



William "Dick" Green

February 14, 1947 - October 8, 2019

GREEN: William Richard "Dick" Green passed away peacefully at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the age of 72 years. Dick was born on February 14, 1947 in Virden, MB. Throughout his early years, he lived in Plumas and Winnipeg, moving to Douglas in the early 1960's. He attended High School at Elton Collegiate in Forrest and worked at the family owned coffee bar and service station on the #1 Highway, just North of Douglas. He met and married his high school sweetheart, Dawna Smith, on August 19, 1967 in Brandon. They welcomed their daughter, Lisa, in 1968.

Dick pursued a career with the RCMP and was initially accepted. However, to his disappointment, he was ultimately rejected due to his colour blindness. Dick then obtained his teaching degree and developed his lifelong passion for mathematics. "Mr. Green" taught math and Phys Ed at Earl Oxford for approximately 30 years. He was influential in his teaching methods. He had a way of connecting with his students, making learning fun and interesting. Despite his imposing stature and commanding presence, the kids gravitated towards him – he was friendly and outgoing, a mentor to many students. "Mr. Green," along with his teaching colleague and best friend, Wayne Palidwar, were also well known for coaching girls' basketball. His daughter, Lisa, enjoyed the spirited rivalry between her Riverheights Royals team and the Earl Oxford Trojans. After leaving Earl Oxford, "Mr. Green" continued teaching, subbing at many different schools in the division, and tutoring math students. He will always be remembered as a gifted math educator. During his younger years, Dick played soccer and basketball. He enjoyed waterskiing, golf, watching football on TV, and playing cards (for money). He had a great love for dogs, rescuing three Chow Chows and of late, adopting two Westies. His greatest pride and joy in life was his relationship with grandsons, Ben and Matt. They had an incredible bond, talking daily to each other about math, history, world events and random \$@!#.

Dick will lovingly be remembered by his wife Dawna, daughter Lisa (Dean) Hammond, grandsons Ben and Matt, sister Karleen Green, sister-in-law Lynn Green, brother-in-law Gord (Teresa) Smith, nieces Theresa, Susan and Erin and nephew Dustin and their families. He was predeceased by his parents Harold and Eleanor Green, in-laws Jim and Maria Smith and brother, David Green.

In keeping with Dick's wishes, a private family celebration will be held. Donations in memory of Dick may be made to a charity of choice.

Comments



“ Dick Green was a legend in our house! My husband Bruce Stobbe (deceased 2002), was fortunate to have Dick as a teacher, mentor and colleague. Mr. Green was a definite influence on Bruce's decision to obtain his education degree and pursue teaching. Many years later when my son Jay attended Vincent Massey, Mr. Green was a sub and Jay still talks about the "tokens" that Dick handed out for correct answers and for always calling him "Stobbe", like his Dad. Sincere condolences to the family on your loss.

Erliss - October 25 at 01:44 PM



“ Remember Mr. Green always smiling and always spoke when you met him in the hallways of Earl Oxford. But also remember never wanting to be on the wrong side of Mr. Green Lol. He had my respect. Wonderful educator and person. Cherished memories.

Jacqueline - October 19 at 11:19 AM



“ Everyone has mentioned "Mean Dick Green" (he was never mean) as a coach and gym teacher, and in both those roles, he excelled. He even told one of the sweetest white lies of my life when he listed me on the varsity basketball players' roster as 5'1" tall (the tallest I've ever been in my life....). I still use his catch phrase "there's no such thing as can't" when in a tough corner. BUT... I want to also recognize him as the most inspirational math teacher I ever encountered. He had abstract math skills that went way beyond most high school teachers, which enabled him to play with math, using puzzles and games to engage the bright students. He helped me see the potential for math to be not boring, but exciting. His example helped me a lot years later when I left Manitoba grade 12 (no calculus) and entered McMaster University 1st year Honours Physics (which assumed you had a year of grade 13 calculus). I worked my butt off not to fail the first term, but because of him I knew what I was trying to achieve. It will be a long time before a junior high sees another like him. Thank you Mr. Green.

