

Henry Nachtigall

AUGUST 3, 2012

Announcing the passing of Henry Nachtigall. Husband to his loving wife; Sarah Nachtigall, and father to three sons; Stephen Nachtigall, Doug Nachtigall and Conroy Nachtigall. Henry dedicated his life tirelessly for his family his community and complete strangers. He was always willing to help anyone who asked.



Henry was born in Eichberg Poland November 1937, during WW2 the family fled the nazi invasion, heading toward germany where the family found work on a strawberry farm. Henry immigrated to Canada in 1959 establishing the path for his parents and siblings to make the move as well.

Aside from being a loving husband and father, Henry established himself as one of the few remaining Horticultural legacies in Alberta. Between 1963 and 1971 Henry worked as a manager for the City of Calgary Parks and Recreation dept, where he helped establish many of Calgary's city parks and green spaces. His legacy can be witnessed through the hundreds of majestic trees that now grace our city. After a few years of farming in Water Valley he began his own business: Greenlife Landscaping, where he established himself as a prominent commercial contractor. During this time he established a tree nursery, and a tropical plant division installing and maintaing some of Calgary's best atriums. There are numerous landmark civic green spaces throughout Alberta that Henry installed that continue to be enjoyed by many.

Henry was strong in his faith and actively supported the german protestant community. Henry continued his passion for horticulture even throughout his

failing health, growing and caring for plants as well as supporting his sons endeavors, and managing his business along side his loving wife. Whether strolling through one of Calgary's mature parks or walking the trails in Kananaskis and Lake Louise, we can remember Henry as one of this province's horticultural legacies. We can be thankful for his passion for green spaces that bring people together through these many living examples throughout this province. A Funeral Service will be held at Mountview Church of God, 637 - 17 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB on Friday, August 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers a donation in Henry's memory may be made to the ALS Society Suite 400, 320 - 23rd Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 0J2. Arrangements entrusted to Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services of Calgary.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Sara and family,

I was so sorry to hear of Henry's passing. I'll certainly miss his loving smile and chats about gardening. Please call me Sara if I can do anything to help. Jody, OT

— **Jody Szkorupa**

Dear Tante Sarah and family,

We would like to extend our sincerest sympathies to you. Having recently lost my Dad and for the kids their Opa we understand too well your loss. We are thinking of you during this difficult time, you're in our hearts and prayers. We fondly remember Henry skiing with us in Panorama, hiking in Kananaskis, helping us landscape our yard and all the other family visits. We will miss him.

With Love,

Doris, Donna, Loren and Jeremy Lehmann

— **Doris**

My Dear Sarah,

My deepest condolences to you and your children on the passing of a wonderful Husband, Father and Friend. Henry was a man that touched my life in a positive way. His dedication to the journey of Life was to be admired... May he find the eternal peace that he deserves...

My Prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time of grieving. May God give You, Stephen, Doug and Conroy the Strength and Wisdom to continue on with your lives...

Through Acceptance starts the beginning of healing... Trust in God with all your Heart...

With Great Love and Sympathy

Walter Viveiros and Family

— **Walter Viveiros**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We have many fond memories of the years we spent as neighbors and the friendships developed during that time.

With love and sympathy, Ray, Gayla, Chris and Shelley Worden

— **Ray and Gayla Worden**

We will always remember the extreme kindness of Henry, his passion for life, and his joy for all things green. Will miss that constant smile.....it was infectious. He was truly a great friend to us all.

Thinking of you today : Sarah, Roy, Doug, and Stephen, may God's blessings and kindness be with you always.

Love and Hugs,

— **Monika, Cliff ,& Zak**

Dear Sarah, Stephen, Doug and Conroy, we wish you God's comfort in this difficult time. He has promised us: "I will never leave nor forsake you"(Hebrews 13,5).

We fondly remember the time you visited us in Mexico.

We are praying for you,

H.D. and E. Nimz

— **H.D. Nimz**

Ich schicke mein herzlichstes Beileid zu dem Tod von Heinrich. Ich kannte ihn in meiner Jugend und er war ein guter Kumpel während ich mit meinen Eltern, Aurelie und Edmund Krebs von 1960 bis 1964 in Calgary wohnten. Er war derjenige der ein Auto besass und fuhr uns Jugend zu vielen Ausflügen. Ich habe viele gute und liebe Erinnerungen an ihn und auch noch viele Fotos. Mein Schwiegervater starb an ALS und es tut mir besonders leid dass Heinrich unter dieser schweren Krankheit gelitten hat.

Ich schicke der Familie mein innigstes Beileid.

Anita Krebs.

— **Dr. Anita Krebs**

I'm sorry that I missed the service for Henry on Friday but am so happy that my bride Aganita was able to be there for you before and after Henry's passing. Your sister speaks so fondly of you and your remarkable strength. May God bless you and comfort you. Our home is always open to you if you want to get away for a few days. Your annual sister trips are the highlight of the year for my wife. I only wish I had that kind of relationship with my family.

— **art depner**

Dear Sarah & Family

May God be with you during this time of sorrow and may cherished memories of your loved one bring comfort in the days ahead.

In times of loss words are such a small comfort but be assured you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Adolf & Gerda Krause

— **Adolf & Gerda Krause**

Liebe Familie Nachtigall,

wir denken an Euch in herzlicher Anteilnahme am Heimgang von deinem Mann und eurem Vater. Ich habe ihn immer sehr geschätzt.

Ich denke gerne an die Zeit zurück als ich für "Greenlife Landscaping" arbeitete und Euch näher im Hunterburn Cres. und in der Gemeinde kennen lernen durfte.

Wir wünschen Euch den Trost den Gott unser Herr nur geben kann!

In Liebe

Familie Gordon & Hilda mit Jonathan und Miriam

— **Gordon & Hilda Welz**



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