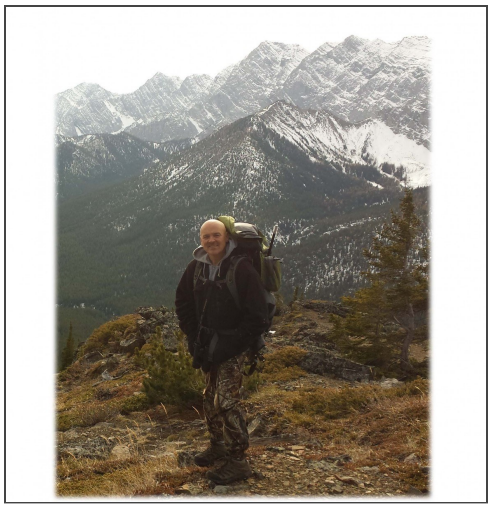
Richard "Rick" Michael Cross



SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Rick Cross, 54, of Calgary, Alberta on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Rick was born in Victoria, B.C. on April 14, 1960. He was raised at Moberly Lake, B.C. where he completed his grade school education. He has lived and worked in various places since then including Peace River, Grande Prairie, Winnipeg, Carstairs and Calgary.

Rick is survived by Esther, his wife of 28 years; his three children, James, Nathaniel and McKayla; his mother, Edna Elvertorp; and siblings, Kathy, David, Robert, Norman, Alan and Ronald. He was predeceased by his father, Ken and his sister, Doreen.

Rick is best described as an amazing husband, father, friend and devoted, Godly man. He was extremely passionate, relentlessly focused and overwhelmingly generous in all of his endeavors. These attributes were clearly demonstrated in how deeply he loved and cared for his wife and children. He truly adored his wife as they journeyed together through life's trials and victories. He saw the incredible potential in each of his kids and worked with them to develop this potential every chance he got.

Rick lived life to the fullest in everything he did, from his Christian faith, his loving family, his successful business ventures, photography, outdoorsmanship and his deep desire to positively impact those around him. He was a prolific entrepreneur, starting and selling a number of businesses over his lifetime and parlaying this business experience into many philanthropic ventures. Rick generously donated money and, more importantly, his time and focused attention to these organizations and opportunities. He has been involved in teaching Sunday school, church ministries, Camp Teepee Pole, Christian Service Brigade, Wycliffe, and various other charities. His biggest passion over the last 10 years has been working with marginalized children in countries like Haiti and Liberia. He has spent time establishing, supporting and funding orphanages in both of these countries and has had made a profound impact in the associated communities.

The family is comforted in the fact that Rick is a believer in Jesus and knows his Creator and is now with Him in heaven.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Harvest Hills Alliance Church, 10099 Harvest Hills Boulevard NW, Calgary, AB on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 2:00 pm. Reverend Doug Frederick of Christian Life Assembly, Langley, BC will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Rick's memory may be made to the charitable organization that Rick started, Unity Christian Mission, c/o Church in the Hills, P.O. Box 51091, RPO Beddington, Calgary, AB T3K 3V9.

Messages of Condolence

I have had the pleasure of knowing Rick for only a short time, during this time Rick spoke of his trips to Haiti. His passion for helping the less fortunate resonated very strongly and he spoke of his mission's on several occasions. My condolences to his family and friends as he will be dearly missed by all.

— Brent Bigourdin

My dear Esther, James. Nathaniel and McKayla,
So overwhelmed with sadness for you to lose your husband and father so young. Rick was an amazing believer and I held your family in the utmost respect.

We know that Rick is with our Saviour and praise God for that fact.

We will pray for God's presence in your lives in every moment of every day as you struggke with this loss.

Condolences
Terry Jan Samantha Ashley and Christopher Wilkinson

— Terry and Jan Wilkinson

Esther, James, Nathaniel, and McKayla you are our prayers in these difficult days. Rick is a profound loss to so many, but none more than you. In the darkness draw near to God. As you have walked in love with our family we walk in love with yours. Look not at what is tearing you up but WHO is holding you together.

— ~the~ Judd's

Even though I only knew Rick briefly and in the past, I will always remember him as a man of great kindness, generosity and devotion. Esther ~ you have my heartfelt sympathies, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

— Debbie Morley

Esther and family. So sorry to hear of Ricks passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you .

— Donna Marshall

My sincerest condolences for your loss. Be strong Esther and family. You will have some tough times ahead but God will be with you all for every step.

— Barry Morley

Esther and family. We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Praying God's divine comfort and peace on you all during this time. We are remembering how Rick was so full of energy and dreams when you were first married. To read how he has made an impact on others for eternity is truly amazing. We will be praying for you as you miss him dearly.

— Tim and Sue Sterkenburg
