



Mr. Douglas David Janzen

June 30, 1947 - May 25, 2018

Surrounded by his loving family, Doug's life on earth ended peacefully on May 25, 2018 at the age of 70 in High River following a 4-year battle with ALS that he fought with courage and strength. Doug's journey into eternity began at the same time and we know he was welcomed by his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, with the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Your reward is waiting for you."

Doug is survived by his loving family, wife, Rita of 47 years; two children, Kim (Ryan) White of Bastrop, LA; Derek (Darcie) of Corunna, ON; five grandchildren Cole, Angelina, Annalise, Archer, Daniel. Siblings Eleanore (Ron) Johnson, Reg (Dianne), Muriel (Don) Hiebert, Howard (Carol), Phyllis, Les (Cindy); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Doug lived his life to the max and it was filled with people he loved. He had a passion for the church and for helping victims of disasters through volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Services. He was the 'go to' guy if you needed help with anything. A sensitive man who would shed tears if a favourite hymn was being sung, and a visionary for what could be. He had an open door policy for anyone who wanted to visit or share a concern. Doug leaves a huge hole in the lives of all who knew him.

Interment service will take place on Friday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the Trinity Mennonite Church Cemetery. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 1st at 3:00 p.m. at the Trinity Mennonite Church in DeWinton.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Mennonite Disaster Service (<http://www.canadahelps.org>), or to the ALS Society of Alberta (<http://www.alsab.ca>).

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery

Trinity Mennonite Church Cemetery

Township Rd 200
Aldersyde, AB, T0L 0A0

Events

JUN 1	Graveside Service	01:00PM
	Trinity Mennonite Church Cemetery Township Rd 200, Aldersyde, AB, CA, T0L 0A0	
JUN 1	Funeral Service	03:00PM
	Trinity Mennonite Church 32023 32 St W, Dewinton, AB, CA, T0L 0X0	

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 04, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ Rita and Family, Our heartfelt condolences go out to you at this time. Thinking of you.
Trenda & Phil Tyschuk



Trenda Tyschuk - June 05, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ Rita,
My heart is with you and your family through this difficult time. My every memory of Doug is filled with respect for the kind, gentle, and thoughtful person that he was. Please accept my sincere condolences. Best wishes going forward.
Jim Brandon

Jim Brandon - June 05, 2018 at 12:08 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow Tribute



Darcie Janzen - June 03, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ Rita and family – Although we are away and unable to attend the funeral, please accept our heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. John and Valerie Batttrum

John Batttrum - May 31, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Thanks Uncle Doug for being an amazing uncle. I will always remember the times spent on the acreage, you bringing me along on tractor rides, big fires in the pit, and fireworks on occasion. I will never forget the time I had Opas slingshot and you said "go out to the back barns and have at er". Telling a 10 year old to go at er with a slingshot..... sorry for breaking out all the windows :). You are in a better place and at peace, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Love Jeff, your nephew

Jeff Kroeger - May 30, 2018 at 11:41 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies to you and your family Rita. We enjoyed Doug's enthusiastic work ethic while MDS stored their trailers at our place after the flood. He was such a caring person who helped those who needed it. We haven't seen a person who was so at peace with his latest battle with life on this earth. May he find peace and comfort at last.

Wayne and Sylvia Moore

sylvia moore - May 30, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ Rita, you have our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and may peace and comfort find you during this difficult time.

Murray & Jan Lloyd

Murray Lloyd - May 30, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ Dear Rita,
Although we haven't seen you in many years, I have such fond memories of you and Doug, especially meeting at your home with the octet to practise. I loved to hear him sing! And now he gets to do that face to face with Jesus! May our loving Heavenly Father wrap you in His arms of love and comfort in these coming days.
Doug and Sandi Fast

Sandi Fast - May 30, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ We will remember the warmth of Doug as a long standing family friend. Whether through a friendly smile, a heart felt handshake or a quiet hello in a crowd of people, he always made you feel welcome. I often admired his gentle manner with his dearly loved grandkids.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Hilary, Erin, Madeleine and Josephine Welte

HilaryWelte - May 29, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ To me, Doug epitomized what it really means to be a Christian - he lived it. Truly, he was the "go to" guy - always ready to help others at the drop of a hat.

