

William Jacob Martin Grootendorst

OCTOBER 29, 2012



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of our beloved husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. William is survived by his wife Lynn, sons Christopher (Sue) and Jeremy (Heidi), daughter Alisha Drews (Jon), mother Wilhelmina, his sisters Hennie (Chris) and Joan (Ted), his brother Paul (Penny) and grandchildren Tavia, Ayden, Emma, Jacob, Ava, Krista and Anika and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. William touched many hearts everyday. William, we will always love you. We miss you.

The service will held at the Fleetwood Christian Reformed Church (604 584 6244) located at 9165 160th Street, Surrey, BC V4N 2X7, on Saturday November 3rd, 2012 at 3pm, followed by a coffee reception. The family invites everyone back to their home for a celebration of life following the coffee reception. All whose lives were touched by William are welcome to join and support the family during this difficult time.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Lynn and family

Our hearts are heavy with sadness for your great loss, we are still having a hard time realizing it is true. A world without William in it does not seem right, he touched everyone he met, and always left you smiling, he will be greatly missed. You are continually in our thoughts, hearts and prayers and we pray that you will feel God's comfort, strength and peace. If there is anything we can do for you please do not hesitate to call. Sent with much love and hugs.

— **Martin & Carol Van Dop**

Dear Hennie and Wilhemina:

As schoolgirls in Nanaimo, Hennie, my sister Maria, and I walked to school together. I remember our younger days, now that we have been allowed to grow old, but must reflect that William will not grow old with you, but will remain as we knew him.

May Our Lord bring you His Peace as you endure this loss.

With my deepest sympathy,

Gerdina Tolen Reeve

— **Gerdina Tolen Reeve**

So sorry to hear of your loss, Coach Bill was a legend to our family!!

— **Dina McCulloch**

I am so very sorry to read of Bill's passing and for your loss. Bill was a great guy who enjoyed life, his family, a good friend and the best coach ever !

— **K McCulloch**

Lynn,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.

Nadia

— **Nadia Paterson**

What a sad day to hear of Bill's passing.

I enjoyed every minute of coaching with him. Before, during and after every game and practice.

Our hearts are with you all Lynn. He will never be forgotten.

— **Rick McCulloch**

Lynn, Chris, Jeremy and Alisha. I am extremely saddened by your loss, he was a wonderful person, dad and coach. He is the person that everyone has a great story and memory about. He will not be forgotten by anyone.

— **Scott McCulloch**

I knew Bill through rugby. He was a great man to have on tour. Rugby players have a way to recognize good people and Bill was one of the good ones. He was a pleasure to play with, to tour with and to just hang with.

I was saddened to hear the news of Bill's passing but I have good memories of him on tour and they will stay with me forever.

Gone too soon....RIP Billy!

George Sim
Past President
Evergreen Rugby Club

— **George Sim**

This morning when scanning the newspaper I noticed the name "Grootendorst" in the Obituaries. At first I thought I must be mistaken so re-read it. I was shocked and saddened to realize that it was Bill. I had the privilege of working with him up north for a short period - Bill was my boss. He surely liked things done efficiently. I still remember one incident Bill calling my name on the construction site saying "Sepp, Sepp, don't run away from me-come talk to me-so when are we ready to pour concrete?" We could connect and communicate with each other with no problems. I must say, my life is fuller having met him. My sincere condolences to the whole family and especially to you Jeremy. My thoughts and heartfelt prayers go out to you. You can be very proud of your dad. Sepp

— **Sepp Hauser**

Lynn, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. There were so many good times we had on the job together. Those memories will be treasured forever.

I wish you all the strength to get through this difficult time both for you and his loved ones.

If there is anything I can do, please call.

Best wishes,

— **John Stankiewicz**

Bill's Family

I was extremely saddened to hear of your loss. Bill was an excellent Site Superintendent and wanted everything done correctly. I still remember late one afternoon during a site inspection I overheard loud noises coming from one end of the site. There was Bill tearing apart someone's work that they had done incorrectly during the day. I couldn't get a chuckle (maybe a small smile) from Bill that day but there were many other good times that were had.

My sincere condolences to you Lynn and the rest of the family.

— **Barry Krause Architect (retired)**

Words cannot express how sorry we are for your terrible loss. We couldn't believe it when we heard the sad news. Summers at Deep Bay will never be the same without William. He always had a huge smile on his face, a grandchild in tow, and Pug waddling along behind him. Our sincere condolences to the whole family.

— **Don, Gail, Alicia, and Russell Perry**

Jeremy, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Although I only met Bill a handful of times, I know how close you were to him and how great a personal loss it must be to you. Linda and I send you and your family our warmest condolences.

— **Reid Whitney**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grootendorst family at this difficult time. William will surely be missed. Even though we will not be able to attend Williams service we will be thinking of you tomorrow. God bless

— **Scott and Alice Haberlin**

I send all of my condolences to the whole Grootendorst family. I was shocked and saddened when I heard of Will's accident and death through a mutual friend of ours last Thursday. I volunteer with her at The Bibles For Missions store, here in Victoria.

I was a friend of Williams during our high school and young peoples group phase, in our lives. I had not seen him since we were in our teens. I have many fond memories of him, and wish you all God's Peace during this very difficult time.

— **Carla Vanderspek**

Dear Grootendorst Family;

I was a friend of William's during our high school and young peoples days, at our church in Victoria. I was in a serious car accident myself in 1999 and suffered a severe head (brain) injury and am a little disabled. I am not however, the vegetable they thought I was going to be.

I have fond memories of William and sorry that I could not attend his funeral, because of my mobility issues. I am sending you all of my deepest condolences and to let you know I pray that you feel God's comfort and peace as you grieve the loss of such a wonderful man! He is in a place so nice now, that we can not even imagine what it is like!!!

Sending you my love as well, Carla Vanderspeck.

— **Carla Vanderspek**

TO THE GROOTENDORST FAMILY,

So sorry for your loss.

With deepest sympathy,

— **Elaine and Tony Kuwica**

The Kloosterman family is very sorry to hear about you loss.

— **Gordon Kloosterman**

Dear Wilhelmina and Family

Our sympathy and condolences to your family on the sudden death of William.

From Clinton, Joe, Mark, Veronica, Mary-anne and Daphne Dalsin

— **Daphne Dalsin**

I live in Hazelton near where the accident occurred and drive that road often..I heard about it and then saw the write up in the Sun and read how many family members will miss him and suffer the loss...my condolences

— **Brigitta van Heek**



<https://www.myalternatives.ca/obituaries/grootendorst-william-jacob-martin>

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