Raymond Peter Burkin



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December 31,1951 – June 20, 2021

Ray passed peacefully at the Red Deer Hospice on Sunday, June 20, 2021 at the age of 69 years.

Ray lived his life bravely despite having type 1 diabetes all his life. He developed further complications in recent years and while there are blessings in his final release to his Lord, his family will dearly miss their husband, father, brother, grandpa and uncle.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years,Joanne; daughters, Dawn (Trevor) Heath, Kim Burkin, Christine (Josh) Mayan and Jordyn, Lori (Kevin) Stelmaschuk and Nick, Meaghan, Maddisyn and Natalie; brother, Alan and his sisters, Brenda and Cathy. He will also be remembered by his brother-in-law, Rob(Kathy) Bayne; and sister-in-law Doreen(Lorne) LeClair; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ray was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Beryl Burkin; and brothers Bill, Bob and Dennis.

His time in hospice allowed the family to connect and fondly recall the good times. Ray loved his family and friends. He loved camping and visiting Victoria for the last 10 years. His dogs were very special to him and he spent many hours

wandering the river paths with them, often with his daughters in tow.

Volunteering as a Cub leader and later a Venture Scout leader gave him a lot of enjoyment where he learned how to winter camp in the snow and various RCMP skills

A celebration of Ray’s Life will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 40 Holmes Street, Red Deer, on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Casual dress is encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, please honour the wishes of the family and consider a donation to the Red Deer Hospice Society, https://www.reddeerhospice.com/donate1.html or the charity of your choice.

Messages of Condolence

Joanne and family
May peace come to your family and Ray’s spirit forever fly free.

— Wendy Trentham

R.I.P. dear old neighbor. I remember way back when, Ray being the kind soul that he is, snowblowing my part of the sidewalk and my driveway for me. We really didn't know each other that well and he did that out of the kindness of his heart. I remember going to the DR with Joanne and Ray, he sure liked looking at all the boobies out in the open with that wonderfully quirky smirk he had. My heart felt condolences to all the Burkin family. You are all in our hearts and prayers.

— Colette

Joanne

Although it’s been years since we’ve connected I have fond memories of those years when you and Ray first met. I am so sorry for your loss. May the love of God and your family and friends sustain you in the days to come.

— MaryAnne Vandervalk

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss of Ray. I am sure he will be watching over all of you from Heaven! Take care my friend. Hugs.

— Susan and Keith Shaw
