

TIMOTHY WAYNE GILLESPIE

September 6, 1958 - March 28, 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, April 13, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Kelvington United Church
Kelvington, SK

Officiant

Harold Lyons

Special Tribute

James Poriz

Soloists

Timothy Gillespie JR & Jaron Mallard

Guestbook Attendant

Geraldine Samborski

Honorary Pallbearers

Shaun Horan, Donald Avery, Elliott Laduke,
Rodney Cunningham, Guy Greffard & Pat Gillespie

Interment

(Summer of 2024)

Crowsnest Pass, Alberta

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Church Basement following the Service

Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of Tim Gillespie announce his passing. Our Tim decided he would spend Easter with his family and friends waiting for him in heaven, and what a glorious reunion it must have been. Tim passed away on Thursday March 28, 2024, after a sudden, brief, terrible fight with cancer.

Tim was born on September 6th, 1958, in Swan River, MB to John and Ella Gillespie, joining his older siblings, Maureen and John (later joined by his younger brother Pat).

In 1963, Tim and his family moved to Kelvington. Tim was a clever and mischievous child, always joking around with his siblings and his many friends.

In high school, Tim played the tuba in the marching band and spent his high-school years making mischief and listening to rock and roll music. Music was always a big part of Tim's life. Tim graduated in Kelvington in 1976, and soon moved to the Elk Valley to mine coal and operate heavy equipment. He made many great friends which he always seemed to do no matter where he went. He had many unbelievable adventures with his brothers and a great number of friends.

In 1985, he returned to Kelvington and met the love of his life, Karen Oxenrider.

In 1986, they were blessed by the arrival of their first child, Bryanna Gillespie. The young family operated restaurants throughout Saskatchewan for a few years after that and then, in 1989, they were blessed by the arrival of their second child, Timothy.

In 1990, the family moved to The Crowsnest Pass, AB, as Tim loved to be in the mountains. While there, Tim worked on the Old Man River dam and in 1991 they were blessed once more by the arrival of their youngest daughter, Tina (Christina). The young family thrived in that mountain town until 1994, when Tim took ill with his second bout of rheumatic fever. He had it when he was 8 and again at 35. The illness left him struggling physically, and over the years it took him to recover, his mind turned to computers, and he soon became widely known as "the computer guy". He and Karen operated their business "Computer Guy Systems" from 1995 to 2009. Their house was always bustling as they operated their business from the front of their family home. The family had many different friends, and their home was always known as a great place to be and was also known as a second home to many people. Tim loved taking his family to concerts, the list of which would be too long to mention. As the computer industry shifted and the Mom & Pop shop model couldn't compete anymore, Tim once again took a job operating heavy equipment, this time in Fort McMurray, AB. He quickly climbed the corporate ladder and landed himself a job in the training department developing state of the art computer-based training.

In 2015, his eldest daughter Bryanna May Gillespie was tragically taken from us by a car accident. The grief from this loss stayed with him for the rest of his days.

In 2020, Tim and Karen moved back to Kelvington, where Karen took a job as a Covid school janitor and Tim was set to retire, but soon became a school bus driver. He really enjoyed the kids and always made sure they were listening to excellent tunes while on his bus.

In December of 2023, Tim found out he had stage 4 stomach cancer. He fought as hard as anyone could, determined not to leave us, and while he lost that battle we know he will forever live on in our hearts and minds!

Tim is survived by his wife Karen, son Timothy, daughter Christina, and his chosen son James Poriz, his brothers John and Patrick, his sister Maureen (Wayne) Hagen, nephew Troy Hagen, niece Courtney (Alex) Phillips, niece Stephanie Oxenrider, nephew Eric Goodon, and his sister In-law Lorraine (Ed) Hetherington. We can't even start to name the many friends that loved him like a brother.

He was predeceased by his daughter Bryanna May Gillespie, his parents John and Ella Gillespie, his in-laws Milton and May Oxenrider and his sister in-law Marlee Oxenrider.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

*Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never sun has shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.*

*Roads go ever ever on
Under cloud and under star,
Yet feet that wandering have gone
Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen
And horror in the halls of stone
Look at last on meadows green
And trees and hills they long have known.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family thanks you all for your love & kindness during this sad time.
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered ♥



Timothy Gillespie

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Tompkins
FUNERAL HOME
& CREMATORIUM