



Werner Peter Froese

July 19, 1938 - December 25, 2018

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Born: July 19, 1938 in Ryley, AB

Died: December 25, 2018 in Cranbrook, BC

Werner attended elementary school in Matsqui, BC. After graduating from high school in Mission, he worked at the local cedar mill. Following his marriage to Susanna Epp, Werner moved to Winnipeg to attend the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. In 1967, he received his Bachelor of Theology and started his career as a minister at: Lost River (Nipawin, SK); Bergthal (Didsbury, AB); Eigenheim (Rosthern, SK); Burwalde (Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Mexico); and Eden (Chilliwack, BC). He also served as the director of Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan (1990-1996).

In retirement, Werner and Susanna worked with Ten Thousand Villages in the Maritimes. They volunteered three times with the Mennonite Disaster Service, providing Hurricane Katrina relief in Metairie (New Orleans, LA). In Cranbrook, Werner continued his passion for pastoral visitation by founding the chaplaincy program at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital.

Werner spent his life helping people. He regularly went out of his way to make others' lives better. Werner always looked for the good in others, and helped people by listening, comforting and advising them. He lived an exemplary life of love and kindness, with his passionate belief in Christ as his rock, his motivation and his comfort. He thought of everyone as a friend, easily entering into conversations and quickly putting people at ease. When he didn't have a shovel or hammer in his hands, he held a Bible, devotional text or hymnal.

Werner enjoyed life and being with those he loved. He liked driving/travel, carpentry, reading, going for walks, singing around the fire and games at the table. His nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren hold dear countless memories of time spent with him in the yard, at a park, or out for coffee and a donut.

Werner is survived by his wife of 58 years, Susanna; his sons Michael (Barb), Kenneth (Carla), and Lewis (Christalee); his grandchildren Jeremy, Jaqui McLean (Gordon), Shane, Brittany, Ashley, Esra, Sami, Logan and Journey; his great-grandchildren Parker and Kohen; his siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Werner will be missed by his family, his friends and his neighbors.

A visitation for Werner will be held on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at McPherson Funeral Home in Cranbrook from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. He will be interred in Westlawn Cemetery in Cranbrook on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:30 am followed by a Celebration Of Life Service at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cranbrook at 11:00 am.

Arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Service.

Condolences for the family can be offered at:

www.mcphersonfh.com

Events

JAN **Visitation** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

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McPherson Funeral Home in Cranbrook
2200 - 2nd Street South, Cranbrook, BC, CA

JAN **Interment** 09:30AM

2

Westlawn Cemetery
from Hwy 3/95 turn NW on King Street, then turn left on Cobham Avenue W to
Cemetery (850 meters), Cranbrook, BC, CA

JAN **Celebration Of Life** 11:00AM

2

Knox Presbyterian Church in Cranbrook
2100 - 3rd Street South, BC, CA

Comments



“ El & I have great memories of Werner during his time as pastor at Eigenheim Church. In fact, we moved to Rosthern during his time there and it was his visit to our house on the farm that encouraged us to attend Eigenheim and we still attend there. He was a good man and his obituary described him beautifully and so accurately-- "He regularly went out of his way to make others' lives better". What a wonderful legacy he left for us all. Our deepest condolences to your whole family as you grieve and celebrate Werner's life.

Eldrid & Phyllis Roth
Rosthern, SK

Phyllis Roth - January 08 at 10:58 AM



“ While we rejoice that Werner is singing in heaven, our hearts are sad. Werner was such a blessing at Knox. His deep faith and his care for all impacted so many lives. Werner was an amazing listener, and had the ability to ask those gentle straight forward questions that helped others reflect and grow in Christ. Our love and prayers go out to Susan and family.

Heather & Doug Wik - January 02 at 10:59 PM



“ Dear Sister Susie, In the past few days I and my family have recalled our remembrances of Werner with smiles and sadness. Smiles as we recalled his humour and sadness as we thought of your loss. I know that many will look back as your faith became manifest and both of you shared the challenges in your lives and how the positive legacy will live on through you. Love from all of us. God will provide the wisdom and the strength. My regards to your family. Send me a current telephone number. I have a new one . <604 851 4144>

Martin Epp - January 02 at 10:35 PM



“ To the Froese Family - Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. Jim and I were very lucky to have the opportunity of knowing Mr. Froese fairly well. Because Mike and Barb spent 16 years in La Ronge we benefited in seeing him and Mrs. Froese whenever they came for a visit. He was a very kind and caring man! May God's love surround you during your time of grief and as you move forward.

Jim and Joanne Hoeft



“ Sue - my deepest sympathy to you. My memories of spending those days at that church in New Orleans right after Hurricane Katrina are bright ones. Werner will be deeply missed by so many I'm sure. MDS was so fortunate to have been one of Werner's passions. May God and God's people surround you with love and support all the days ahead that will be lonely without him in your life.

Lois Nickel - January 01 at 11:36 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Werner Peter Froese.



December 31, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of Werner's passing. We would love to be at the Memorial on Wed. Seeing it is winter& driving would not be wise,our thoughts and prayers are with you Susan and your family. I have many fond memories of your years at Eden in Chilliwack . The special visits even after your move to Cranbrook. were always appreciated. Sincerely Susan & Victor Klassen. Chilliwack..

