

YAREMKO, Eugene Kenneth PEng.

January 16, 1941 - November 24, 2023

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Eugene Kenneth Yaremko, beloved and loving father and grandfather, highly regarded and skilled river engineer, and inspiration to all who knew him. Valiantly combating the unrelenting complications of chronic illness, Eugene passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on Friday, November 24, 2023 at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on January 16, 1941 in Warburg, Alberta, Eugene moved to Edmonton with his family early on. He grew up in Delton, attending Eastglen High, where he excelled both in the sciences and in football. He entered the University of Alberta in 1959, graduating in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While an undergraduate, he played two seasons as an offensive lineman with the Golden Bears. He went on to a Master of Science in Civil Engineering, again at the University of Alberta, completing a Master's thesis in the study of stepped spillways. Eugene began his professional career with the Hydrology Branch of the Alberta Department of the Environment. In 1972, he joined Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC), just as the company was founded, later becoming a Principal, and staying with NHC for the next 50 years, before finally retiring in early 2022. Eugene specialized in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of pipeline river crossings, water intakes and spillways. He was renowned for his keen problem-solving abilities, unwavering commitment and exceptional work ethic. His work took him all over Alberta, British Columbia, the United States, and around the world. Highlights of his career included the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, flood control projects in Bangladesh, and numerous consulting projects all over South America. He was however most proud of his work in Alberta, the province of his birth, and the place where he happily chose to spend his entire career.

Although NHC was certainly one of the loves of his life, those who knew Eugene also knew that he held an even greater and unyielding love for his family. Eugene cherished his role as a father, husband, grandfather, uncle, friend, and colleague. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Marylyn, who passed away in 2022. Their bond was one of unbreakable love and unwavering support for each other. Eugene is survived by his loving children, Dan (Tonya), Brian (Kerri), Dina, Derek (Cindy), and Lindsay (Lee); his grandchildren, Hannah, Julia, Alexandra, Ava, Carly (Kai), Chase, Benjamin, Jake, Finlay and Rory; his nephew, Teofil (Kery), and his great-niece, Thalia. Of course, along with his love for family, Eugene adored his dogs Daisy and Grace, he was an ardent fan of the Edmonton Oilers, the Edmonton Eskimos and he truly missed his '69 Dodge Charger, which he purchased after seeing "Bullitt", his favorite movie of all time.

Over the last few years, Eugene bravely faced the mounting complications of diabetes. However, he never let his disease define him nor did he ever let it slow him down. Instead, his inherent resilience and his determination to enjoy life, family, and friends to the fullest carried him forward through these difficult years. Despite his challenges, his happiness during this time truly defined him as an inspiration and endearing memory to all who were fortunate enough to know him. He leaves behind a legacy of commitment, love, openheartedness, generosity, kindness, compassion and long-term friendships and associations. His passing has left an empty space that can never be filled. We will cherish him in our memory and in our hearts for his unfailing love and devotion to all who were dear to him. Although we miss him beyond measure, we take comfort in knowing that he is at peace, reunited with his beloved wife Marylyn, his parents John and Victoria, his sister Sylvia, and other departed family, friends and colleagues. We express our deepest gratitude for the love, dedication, strength and kindness that Eugene gave so freely. We carry with us the profound influence he had on our lives, and the enduring qualities which will guide us. May he find eternal peace and tranquility with his loved ones on his next journey.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Eugene Kenneth Yaremko will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Westlawn Funeral Home, 16310 Stony Plain Rd NW, in Edmonton. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to Diabetes Canada in memory of Eugene, and consistent with the spirit of a man whose life was filled with giving. On behalf of Eugene, our family would like to thank Revera Riverbend and Unit 43 at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital for their compassion, care, and attention over the last several months. Their dedication made this difficult time much easier to bear.

**No Events Scheduled At This
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