

# Irene Marie Forster

NOVEMBER 12, 2016

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Irene unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at her home in Regina. Left to celebrate her life are her sons Jeffery and Brent (Deanna) and her very special friend Roy Ursu; grandchildren Kellen, Tenley and Emily Langford-Forster; brothers Ernie (Pat), Roy (Doreen), Reg (Elaine) and Jim (Linda). She was also loved by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and Godchildren. Irene was predeceased by her parents Frank and Helen Wagman.



Irene was born on November 28, 1955 in Regina, SK. She grew up on a small dairy farm at St. Joseph's Colony with her four brothers. Irene had a love for sports and often spoke of her time with the Balgonie Tigerettes. Anyone who had the privilege of meeting Irene knew that her sense of humour and wit were second to none. Irene was very social and it was often said that you could hear Irene coming long before you could see her.

On April 14, 1978 she married Gordon Russell Forster and from that marriage she had two beautiful boys who she adored with her whole heart.

It was well known in our family that everyone had a nickname: Frank (Gammpy), Helen (Grossal), Ernie (Foldy), Roy (Kaiser), Reg (Charlie), Jim (Razor), Jeff (Johnny), Brent (Dickie), Raeleen (Mouse) and in some cases more than one, Irene (Goose, Renie, Molly).

Renie (Molly) had a bigger heart than anyone could imagine. Every person who knew her knew she would drop anything and everything just to help a friend. Renie loved her job at RBC, especially the later years when she became a mortgage specialist. This love of her job was evident by the numerous awards she won throughout her career and the fact that she thought nothing of putting aside her plans with her family to help a first-time client achieve their dream of owning their own home. She will be truly missed by every life she touched.

Whether dressed to the nines with her high heels on or in her gardening clothes, she had the amazing ability to make anyone smile with the crack of a joke or a clever quip. Dirty finger nails never fazed her because her father made sure at an early age she knew that getting your hands dirty were proof of an honest, hard days work.

She passed her love of gardening, music, and cooking on to her grandchildren. Thanks to Gram Gram their gardens will bloom and just like at Grandma's house their friends and family will never leave hungry.

A huge heart and selfless soul has left us but we are thankful for the time we had however brief it may have been. One thing we know for sure, everyone that is with Molly at this moment will be enjoying great music, great food, and lots of laughter. There won't be a day that goes by that you won't be missed. You will forever be in our hearts Mom. Love you Renie (Molly).

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, November 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Balgonie, SK. Interment in St. Joseph's Colony Cemetery.

Flowers most gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Irene's memory to Canadian Mental Health Association, 2702 - 12th Avenue Regina, SK S4T 1J2.

## Messages of Condolence

So sorry to hear of your loss, Brent. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. May you find comfort knowing she will always be watching over you. Hugs to you, Brent.

— **Arlene Kokoski**

Good-bye my friend.....I'm so very sad, I lost a special person in my life. My condolences to Jeff and Brent and the Wagman family

— **Don Rink**

I knew Renie through our work at RBC. She was a dedicated enthusiastic lady who worked tirelessly for her clients. I laughed at the line in the Obituary about "hearing Renie before you saw her", that was so very true. I also remember her talking about her family and it was very clear how proud she was of them. She was someone who created energy just by being around and who enjoyed life and all the twists and turns it presented. She will be remembered fondly by all that knew her, and her spirit will live on. Deepest regrets to all the family.

— **Barry Book**

To the family of Irene Forster (Wagman): Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your sister Irene.

— **allen lenius**

Roy, Reg and all the family

Sorry to hear of Irene's passing. She was a special person, Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Pat and Carol Kydd and family

— **Pat and Carol Kydd**

Our Family was very shocked and saddened to hear of Irene's passing. She had such a big personality in such a tiny body! A great person and friend to everyone that ever knew her. She will be terribly missed by all, but has gone to a better place where one day we will all be together again! God Bless all the Wagman & Forster families.

— **Sandie Goldsney**

My Heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jeff, Brent, & the entire Wagman and Forster families. I was so totally saddened to hear about Irene's passing. She was so full of energy & enthusiasm & her smile was undoubtedly contagious! I can really associate with all the "nicknames", at times it was almost impossible to remember "the real names"! Irene will be missed by all who knew her! Love to you all!  
Sincerely, Judy (Ju Ju)

— **Judy Forster**

We are so very sorry for your loss - Irene was truly a loving person who could always make everyone smile and laugh.

— **Charlie and Margaret Peterson**

Jeff and Brent,

No one can prepare us for a loss, but know when they leave this Earth, they are always there watching over us from above. May the great memories of your Mom bring you comfort during this difficult time. Our hearts and prayers go out to you, from our family to yours

— **Evan, Kathy and boys; Anne and Maria**

My sincere condolences to Irene's sons, grandchildren, and the whole Wagman and Forster families. I lived with Irene, in Regina, for a short time many years ago. This was when she was dating Gord and before she had her children. Irene was so much fun. A terrific friend with a very bubbly personality. Rest peacefully Dear Irene. You are thought of with great fondness.

— **Marilyn (Sam) Campbell**

A few months ago, I was at the East end Co-Op grocery store, when I heard a loud voice yelling "Patti", I knew who it was even before I turned around (Irene).

I always enjoyed talking with her, she heard my husband John had terminal cancer, she gave me a long tight hug and told me I would be fine. We parted ways teary eyed. I sure needed that hug right then, what a friend!

This was always like her, compassionate, loving, funny, loud and joyful, just being Irene!

I hope she can feel my arms around her now. I will never forget her.

Rest in peace our friend.

Pat Puff & families. Fanny, Chickie & little John.

— **Pat Puff**

Renie today we say farewell, you are going to be missed, you were a great Mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and the list goes on. To me you were a great friend and colleague. I so admired your relationship with your clients, your drive to help them achieve their goals and dreams. I loved to listen to your stories, your laugh and catch up on things when we had the chance. You have truly left your prints on my heart and I am grateful for that. My condolences to Johnny, Dickie your grandchildren and family. Thank you for the memories until we meet again! Love you and miss you.☐

— **Booter**

I was at the Funeral for Renie yesterday, what a beautiful service it was! Renie you will be missed by the beautiful family you leave behind and also everyone that you touched the hearts of.

May you Rest in Peace now Free from all pain.

Until we meet again

— **Janet Holderman**

Although I did not have the opportunity to meet with her recently, I had the privilege of working for her on the fifth floor at RBC Regina. Any time I was having a bit of a tough day, Renie would be there to perk me up. She had a great great heart and will be missed by many. God bless you Renie

— **Dan Page**

Loved her like a sister/best friend, the Greatest of cousins. Enjoy sharing "living in the Colony as a kid" stories with my children when ever the opportunity arrives.

Irene is Always remembered with a warm fuzziness.

— **KooKahLah**



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