Jolie Ringash - October 18 at 04:47 PM



“ Dick and I taught together for 5 years at EO. Dick loved to pull pranks on the younger staff and on student teachers. My first year at EO, I went in that summer and decorated my classroom and was all prepared and organized. I had student taught at EO to finish the year, and he had already pranked me a few times. This prank however took the cake, as Dick came in the day before school started and moved all

my desks and chairs into the boys bathroom upstairs. He took all the posters down off the walls, moved all the books off the shelves and took my chalk and brush and hid them in a locker in the hallway. I came confidently strolling into school around 8 a.m. to find my classroom bare to the bones. I was panic stricken - I ran around the school looking for all my desks and chairs - trying to find someone who could help me. After about 15 minutes I went into the staff room where Dick and Wayne were sitting sipping on coffee and reading the newspaper. Dick calmly lowered the paper and said, " Hey Curtis, how is the first day going?", to which I can't repeat what I said in return. They both laughed and Wayne suggested I go to the bathroom and wash my face to calm down. As I walked into the bathroom, they were both in the hallway laughing away. I spent the next 15 minutes frantically putting everything back together as best I could and continued about my day. I will never forget that day and many others that Dick, Wayne and I spent together at EO. Those were some great times. Jason Curtis EO - 1994-1999.

Jason - October 18 at 04:18 PM



“ Mrs. Green, Lisa, family and friends, my deepest sympathy to each of you at this time of such great loss.

I was truly saddened to hear of Mr. Green's passing. I hope you take comfort in knowing how loved and respected he was by so very many.

Some of my fondest memories in life are of basketball days at Earl Oxford back in the day (early 1970's) under his great leadership. Not only did we excel at the game but learned great teamwork and sportsmanship because of his gentle example.

Something we all carry with us in life. I hope you know how much we respected and adored him. We called him "Sir" out of the utmost respect.

He was one of the finest teachers I ever had, making sure we understood math but also giving his all as an excellent coach.

We all have many fond memories of travelling in vans and buses all over the place winning most tournaments we participated in. Other teams feared us Trojans as we were hard to beat thanks to him. We shared many championships, laughs, jokes and fun on those trips that we'll always cherish. (One or two of which we shared with you Mrs, Green that was such a fun time!)

All of us were sad to leave him and move on to other schools after Grade 9. We played a goodbye song to him, the ol, "To Sir With Love" and we meant it. We gave him a stuffed gorilla, which, many years later when I visited him at school one day, he showed me he still had it in his classroom after all those years and we proudly and lovingly reminisced those great memories.

Such a great man. Such a great loss. He will not be forgotten but forever adored.
To Sir, With Love.

Sincerely,

Jae (Judy-"21") Desmarais

JDesmarais - October 18 at 04:08 PM



“ I am so with you on all that you wrote Jae, he will be deeply missed!

Bev Affleck (Krawchuk) - October 19 at 12:12 PM



“ So saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Green. It is obvious most of us remember him as one of our favorite teachers. He's the type of guy who's words stuck with you and he had a wonderful way of connecting with us teenagers that most other teachers can not.

Please take comfort knowing he has touched many people's lives and had a positive impact in their education.

Angela Cameron (Grudinski) - October 17 at 01:53 PM



“ Lisa, I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing. May your memories help you with this difficult time.

Veronica Miller

veronica miller - October 16 at 11:11 PM



“ Dawna,Lisa and family. We were so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and hearts are with you at this sad time.

Trish & Scott Speirs - October 15 at 01:23 PM



“ Absolutely my #1 favourite teacher. A man that taught us discipline but also kept us interested in learning. Taught me all of the math skills that I've ever had, and kept my interest for learning at its highest. Won his math corner regularly. He will truly be missed by his former students. My condolences to his family.

Larry Jago - October 15 at 11:40 AM



“ Lisa and family. Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. I was one of his gym students in Earl Oxford and remember when he told us about his color blindness. He shared the story of the time he purchased a really nice "brown" suit. I wonder if you recall what color it truly was? We all had a good chuckle about his really nice GREEN suit. He was a great teacher (even though I didnt really like gym).

-Patty and Jeff Wolfe

Patty Wolfe - October 14 at 10:33 PM



“ Dear Dawna and Family, we are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I know you will miss him deeply but with all the wonderful memories he will always be with you.

