

Donald Joseph Skaar

JANUARY 10, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Donald Joseph Skaar on January 10, 2021 at the Regina General Hospital, Regina, Saskatchewan at the age of 48 years.



Don was the beloved son of Dave and Diane, brother to Jody, father to Delainey and Nathan and a friend to so many.

Don had a larger than life personality and was known for his ability to make everyone laugh uncontrollably and his strong opinions on virtually every topic! He had a kind and gentle heart and put everyone's needs before his own, often sacrificing his own wellbeing and comfort. He loved his children deeply and sought to provide a wonderful life for them. He also treasured his parents, sister and nieces and nephews, holding their pictures close at hand in his wallet. He could often be seen in quiet moments, holding his kids, puppies or his niece. Everyone felt safe and loved in his care.

Don, we will miss you so very much and are so grateful for the time that you spent with us.

A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring/Summer of 2021, at a date and time to be determined. It will be announced on his Facebook page.

Messages of Condolence

My heartfelt condolences to both of you... words cannot express my sympathy...

— **Betty Foster**

Very saddened by the passing of Don. Although we grew apart as we got older, as a kid I always looked up to him, him being the older cousin, but one thing I do remember fondly of Don. His love for The Great One had no equal. Although we weren't close Don, you will be missed. Until Valhalla, Skäl cousin.

— **Craig**

Dave, Diane, and family. Our hearts ache for you on the loss of your son. No words can express our sorrow. May God comfort you and give you peace. Sending our love. Randy and Cindy

— **Randy and Cindy O'Neill**

I am so sad you guys. Thinking about and praying for you.

— **Alanna Gosselin**

There are moments when none of this seems real... how such a big person, such a big part of our world can be gone.

And then I see Delainey and Nathan, and all of his family and friends, and I have hope that the essence of who he was is not truly gone. May the very best parts of Don — his big-hearted, protective nature, his humour, his candour, and all of the special memories of time spent with him — stay with us always.

There are really no words to convey the loss of a Dad's presence in their children's lives... Or a son or brother. I pray for healing, peace and comfort for us all in this grief.

May his memory be for a blessing, always.

— **Lia**

So sorry Dave and Diane to hear the passing of your son. May God's grace and healing arms wrap around you and your loved ones in this time of sorrow. God bless you and you are in our prayers.

— **Valerie Doiron (Johb)**

Heart felt condolences Dave and Dianne so sorry for your loss

— **Twain Anderson**

I was so sorry to hear about Don, I have so many great memories of him. I hadn't seen him for many years but thought of him on occasion. My deepest sympathies to all his family, he will be greatly missed.

Jason aka Gully.

— **Jason Duncan**

I am deeply saddened to hear of Don's passing. I remember him fondly from our days at Living Faith Chapel in North Battleford. I pray peace and comfort for all who grieve this incredible loss.

— **Cordell Osmond**

So many memories of us growing up. I remember your Star Wars bedding and blue rug. I remember the ridiculous nicknames you had for me as a little girl. I remember driving home to Lumsden in your Chevette and having to use a cassette case to scrape the insides of your windows in winter so we could see. I keep remembering... Silly things take me back, I heard a Brian Adams song and remembered when you drove Tara and I to his concert in Saskatoon. I will always remember Don.. You were protective and funny and loved my kids so much. Thank you for so many memories, I will always miss you and love you ☺

— **Jody**

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Don was one of the first people I met when I started playing roller derby all those years ago. I remember he was so welcoming and he was willing to show me tips and tricks to make me a better player. I will never forget his kindness and his wonderful personality. Thinking about your family!

— **Ashley Maurer**

My thoughts and prayers go out to you all ☺ I'm so sorry for your loss...i didn't know Don well but I do remember him back in youth group days as being a person who could make you laugh! Try to remember those good moments in the days and weeks ahead ☺

— **Brenda Wagner**

Delaney and Nathan. Your Dad was very proud of you both. He light up every time he would talk about you. Don was one of the football dad to all the boys. Cheering them on very loudly. And when Nathan got the ball he was jumping up and down yelling go wiggles. Don loves taking the boys to Bp s and making his famous nachos for them. Dalton loss someone special in his life.

Just remember all the lovely memories you have of him. And he loved you very much.

Because we saw it in his eyes.

Don will be missed

Stacey and Cory Hellebrand

— Stacey & Cory Hellebrand

I met Don through my involvement in Roller Derby. Don was always laughing and smiling. We always got along well. We would occasionally go for beers after his departure from the sport.

He will be missed.

— Doug Peters

Left Turn Don! You were one of the first refs I came in contact with . You fitted me with my first pair of skates!! Gone too soon!! Rest In Peace.

— Dale Brownlee

I never had the pleasure of meeting Don other than going into the paint store from time to time. Reading the comments, it is quite obvious he was a man very well loved by anyone he had ever met and most importantly his family. Delaney and Nathan, cherish all of those special memories of your Dad and they will help you through this challenging time. I lost my Dad 6 years ago and when I look back at the many memories, they definitely have helped me realize that I had no regrets about anything that we did together before his passing. Please take care of each other and know there are many people who care.

