



MIKE KUZYK

Born: Nov 19, 1954

Date of Passing: Dec 15, 2018

MIKE KUZYK On Saturday, December 15, 2018 our husband and father, Michael Kuzyk, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. He was at home working in the garage on his own, when he decided to sit down on the steps to rest. There he remained resting. Dad was born on November 19, 1954 in Poplar Point, MB to William and Mary Kuzyk (predeceased). He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Kuzyk, and his three sons, Sam Kuzyk (Julia Clark), Luke Kuzyk (Kait Stephenson) and Jake Kuzyk. Also left to grieve are brother Patrick Kuzyk, and younger sister Marian Chalifoux. Mike also leaves behind his in-laws, Bernie and Lucy Gray, Don, Al, Gary, Randy, Dianne and Suzanne, and many beloved nieces and nephews in both the Gray and Kuzyk family. Mike grew up on the family farm near Poplar Point, Manitoba, playing hockey on the creek behind the house and developed a love for the game that would permeate the rest of his life. Following in his father's footsteps, he bought a neighbouring farm at the age of 17 and turned it into a profitable, modern enterprise. Ultimately that farm was instrumental in affording Mike the ability to build the Kuzyk family home in Springfield. Born with an ear for music, life after St. Vladimir's College meant joining the Hoosli choir. He loved the farm but he loved life even more and in 1978, after many auditions at the annual Kuzyk Boxing Day parties, the Double Eagle band was formed. The band brought numerous music awards and great acclaim but more importantly than anything, it introduced Mike to the love of his life, Sharon Gray. In 1983, Mike and Sharon were married, and what a wedding it was. The party continued for the following 35 years, as Mike and Sharon raised their three boys, Sam, Luke and Jake. His passion for experiencing life to the fullest was passed down to his boys as he helped them grow with a foundation of trust and integrity. He spoke from his own genuine life experience, and became a teacher to everyone who knew him. As humble as Mike was about his own achievements, he unashamedly had no filter when it came to celebrating his sons' many successes. He coached all three boys hockey teams at one point or another and as a result he quickly became an important member of the Oakbank Minor Hockey Program. He was a favourite of both the players and their families for his infectious positivity, clear and direct feedback and fairness balanced with a willingness to win. In 1984 Mike founded Sparkus Construction, named after Sharon, who he affectionately nicknamed "Sparky". He loved the different projects and people that he got the opportunity to interact with. He was meticulous with his process in all his projects. He cared about the people he worked for, their space and the finished product. Another very important part of Mike's life was his faith in God. His Catholic beliefs helped shape not only who he was, but ultimately who we are as a family. At the Immaculate Conception Church in Cooks Creek, MB, he became an integral part of the church by serving on the executive and as an Eucharistic Minister. He always cherished the opportunity to serve God, and saw all good things come in to his life through God. We know that Dad is in a much better place right now, looking down on all of us today, cancer-free, without kidney challenges and a smile on his face. We all take comfort knowing that one day we will see him again. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Kidney Foundation of Canada-Manitoba Branch, Unit 1-452 Dovercourt Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1G4. Prayers will be said on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church,

68003 Hwy. 212 in Cooks Creek, Manitoba. Divine Liturgy will be Friday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. also at the church with Father Taras Kowch presiding. Interment will follow at the parish cemetery. VICHNAYA PAMYAT Condolences may be left at seasonsfunerals.ca

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