



Hendrikes Gilbert Verhoef

June 18, 1959 - December 30, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Hendrik (Dick) Verhoef on December 30th, 2019, at the age of 60. He passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his immediate family, after a short but courageous battle against cancer. He leaves behind his beloved wife Nancy and their two daughters Michelle and Katrina and son-in-law Jake. He will also be greatly missed by his brother Walter (Dominique), his sister Barbara (Kevin), his mother-in-law Jocelyne, as well as his nieces and nephews. Hendrik's loyalty and great sense of humour were appreciated by his many friends in Ontario and in Quebec as well as his large extended family both in Canada and in the Netherlands.

At his request, there will be no funeral service and cremation has taken place. A celebration of Hendrik's life will be held on a date and location to be announced later.

Comments



“ De la part de toute l'équipe du Bureau vétérinaire de Richmond, toutes nos sympathies à Walter, Dominique et toute la famille Verhoef. Nous avons une pensée toute spéciale pour Nancy et les filles. Nancy a fait partie de l'équipe du bureau vétérinaire et Walter et moi avons eu la chance de travailler avec toi quelques années et aussi avec ta mère plusieurs années! J'espère que tu trouveras la sérénité et la paix malgré cette terrible épreuve.

Lucien Chagnon

Lucien Chagnon - January 17 at 02:44 PM



“ Nos plus sincères condoléances à la famille de Dick; Le départ d'un membre de la famille est quelque chose de difficile à vivre puisque la peine et le chagrin envahissent nos coeurs pour un bon moment. À toi Walter et aussi à toi Barbara, nous sommes de tout coeur avec vous dans ces instants difficiles.
Marc-André et Jocelyne

Marc-André Langlois - January 16 at 05:16 PM



“ Wij willen de familie Verhoef condoleren met het grote verlies van Dick. Wij zullen Dick herinneren als een humoristische en goedlachse jongeman, die zich erg verbonden voelde met de familie in Nederland. Zowel voor Nederland, als zijn eigen broer en zus, zat hij ver van de familie verwijderd. Samen met zijn broer Walter en zus Barbara, waren ze een drie eenheid. Het gemis zal groot zijn. Wij wensen jullie allen, VEEL STERKTE.

Lia en Jan van de Pol - January 15 at 02:54 PM



“ We offer our sincere condolences to the whole family and in particular to those who were nearest to Hendrick (Dick): Nancy, Michelle and Katrina. A gentleman has left us. Way to soon of course and Dick has been fighting the inevitable for a long time. We are convinced that he is now and forever, resting in peace.

Simon and Margot Langeveld

Simon Langeveld - January 14 at 12:44 PM



“ Dick will forever be one of the funniest people I have known. His humour was contagious and I looked forward to seeing and speaking with him every chance I got. I am so lucky that he was chosen to be my godfather; it truly gave us a special bond that I will cherish forever. My deepest condolences to you Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and Jake. Dick was a true fighter and I know he touched so many people throughout his life. Dick, I will forever try to behave, just like you asked me every time we spoke



Jamie - January 14 at 12:35 PM



“ I feel so lucky that I got to call Dick my uncle and have him in my family. I have so many great memories of our visits to Oma and Opa's and playing in the yard. Then we got older and I looked forward to our family reunions where we could share a drink and talk and laugh. I only wish there had been more of them. Dick was such a kind, good person with a great sense of humour. I'll really miss how he could tell us all stories and easily make us laugh. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him; he was taken far too soon. Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and Jake, my deepest sympathies to you.

Jessica - January 13 at 07:43 PM



“ Beste Nancy en familie Verhoef, ons medeleven gaat naar jullie uit. Zoveel hoop als er nog was na de niertransplantatie, zo snel is het gegaan sinds augustus. We hebben Hendrik nog gesproken tijdens de 100e verjaardag van ome Gijs en hij was blij om tante Greet weer te zien. Het was een gezellige ontmoeting, net zoals al die andere keren dat wij in Canada waren. Tante Greet herinnert zich nog goed dat Hendrik, toen nog Dicky, werd geboren. Zijn moeder tante Johanna en vader ome Gerrit, waren maar wat blij met hem want zwangerschap ging bij tante Johanna niet altijd voorspoedig. Nu dan toch drie kinderen, een leuk gezin samen met Wout en Barbara. Helaas meten we ook nu weer afscheid nemen van een familielid dat veel te jong de strijd tegen kanker niet kon winnen. Tijdens de uitvaart van nicht Anneke dacht ik steeds weer aan de volgende: zou Hendrik dat zijn? Het kwam allemaal toch nog vlugger dan we dachten. Mijn moeder Greet vindt het fijn om oud te mogen zijn maar ze kan niet goed begrijpen dat het haar wel is gegeven om 96 te kunnen worden, dat ome Gijs al 100 is en dat veel jongere nichten en neven ons ontvallen. We kijken echter allemaal met dankbaarheid terug op de mooie jaren die Hendrik toch nog heeft mogen meemaken. We wensen Nancy, zijn gezin en familie alle sterkte bij een heel andere toekomst die ze ingaan: een toekomst zonder hun

geliefde Hendrik.
Namens Mirjam en tante Greet:
Henri

Henri Schouten - January 13 at 02:42 AM



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barbara verhoef - January 12 at 06:03 PM



“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to Nancy, Michelle, Katrina, Barbara, Wout and all the rest of the family.
I have many fond memories of Dick, but his ability to make me, and anyone else, howl with laughter will never be forgotten.
I, as well as many others, are lucky to have known you.
Rest In Peace Hendrikes.

