John "JR" Henry Renkema

JUNE 2, 2017



RENKEMA, John Henry
December 30, 1948 – June 2, 2017

John Renkema “JR” passed away peacefully after a short, courageous battle with cancer, at the Drumheller Health Centre on Friday, June 2, 2017 at the age of 68 years.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Cindy (Larry) Poland; granddaughters, Tori (Azraie), Kyley and Shelby; mother, Aaffien Renkema; brothers, Ralph, Leendaert and Nick Renkema; many nieces and nephews; and lifelong friend, Edie Renkema.

JR is predeceased by his infant son, Curtis Renkema; father, Klaas Renkema; and siblings, Wieb Renkema and Johanna Carbert.

The family wish to thank Dr. Mpisi, Dr. Mattier and the nursing staff at the Drumheller Health Centre and some very special NA’s (you know who you are).

A Celebration of JR’s Life will be held at the Elm Pentecostal Fellowship Hall, 245 – 3 Street W., Drumheller, AB (the old Central School) on Saturday, June 10, 2017 sat 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in JR’s memory to:

Drumheller Health Foundation, 351 – 9 Street NW, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y1 (Email: info@drumhellerhealthfoundation)

Messages of Condolence

I was very sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories of times spent with him and his family when we were children. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

— Bieny Pryor (van Ringen)

Thinking back to all the good memories shared with John and his family growing up. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Sorry to have missed the service but we were out of town camping.

— Lukina Wall

John will always have a piece of my heart. He was the kindest man I ever met, so loving and genuine, always helping anyone who needed his talents. Had I known of his passing earlier, I would have gone to the celebration of his life. My heart goes out to his family and friends in their time of sorrow. His legacy will live on and he will never be forgotten!'

— Ellen Nazareth
