



Mr. Richard William Petersen

July 1, 2017

August 15 1942 – July 1 2017

Richard William Petersen passed away in the early morning hours of July 1 2017 after a month of fighting a sudden unexpected illness. Known to everyone who knew him as the fun-loving Viking, he is survived by his wife Rosana, his daughter Kristen and her husband Bryan, his grandson Benjamin, and his son Andy and his girlfriend Dahee.

A member of the boisterous Petersen clan, Richard loved his family and friends wholeheartedly, and wasn't afraid to show it. He could often be found with a beer in hand, cracking jokes and filling a room with laughter. He played hard but he worked hard too, as a tool and die maker and later in life as a salesperson at Home Depot. He was fiercely loved by everyone who knew him, not just for his zest for life and welcoming nature, but also for his kind heart, his generosity, and his willingness to embrace everyone he met. We already miss him so much.

We will be holding a memorial service at the Church of St. Aidan (70 Silver Birch Ave) on July 10 at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate his life. As per his wishes, his remains will be cremated and buried with his beloved parents Henry and Florence at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society at this link: <http://convio.cancer.ca/goto/richardpetersen>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Aidan
70 Silver Birch Avenue
Toronto, ON M4E 3K9 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard William Petersen.*



July 09, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *RIP Frack.*

Kim Pearce - July 09, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ *We will never forgot all of the terrific times that we shared with you "Uncle Richie" aka "Dickey Doo". It's so hard to believe that we won't hear your infectious laugh but we will never forget it. Many of our fondest memories are when we went camping and shared many stories and laughter around the campfire. We will miss you so much. Love Brad, Michelle, Emily and Cole xoxo*

Brad Johnson - July 07, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *From Kathy Johnson and Shannon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard William Petersen.*



From Kathy Johnson and Shannon - July 07, 2017 at 11:58 AM

BE

“ Condolences with sincere sadness to Rosana and Andy , Kristen , Bryan and grandson Benjamin at the loss of Viking Richard . Rich was a loved cousin with a great sense of humor & outgoing personality . I have many fond memories of past times spent with him. He will be missed greatly and taken from us far too soon .

Bill and Helen Elston , Mac Elston and Sarah Rogers .

Bill Elston - July 07, 2017 at 11:11 AM

SB

“ Richard’s laughter and tight hugs will forever be remembered by everyone. In addition, his open mindedness, love for all people and his ability to ‘just fit in’ was second to none. I can still hear him reciting his favourite poem, “SAM McGee” and the sound of his contagious laughter. He enjoyed life and people. He is imprinted on our hearts and will forever be missed. “Rest in Peace” our dear friend/relative Richie! May God grant you eternal Peace.

Sally, Max and Ryan

Sally Bashir - July 07, 2017 at 08:02 AM

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Len Johnson - July 06, 2017 at 11:19 AM

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Len Johnson - July 06, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Memories of my beloved cousin Richard, impish cohort of my childhood! Trips to the museum, the Exhibition, the beach, hiking through the bush without telling Aunt Flo. We just clicked like two peas in a pod. I was one of the guys on Willow Ave. He was the only one left that remembered my Dad and my childhood. Such a loss. He loved his family and especially his new grandchild. He was delighted. May choirs of angels sing thee to they rest. Our sincerest sympathies to Kristen and all of his family.

Donna Fratesi - July 06, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CV

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Carole Vaughan-Mulroy - July 06, 2017 at 06:47 AM

AS

“ Richard was a beloved neighbor and friend who was always there for a big hug, a beer, and a good laugh. We have many wonderful memories of times spent on the porch. Richard I hope there are lots of "old clothes" for you in heaven. Xoxo we will miss you friend.
Amanda and Chris

Amanda Harper Sevonty - July 05, 2017 at 10:35 PM

RP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rick Pearce - July 05, 2017 at 09:23 PM

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Rick Pearce - July 05, 2017 at 09:17 PM