Michael Vanda

Michael Vanda - January 12 at 05:55 PM



“ Love you always Daddy I will always cherish the memories that we made together. You teaching us to play baseball, how to make a fire, taking us to a different park every Monday, dancing in the family room to Chicago, The Beatles, The Eagles, walking me down the aisle, our father daughter dance, and the list goes on. You and mom gave us the most wonderful life and I can only pray that I am able to provide that for my family one day. You touched so many people's lives, more than you will ever know. We love you so much and miss you dearly. I look forward to the day that we meet again, and you are there to welcome us all with your arms wide open.



katrinaverhoef - January 12 at 04:58 PM



“ Best of friends from the day we first met way back in grade 3 when you welcomed me with open arms to the Richmond area. Partners in crime growing up, thru many common activities and endeavors, from school to sports to 4H or to just simply hanging out. Was proud to have you as best man at our wedding. Although life led us on separate paths these past years we managed to reconnect every year for birthday wishes which would result in lengthy calls to catch up and reminisce on everything from family, to sports (after all we were both hockey experts) to current events. Goodbye my friend until we meet again.

Our sincere condolences to Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and to Walter and Barbara.

Danny and Shirley

Daniel Enright - January 12 at 04:42 PM



“ Dear Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and Jake,
Dicky, as we affectionally called him, was our cousin, a close cousin. Weren't the Canadian cousins first friends? Being apart did not fade the feeling of fondness. I remember him being good-spirited despite life's challenges. Dicky became the glorious emperor of his earthly journey, even if he lost his "Waterloo". And, just as for Napoleon, the 18th of June will remain memorable and unforgettable in all our hearts.
Please accept my deepest sympathies and may the sweetest souvenirs accompany you forever.
With all my love
Barbara xxxx

Barbara Verhoef - January 12 at 02:57 PM



“ I always been proud of my family and of course Dick is part of it. I remember when we were young we would visit Dick on a sunday afternoon while he was ill for a long time and he could not get out of his bed in the living room , but he was always smiling and didn't seem to envy us at all . His situation made him a better and a mentally stronger person , he enjoyed life...his sense of humour proved it. We often played games on sunday afternoon when he was retablished...like kick the can, ok boy did we ever had a good time . I know life has been tough sometimes due to his diavetes and a lot more , he's always gonna be an exemple of determination and a source of inspiration , i have a lot of esteem for him . He has a fantasric Wife and 2 lovely daughtersall my sincere sympathiesTom

Tom Verhoef - January 12 at 03:50 PM



“ Many miles between us for the past years, but the memories are still very near and real. I was lucky enough to be able to say that Dick was my cousin and he was family, but even better I can say he was a friend ! We spent many a summer, when school was out, together with our other cousins a few days at a time playing games, camping out and just having fun and getting in trouble ... yes on occasion it happened. Later on, many Sunday afternoons were spent playing sports with the gang, ball hockey, baseball, football. What great times !
Dick had a few health challenges throughout his life starting at a young age but ALWAYS faced them head on and with a very positive attitude. He always found a way to help us get through his hard times. He had that special something.
Proud to be able to say he was my friend.
Our sincere condolences to Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and to all his family and friends.

Karen, Peter and family

Peter Boersen - January 12 at 10:19 AM



“ Hey little brother, you have made my life a whole lot better by being part of it. I cherish our memories growing up together on the farm where you, I and Wout were partners in crime. Till the very end when the 3 of us got together it was always good for many laughs and memories. I will miss our 3 hour 'visits' by phone where you ended every conversation with a joke.
Nancy, Michelle, Katrina and Jake, know that you were his world!
Forever connected...



Barbara Verhoef - January 12 at 10:02 AM



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Walter Verhoef - January 12 at 09:43 AM



“ I had the opportunity to spend Christmas Eve with Dick. He let me climb up on his king bed and we layed there shooting the breeze. Talked about our time as kids with Barbara on the farm, our current families, and of course solving the world's problems from Trumpism to the plight of the Montreal Canadiens hockey team. And as always, he made me laugh. He transformed what was potentially my saddest Christmas Eve

into a memory that I will cherish for the rest of my days. I miss you little brother.



Walter Verhoef - January 12 at 08:15 AM