At MDS, Doug was the man who kept things going - always very approachable.

He loved singing - for the last couple of years at Trinity, we missed his strong voice from both his place in the choir and in the pews.

He will be missed - his example will not be forgotten.

Gene

Gene Lobe - May 29, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Rita and family,
Doug is a part of many of the memories I have of church. He was a deacon, a committee member, a song leader and a caring and supportive friend to all. I always looked forward to the singing if he was leading and I always tried to position myself close if there was carol singing. When he sang “Joy to the World”, he meant it and it was inspiring! May the Lord bless you and comfort you at this time of grief.

Rachel and Andrew Moore and family

Rachel Moore - May 28, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ Dear Rita and family
Our deepest sympathy to you as you mourn the passing of your husband, Dad and grandfather. May God hold you in His Hands and comfort you.

Marlene and Karl Epp - May 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ To Doug's family;
It has been many, many years since I saw Douglas, but have fond memories of when he and his siblings came to our farm while Uncle Peter and Aunt Alma went shopping in Saskatoon. I've heard stories of his dedicated work with MDS.

May you feel God's presence during this time of sorrow.

A cousin,

Nettie (Friesen) Balzer

Nettie Balzer - May 31, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ Rita and family, my condolences. My thoughts are with you all.
Scott Forbes



Scott Forbes - May 27, 2018 at 03:25 PM



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(link generated from an email)

Thank you Uncle Doug for the great memories!

I remember the times camping and the weeks on your acreage.

One moment I recall is you trying to fix the spring loaded pellet gun on your acreage.

You were trying to fix it while juggling watching M*A*S*H. It worked after that!

DAGNABBIT!

May your legacy never be forgotten!

Brett(nephew) - May 27, 2018 at 12:51 AM



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I first knew of Doug through Gene and Betty. He showed up after the flood as soon as we could get into town. He supervised and worked at restoring the electricity, both at my house and at my son's. Doug also worked with many other MDS volunteers in completely rebuilding my basement. He was the "go to" man and a first class gentleman with a wonderful smile and sense of humour. There are few men of his quality. I will be away the weekend of the funeral, but he will certainly be in my prayers, and a donation will be made to MDS

Elaine Mason - May 26, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to you, Rita, and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Reta & Dale Pickering - May 26, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ We knew Doug as a friend to all, a stalwart support and leader in Trinity, and a wise Christian. We will miss his counsel. Condolences to Rita, Kim and Ryan, Derek and Darcy, Doug's grandchildren, and the many friends and extended family.

Henry and Lois Epp - May 29, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ Dear Rita: we send our deep & heartfelt condolences to you & your Family. May your Faith comfort & support you at this time of profound loss.

Don & Joanne McCuaig - May 30, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Doug Janzen was born at Osler Sask, and attended Osler Mennonite Church for the first part of his life. He attended children's and youth activities, took part in the church choir, and was a faithful member of the church. His parents were Elma and Peter, who influenced Doug to live out his life which he did through MDS service and much more. Osler Mennonite Church sends condolences to Rita and the entire family. We will be with you in spirit on June 1. Jake Buhler

jake buhler - May 31, 2018 at 01:10 AM



“ Dear Rita and family.... Our heartfelt condolences, during this time of sadness and loss, of Doug. Though, we did not know Doug very well.... we will always remember his warm smile, each and every time we met you and Doug, while out walking in the community. May God embrace you and yours, during this sad time, and keep you in His loving arms. Respectfully Neal and Tammy Ballhorn

Tammy Ballhorn - May 31, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ To Rita & family....I'd like to send our condolences to you in your time of loss. We also met Doug after the big Flood in 2013!! Him & the whole Mennonite crew & kids from Kansas spent weeks in our basement as well. He was a very kind & approachable man & a true leader. You must have been so proud of him. Take care.

Joy Pfeifer - June 03, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Dear Rita and family...We unfortunately heard about Doug's passing just a few hours after the memorial service, so sorry as we would really liked to have been there. We also have very fond and warm memories of our times with you both. You are much in our thoughts and prayers. May you sense God's loving arms around you and receive His comfort.

Don and Sue Chivers - June 03, 2018 at 10:23 PM