); his parents Alan Green and Joyce Harding; all his nieces and nephews; and all many friends he made, and kept, throughout his life, friends made while growing up in Lynn Valley in North Vancouver, and in Toronto, where he was born, and where he returned to again and again, in spite of his claims that he just wanted to live alone in a cabin in the woods.

He may have preferred the big city because being the strong but not in any way silent type, Rick could only go so long without talking someone's ears off. To meet him was to know him. He would share his life with you to the extent that you would allow him to do so.

He might tell you how he could fix a fan belt with a pair of pantyhose and would shock the women whose cars he was attending to when he asked them to sacrifice their stockings. Or how he built a cabin in the woods outside of Port Moody where he lived for 6 months, until it got too cold and too lonely. Or how he use to race down Bathurst Street on his bike from St. Clair to catch the ferry to the island just as it was pulling out of the dock trying to get to his job as a marine mechanic at the RCYC on time after staying out too late at the El Mocambo, then Vesta Lunch for double ham and eggs. Or about his road

trip out west with partners in crime Paul and Ron (all reunited now, partying we presume), streaking their way across the mountaintops of the Rockies so the tourists in the gondolas would get their money's worth. Or how he traveled to Europe with his tools on his back and found work repairing the cars of coal miners in Wales.

He might brag that he kept a harem of ex-girlfriends with whom he remained life-long friends. And he might admit that his favourite tv shows were game shows because, he would explain, he liked to see people win.

What he might not tell you is that when the Bob Marley was cranked up, he would break out into his happy dance of joy, eyes closed, fingers snapping, smiling. And that he would laugh with abandon so that you couldn't help but laugh with him. And that he would invite the homeless into his home and provide them with a meal, clean clothes and a bed for the night.

A celebration of life was held upstairs at his old haunt, Amico's Pizza, on December 2, 2016, where friends and family gathered to pool their photos and stories, to piece together Rick's restless life, and to dance to Bob Marley.

Rick's remains have been dispersed to where he most loved to be - Jamaica, the Costa Alegre in Mexico, the valleys of North Vancouver, and with his beloved Mom, Joyce.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Happy 75th Rick
Thinking of you on the big Birthday. Miss you and always have you
in my thoughts.
Love Julie*

Julie Blackburn - March 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JB

“ *Happy 74th Birthday
Rick
Love Julie*

Julie Blackburn - March 05, 2023 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ *Julie Blackburn lit a candle in memory of
Richard Green*



Julie Blackburn - March 05, 2023 at 08:31 PM

BG

“ I have only just found out about Rick's much too early death and I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to his siblings, Julie, Eddy and Carol who I knew only too briefly in the early 1970's. Joyce, Rick's Mom, was always a good friend to me. Although our marriage didn't last, I will always have many fond memories of our time together, not least of which was Rick's ability to make me laugh. I have included a photo of us as I remember Rick.
Sincerely,

Barbara Gardner-Bray



BJ Gardner-Bray - January 16, 2018 at 02:37 PM

JB

Thank-you Barb for the kind words. Yes he passed much too early. He was a very good man with a great soul.

julie blackburn - March 05, 2018 at 03:25 PM

JB

Happy Birthday Rick!!! Think of you often and now I wear your memories around my neck!!!

julie blackburn - March 05, 2018 at 03:26 PM

DH

“ Ricky Green was a kind and loving man as I remember him. A long-time faithful and true friend to Ron Leithwood and Paul Murray. He loved his cats. Enjoyed a good steak dinner! Not just a terrific mechanic, I think he had a lot of talent with his carpentry skills. The world is a lot emptier without gentle souls like Rick. One of the good guys who was always there for a friend in need.

Diane Hatton - May 01, 2017 at 03:07 PM

JB

Thank-you for the kind words of my brother Rick!! He truly is missed and was a kind soul.

julie blackburn - October 16, 2017 at 04:15 PM

JB

Thinking of you today and missing you. I know that your death certificate says Nov 6. But I know it was a week before and it could of been yesterday or today. But yesterday was an odd day for me. Just the feel of it so I am sure it was Oct 28th. I speak to your picture often and tell you things that I think you would laugh or say good for you. Till we meet again I hope your new journey with your old buddies is an awesome one. Love you lots. Jules

julie blackburn - October 29, 2017 at 09:44 PM

JB

*Just thinking about you today. You just popped into my head. I miss your laugh and your caring soul. Mom is doing OK but her Dementia is getting worse. She knows who we are when we call or visit. I have been keeping in touch with Barb Gardner and we speak of you often. I will keep you posted on what is going on. Not sure if you have connected with Dad or not. But I am sure you have lots to say. Bye for now and chat soon.
Love ya!! Julie*

Julie Blackburn - January 29, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PW

“ 2 files added to the album *Fixing up Liv's Van*



Pam Woodall - April 08, 2017 at 04:29 PM

PW

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Pam Woodall - April 08, 2017 at 04:26 PM

PW

“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Pam Woodall - April 08, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JB

Thanks Pam!! I love this picture it shows the calm side of Rick and how gentle he could be. Miss him dearly and is always on my mind. And want to thank-you for all the things you have done for us over the year. Thanks for letting his memories live on.

julie blackburn - October 16, 2017 at 04:20 PM