— **Tyler**

Every time I think of Don, the first thought that comes to mind is when he was just a toddler, walking around in his diaper & trying to climb on the TV Dave & Diane had in their living room in Watson. The image is so vivid yet! He lived with my parents for a time while working construction near our home town, and I remember how happy my mom (his Grandma) was that he was there, and the silly remarks he'd make to her when he'd walk in the door after working all day! Always brought a smile to her face, and she reminisced often about that time!

Unfortunately, as the years went on, we lost contact with him, other than through Facebook, but I often thought of both him and his sister Jody. Don. . . know that you are loved more than you knew, and what a deep hole your passing has left in our hearts. May you rest in the Peace of the Lord. We will never forget you!!

— **TerryAnn**

Don was my best friend Delaineey's dad. I first met Don when I came over to their house, he always made me feel so welcomed and often told me I was like his other daughter. He had such a beautiful soul and always made everyone around him laugh. He would often come sit with me and delaineey and talk with us for hours about what was going on in our life's. I will miss his funny nicknames he had for everyone and going to visit him at the paint store with delaineey. He was very selfless and kind person ☐ You will be greatly missed Don

— **Sable**

We have so many good memories of fun family times spent with Don. He had such a great sense of humour that could leave us in stitches. Delaineey and Nathan you have both inherited that same sense of humour from your dad.

Don was a hard worker who gave his all to providing his best for his children. His giving knew no bounds when it came to them. They were the centre of his world and truly the "jewels in his crown". Delaineey and Nathan he was so proud of you, and we know that his passing has created an immeasurable loss in your lives as well as the lives of his parents and sister(and family). Our deepest condolences to you all,-our thoughts and prayers are with you as you journey through this most difficult time.

Doug & Thelma Ebach

— **Doug &Thelma Ebach**

So very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was so young. This is a terrible loss. Our heartfelt condolences.

— **Trish and Darren Bezborotko**

I remember Don from us all being part of the young adult crowd at living faith chapel in North Battleford. My memories of Don include his love for Delainey as he carried her in his arms at church on Sunday, he sure adored his little girl. Don was a great hockey player in those red hockey pants and often would stand up his forever unwashed tennis socks in the dressing room to make everyone laugh! My heart goes out to Delainey, Nathan and Lia as you grieve your Dad and friend. I pray for you all, as grief is the hardest journey I have ever been on. One day it will turn into mourning and you can smile picturing Don “having a time” in heaven☐

— **Tanya Wasmuth**

Don was a great dad to Nathan and Delainey. Dalton and I used to come over so much we created a bond with Don where we knew he was like a dad to us. He treated everyone with care and love no one who you are or where your from he didn't judge you. Every time Dalton or I would come over we would always give Don a hug and check in on how he's doing and every time we leave we would give him a hug. We all miss doing that. I'm glad I knew Don for who he was and I am very grateful for being very close to him, I loved Don so much words can't describe how much I'll miss him and all the people close to him will miss him. We love you Don

— **Nick Hayden**

Dad, you are and always will be one of the most amazing people I knew. From the first moment I laid eyes on you, I fell in love. I fell in love with a father who would protect me fiercely, a father who would give everything he had just to endure he'd see me or Nathan smile. I fell in love with you from the first moment because I sensed your never ending love for me. And I know that just because you're physically gone, does not mean that love is.

I will forever look at pictures of you, and love my Dadders more and more every day for the love you have given me, and continue to give.

You have touched the lives of so so many.. and it brings me to tears knowing just how many people are feeling your loss. You were loved by many, and will continue to live on through Nathan and I and continue to feel all the love.

I love you more than words can even begin to explain... until we meet again☐

— **Delaineey Skaar**

Dear Delainey and Nathan,

I was a customer of your dad's and found out today of his passing - I am so very sorry for your loss.

I met your dad at his shop when I was needing advice on a flooring product, and he was so helpful and even popped by to help me get a start on the concrete epoxy just to make sure I was handling the product correctly.

Ever since that first meeting, I considered your dad a friend and someone I could reach out to with ease. He brought us flowers on our opening day and would always touch base to see how we were doing.

I will always remember his smile, his laugh and his fabulous sense of humour. I'll also remember his penchant for Taco Time too, which I was aware he was trying to cut back on!

He spoke of you two often, it was evident the love and affection he had for you both. His pride was so evident and you could feel how sincerely he cared for you both.

Your family is in our thoughts and I'm just grateful I was able to see your dad a few times since this pandemic hit. He was always a highlight of our day.

Take good care of yourselves and continue to lean on each other.

— **Nicolette**

Definitely God will resurrect him. Don is a very good person, very well mannered individual.

He definitely will be missed and remain in my prayers..

I know I will defiantly see you someday again Don. You defiantly will not be forgotten.

Laurence

— **Laurence Mehlhorn, Larry**



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