

Handford, Brian Boyd

July 10, 2018



Brian Boyd Handford

Suddenly on Friday, November 30th, 2018 **Brian Boyd Handford** passed away at the age of 69 years in Moose Jaw, SK.

Predeceased by his parents, Boyd and Ella Handford, Karen Handford, Garry Lafreniere, and beloved dog Ruger, Brian will forever be in the hearts of **Lisa** Tipper (Richard and William) and **Trevor** Handford; sister, Barb Lafreniere; nephews: Tim Lafreniere, Ryan Lytle (Lisa), and Dwayne Lafreniere; and nieces, Kimberley (Dave Tkachuk) and Tara (Jordan) Ellison. His grandsons Richard and William Tipper will fondly remember Brian as "Gumball". Born in Portage la Prairie, MB on June 29th, 1949, Brian sourced his way through his secondary education in Winnipeg, MB by working at MDC. Upon returning, Brian found Karen Lytle, they married and along came Lisa and Trevor. Seeing a chance to be a part of Lisa and Trevor's lives, Brian sat for many years as trustee and Chairperson of the school board in Portage la Prairie and volunteered countless hours as a hockey coach for Trevor's teams. Brian took delight in the successes of his children and grandchildren. Known to the Portage kids as "B Brian Handford", this label quickly changed to "Gumball"

as a result of grandson William's young tongue!! Through Brian's relationship with Lisa, Richard and William he became very fond of a dog named Ruger!! Brian was a lover of animals, with a soft spot for the neighbourhood dogs. He could always be found handing out a milk bone on his walks around the neighbourhood in Portage. Brian's family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to Ben Steinhauer of Moose Jaw Housing Authority, Shelly Nikolic of the coroner's office, Blair Torgunrud of the Moose Jaw Police Service, and the many friends and family who have been so supportive through a difficult time. Brian was a gentle soul and a quiet person and will be deeply missed. Brian's cremains are set to rest beside Ruger for the winter. **Brian wished nothing formal as a remembrance and in keeping with his wishes, he will be interred at a later date at Hillside Cemetery in Portage La Prairie, MB.** As he loved animals so much, in lieu of flowers, donations in Brian's name may be made to your local Humane Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Michelle Surtees Funeral Director 306-693-4550 www.moosejawfuneralhome.com

1.



Jim Hochban on December 10, 2018 at 8:58 pm

Our sincere condolences to Brian's family

Jim and Donna (High Park Towers)

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2.



Colleen Lawrence on December 10, 2018 at 10:30 pm

Lisa and family so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts at this time

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3.



Gladys Green, Vince, Bonnie, Chad on December 11, 2018 at 9:04 am

Trev and Lisa and family. We are thinking of you at this sad time. We use to see your Dad every week when he stopped at Mikes Fifth Ave Store for his lotto tickets.

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4.



Sandy Sharpe on December 11, 2018 at 10:58 am

My condolences to Brian's family. I worked with Brian at Portage Mushroom Farm and he was a good man with a real gentle soul.

Sorry for your loss.

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5.



Janice Bouchard on December 11, 2018 at 2:09 pm

Sad to hear of Brian's passing. One of my fondest memories of Brian was his birthday cards he sent. He never missed my birthday for years & years. Brian's birthday cards were special because he would find the best & most suitable

card for you. Brian was a kind & gentle soul and it was a pleasure to call him my friend & family. RIP dear Brian. My sincerest condolences to you both-Lisa and Trevor-your Dad was a good man. Janice Bouchard (nee Armishaw-LaFreniere)

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6.



Corliss Okerstrom on December 12, 2018 at 3:56 pm

Lisa and family so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts at this time

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7.



Bill and Lynn Leslie on December 12, 2018 at 8:34 pm

Trevor and Lisa...so sorry for your loss

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8.



Stephen & Pat Hoyes on December 12, 2018 at 8:36 pm

Dear Trevor. Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts are with you during this sad time.

Stephen and Pat

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9.



Lily Bueckert on December 13, 2018 at 10:39 am

Had the pleasure of working with Brian at Simplot in Portage la Prairie. Was always cheerful, friendly and chatty. Thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember him.

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10.



Mo and Karen McLeod on December 14, 2018 at 1:31 pm

We are sorry to hear of Brian's passing

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11.



Dwayne, Margaret, Lisa & Dustin Lafreniere on December 14, 2018 at 8:42 pm

Our thoughts and prayers are with you both Lisa and Trevor, we have many fond memories of your Dad, Uncle Brian. May he rest in peace .

Dwayne , Margaret , Lisa & Dustin Lafreniere

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12.



Murray & Marion Moffat on December 15, 2018 at 1:28 pm

Trevor & Lisa and family.

So sorry to hear about your Dad. We had many good times growing up together in Portage. Great memories of our times together. Our sincere condolences.

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13.



Barb Mews on December 16, 2018 at 9:10 am

Dear Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

With sympathy, Barb Mews

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14.



wayne dennis on December 4, 2020 at 1:57 am

Worked with him at the mushroom farm.. he taught me lots. I will always remember him for this

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