



# REMEMBERING Derek Hogg

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#### **Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff**

H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

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#### **Tribute from Brenda Strong**

Relation: cousin

Marie and family:

There are no words to describe my shock and sadness at the news that Derek has passed. I cannot imagine your pain. No one should outlive their children, or lose their nephew or father at such a young age. I didn't have a lot to do with Derek growing up, being that I was so much older, but I remember a couple of family times with him...one Christmas for sure at Mom and Dad's. I remember he always had a big smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Remember the good times. Try to take solace in the fact that he is no longer in pain. Maybe he is hanging out with Duane and his grandparents, playing cards or doing something else they liked to do together. I like to think he is. Thinking of you.  
Love Brenda

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#### **Tribute from Jan & Blaine Gustafson**

Relation: Friends of Aunt Doreen Strong

Marie Doreen & Ed and family

Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. Doreen thought very highly of her newpew so we feel your sorrow in our hearts.

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#### **Tribute from Mel Burgess**

Relation: friend; teacher

Dear Lori, Riley, Peyton and family,

I would like to express my condolences to you. I only had the privilege of meeting Derek once, however, he was so stoic and I could sense a strength and confidence in him that is rare to find.

I meet a lot of people in my line of work and sometimes regret not being able to better remember all the names of my students. I know that I will always remember Derek and feel grateful that I had the chance to shake his hand and chat, even if just for a little while.

Mel Burgess.

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**Tribute from Moira Fraser**

Relation: Graduated from high school together

My heartfelt condolences to Derek's family. We graduated from Abby together in 1986. Derek sat behind me in Algebra 12. He was a genius! Always laughing and smiling. He helped me through a very challenging year. I was lucky enough to catch up with him through Facebook. Life is too short. May you be at peace Derek. You will be missed.

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**Tribute from Shelly VanBinsbergen**

Relation: School friend

I'm so sorry to hear of Derek's passing. My brother, Daryl, played baseball and went to school with Derek so there were many years where he was in our lives. I pray that there are many great memories that will come flooding back to you all as you begin to miss him. My heart hurts for each of you. Shelly (Bowman) Vanbinsbergen

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**Tribute from Yvonne McNeil (deVos)**

Relation: High school

I am very sorry to hear of Derek's passing. Condolences to all of Derek's family. I remember Derek as a fun loving and very positive person. He will be missed.

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**Tribute from Marlene Heitland**

Relation: friend

Dear Riley, Peyton, Lori and family

I wish to convey my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you on the passing of Derek. Saying good-bye to a loving father and friend is both tragic and painful.

When I read about Derek in Friday's newspaper, memories of him bringing the girls to the traditional school flooded my thoughts. I recall Riley with dad at Cowichan Station and Peyton coming with her dad to my kindergarten class at Somenos Traditional School. Derek showed a caring concern in the development of the school and he was always interested in what and how the girls were doing. I recall Derek accompanying the class on field trips as a parent volunteer. When we set our classroom salmon free in the river and the children were feeling a little down Derek called out to our fish, "Good-bye, have a good life and remember to come back for a visit". This cheered-up the children and they all waved to the fish as they swam away.

One of my favourite memories of your family was the Halloween dance at Somenos when you all came dressed as a "motorcycle gang family". This was so original and so much fun.

I know you all have wonderful memories of Derek and the times you spent together. I trust that these memories will help to sustain you in the days ahead.

I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Kindest regards,  
Marlene Heitland

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**Tribute from Margaret St.Cyr**

Relation: I knew taught his children

Dear Riley, Peyton and family,

You are in my thoughts and prayers right now.

Love, Mrs. St.Cyr

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**Tribute from Heather Fleming**

Relation: Friend

Marie and Micha I am saddened about the news and my deepest sympathy and prayers are with you both at this moment and in the future. Love Heather

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**Tribute from Lori Hogg**

Relation: spouse and friend

Riley & Peyton

Words cannot begin to express the deepness of the pain I feel for you girls. You are both amazingly strong little woman. Dad & I were / are both so proud of you. You two have endured more in your short lives, than most people should have to in their lifetimes. Dad will always be with you, watching over you girls and living with you every step of the way.

During times like this it is hard to look at the positives, but I could not have picked a better dad for you two to have shared your lives with. He was the most devoted loving father you girls could have asked for. He would sit with you guys for hours on end listening to you talk about the silliest stuff, and he was always so devoted to your school work and helping you succeed. Sometimes though he did have to enforce the 'no horse talk' ban... otherwise he never would have had time to sleep or eat. I will always remember him teaching your girls to waltz & the little routines you would work on in the living room. He loved you girls so much! You were his world & you gave him strength when he needed it most. As sad as it is for him to be gone from our lives, I think you are both lucky to have had a truly amazing dad for your 12/15 years, rather than having a crappy dad for 50 years. Let dad's strength, confidence & determination live on in your girls. Stay true to yourselves and the wonderful little woman he taught you to be. He would want you to be smiling & happy. Nothing would make him more proud

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**Tribute from Wade Peary**

Relation: friend

Lori and family. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I just recieved your message today, as I am not an avid facebook user. I wish I could have been there to honour my good friend Derek. Even though we have lost contact over the years, I still look back on the great times that we had together - which were many. Derek was and will always be a special person to many people. He may have physically left us, but he has left an impression on all of our hearts and memories which will live on forever. Please let your daughters know that they can be very proud of their dad as he touched many peopes lives in such a positive way and the measure of a persons life is not in days, but rather how one uses the days thay have with others. Derek spent his days appreciating every one. I hope all is well with you and your family. Please take care and pass on my condolences to Derek's family.

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**Tribute from Lorelei Edwards**

Relation: Grade School to Grad - Great Guy and Friend

When I think of Derek, the first things I remember are from grade school at Godson Elementary. He was lovingly referred to as 'runt' becuz of his size and last name, but he had more life in him than anyone twice his size. The second thing I remember is his lead role in Godson's production of "H.M.S.

Pinafore". I remember how well he sang those difficult songs, (ie: I am the Captain of the Pinafore")  
He had a very strong personality. He especially startled us all at our first class reunion in 1996, when he came as "the MOST Changed", as he had transformed from the 'runt' to a massive, muscle-bound man. He was tall, proud, and strong (both physically and personally)  
He shocked us but wowed us. He had truly grown into himself.  
I was shocked in disbelief when I first heard of his demise, as i could not believe it to be so. I hoped that it was not, but alas, God wanted to have him for better purposes I guess.  
I am sad for his family, especially his children as they lost a great father.  
Thoughts are always with you and he is always in our hearts.  
God Bless.

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**Tribute from Andrew marsh**

Relation: school,baseball and soccer

I'm so sorry for your loss,derek will always be remembered for me as the kinds soul,my mother Melita and sisters Gillian and lisa also send their condolences to all of the family,tears for derek today,take care and again I'm so sorry it's so unfair