Susan& Victor Klassen - December 30, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ Dear aunt Susie and family. what really stands out for me is his humour . Always , consistantly a kind person. Appreciated his tribute at the Reunion in camp Squeah after mom and dad passed away. Esther Epp- Kaethler

Esther Epp-Kaethler - December 30, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ Our sympathy to you Susan and to your family! My mom Mary Roth also sends her condolences. She and my late dad Ed loved and respected Werner as their minister and friend. We personally appreciated Werner's devotion to ministry and his energy and ability to get things done. May God comfort you all and hold you close. Sincerely, Wilmer and Barb Froese



Wilmer and Barb Froese - December 30, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Susan my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Thankyou Werner for your faithful service to the hospital chaplaincy. Michelle pommier

Michelle - December 30, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ Susan, we have many fond memories of spending time with you and Werner in Winnipeg and CMBC. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Ben & Mary Sawatzky

Ben Sawatzky - December 29, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Our condolences to the Froese family for your loss, thinking of you all and sending our love and prayers. Love Ken, Bev and family.

NATALIE MCKAY - December 29, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ Our sympathy to you, Sue, and your family on Werner's passing. We have good memories of the years that Werner was our pastor in Eigenheim. Stan remembers fondly when he was shingling our garage and Werner stopped by to help! Stan & Barb Wolfe

Stan & Barb Wolfe - December 29, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ Dear Sue: It was a real blessing to get to know Werner and you over the last nine years. I enjoyed his wonderful humour and the great meals we shared, as well as your friendship. Marje Bridgman

Marje Bridgman - December 30, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Our condolences to you Sue, Ken, Mike, Lewis and families. We appreciated your time at EMC. Werner and I (Shirley) compared notes as we were both from Ryley. Memories is what we now all have and may God give you peace! Vic and Shirley Janzen



“ George Epp. Thankful to Werner for years of dedicated service to Eigenheim Mennonite.

George Epp - December 29, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ Diana Fields lit a candle in memory of Werner Peter Froese



Diana Fields - December 29, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ My sympathy and condolences to the Froese family.
With thoughts and prayers

Darleen Bergman
Rosthern

Lorie Salkeld - December 29, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ Our sympathies and condolences to the Froese Family and friends. Werner married my husband and I 40 years ago. I'm sure his blessings made a difference. His kindness will long be remembered.

Lorie and Devery

Lorie Salkeld - December 29, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ We would like to express our sincere sympathies to Sue. Mike , Ken, Lewis and families. We have many fond memories of being together in Didsbury and Rosthern. Many good meals & coffee times together !! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. The Hildebrandt and Zacharias families



“ My mentor and my friend....I will miss you. May the peace of Christ be yours, Susan.
With love, your friends, Annalee and Laird

Laird - December 28, 2018 at 11:05 PM



“ I remember many things about my uncle: his unique laugh; his constant joking and sharp commentary; his advice - always insightful and memorable - and his sage assessment of issues, people problems, and political quandaries; his stories of youth and adventure; his bark at me and his boys if we were annoying him as youngsters; his enthusiasm for family, his parishioners, and rellies far and wide; him setting up his jokes by starting off a conversation in seriousness, then spearing his punchline as any experienced comedian; his 'dirty little Western novel' secret; his passionate opposition to all things Montreal Canadien.....and of course the pride he had in Mike, Ken and Lewis and their endeavours, and his enduring love for my beautiful aunt Sue. He was a good dad, a cool uncle, and I know a loving husband. Aunt Sue and my dear cousins, I know you will miss him.....as will all whose lives he touched. We know he is resting now, with no pain, full memory, and everlasting love for his Father and his family.

See you soon boys.....rod friesen

rod - December 28, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ Our sympathies to the Froese family on the passing of Werner. We have many fond memories of times spent with Werner & family. Pete & Dolores Friesen

pete & Dolores Friesesn - December 28, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ We want to express our sincere sympathy to Susan and family on Werner's passing.He was a good friend and remember him fondly.He has earned his reward and is now with his Lord. Wes and Mildred Adrian

Wes and Mildred Adrian - December 28, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the Froese family in the loss of a very special person in their lives, a husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa. May he fly with the angels in heaven and sing in their heavenly choir. RIP Werner.

Adelard and Rosemarie Douan
Montmartre, Sask.

Adelard and Rosemarie Douan - December 28, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ One of the most kind, quiet and loving people I've been blessed to know. Werner carried me through one of the toughest times and I am forever grateful.

I also had the honour to work with him through the EKRH Spiritual Care Committee. A true gentleman whose presence will truly be missed.

Good speed Werner and thank you for touching my life.

Donna Grainger

donna - December 28, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ Susanna and family I am so very sorry to read of Werner's passing. He is now in our Lord's hands & at peace. You are now left to start another chapter with your lives without your love of your life. Will see you soon.
Kathy Rieberger

Kathy Rieberger - December 28, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ I'm so grateful to have met Werner this past fall. Thank you Susanna for that opportunity. He has left a great legacy and, on behalf of the Chaplains at EKRH, I'd like to express our sympathy to the family.

Sharon Unger

Sharon Unger - December 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Mrs Susan Froese
May the Lord comfort you in these difficult times. No words seem to be fitting. We are blessed to have known you and Werner during your time at Eden and in your retirement. Thank you both for all the fond memories we shared. Your teamwork, strength and trust in Jesus has always been a wonderful example to us.

Love

Ron and Helga

Ron Pankonin - January 02 at 03:07 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Froese family. The reflection of Werner's passionate belief in pastoral care is significant as we remember Werner's care for our parents, Henry & Annie Braun at Eden Mennonite. Werner exemplified this aspect of being a pastor and as their children, we were grateful that our parents experienced his committed care. His was a life well lived. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Helen (Braun) Pauls, Garry Braun & Betty Stubbs

Helen Pauls - January 06 at 09:03 AM