Wendy & Paddy Parsons

Wendy & Paddy Parsons - October 14 at 04:57 PM



“ All three of my kids had Me. green. He taught at least one about the birds and bees. I am so sorry for your loss and send prayers your family's way.

jetta fletcher - October 14 at 08:33 PM



“ Our condolences from our family to yours.
Such a friendly neighbour who would always have something to say.
We will miss him as well.
Dale, Maryanne and Melissa

Dale - October 14 at 02:01 PM



“ Both my kids Susan & especially Jordan said Mr. Green was always one of their favorite teachers! He was such a great influence in their lives. He was always so friendly with everyone & easy to talk to. He will be greatly missed!
Our sympathy to Dawn & family!
Garnet & Wendy Boyd & family.

Wendy Boyd - October 14 at 11:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of "Dick " Green. He was a giant of a man and educator. Taught both my sons and brought classes over to the University for pre service teachers in my classes to hone their skills.

Nancy Stanley

Nancy Stanley - October 13 at 10:40 PM



“ Deepest sympathy goes out to the Green family in the loss of "Mr Green". What a phenomenal teacher and mentor to hundreds of kids in the past. He was such a gentle giant and the kids all respected him and learned so much from him. He was one teacher our kids will always remember!! I know how deeply he will be missed by his entire family. Know that we are thinking of you all at this very sad time. Hugs to you all.

Pat, Rick, Kelly & Brittany Smith

Pat Smith - October 13 at 08:18 PM



“ So incredibly sorry to hear the sad news. I remember Dick waterskiing behind our boat with Wayne at Rivers. He had a baseball hat on and it blew off and he lost it! I'm sure him and Dad are up to something wherever they are .

Jamie Palidwar

Jamie Palidwar - October 13 at 07:46 PM



“ RIP Fella. Will remember our football draft fondly.

Derek Richels - October 13 at 02:29 PM



“ I remember giving him a hat that said Capt. Video on it. He showed us a lot of videos that year. He was one of the best. Sorry for your loss.

Dwain Weeks - October 13 at 02:00 PM



“ Sincerest condolences for your loss. You're in our thoughts.
Jess (Jonasson) & JC Simard

Jessica Jonasson-Simard - October 13 at 01:35 PM



“ Condolences to the Dawna & family. We always enjoyed thru the years the conversations over the fence with Dick.
Wayne & Marilyn Wells



“ He was the most memorable teacher and coach I ever had! His care for us was second to none! He coached me in basketball from Grade 7-9! I will never forget the fun times in practice and the games. The pizza we ate all together at Pizza Hut as a team. Best coaches ever him and Mr. Palidwar! There was the times he would stay after school for those that needed extra Math help! If it wasn't for his extra efforts I wouldn't of made it through Jr high! He always went the extra mile for us students I still talk about him to this date! Best memories of Jr high. I will always remember him forever! Thinking of all the family! My condolences on hearing of his passing.

Cyndi Nicol - October 13 at 12:28 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Green was an amazing teacher and he made learning so much fun. Although he was only in my life for a short time he was very influential, and he really made a difference. He will be greatly missed.

Ashley - October 13 at 11:41 AM



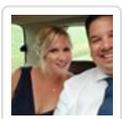
“ Sincere condolences to the family. My daughter, Celine, remembers Mr. Green as being her favourite math teacher ever. She went on to become a registered nurse.
Joanne Brooking

Joanne Brooking - October 13 at 11:13 AM



“ Sincere condolences to all the family in the loss of this fine person. He was my grade 9 home room teacher and taught both my husband and I gym and math. He was a very encouraging and dedicated teacher and we will always remember him with great reverence.
Dwight and Peggy Edwards

Peggy Edwards - October 13 at 11:11 AM



“ Mr. Green was the best teacher I ever had. I contribute a large part of my success and career to him. Who would have thought anyone would look forward to Math class. You will be very, very missed.

Mark Poole - October 13 at 09:56 AM



“ Mr. Green was my teacher at Earl Oxford. Lots of good memories. Sorry for your loss Lisa and family.

Cyndy Peters - October 13 at 08:17 AM



“ Mr Green was one of those teachers who reached out and made impacts in people's lives. We took him at his word and he would give us discipline with that smile and we respected that. We had fun in his class and was always good to see years later. I still remember him gently yelling to get off the basketball court and back in class with that smile.

Kurt Nicol - October 13 at 02:54 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Dawna, Lisa and family.

He was a great teacher, respected coach and all around great guy! Student teaching at Oxford was a great experience because of staff like him. I substitute taught for him a couple times after getting my teaching degree, but I could never call him anything except Mr Green. He definitely had a passion for what he did and positively impacted countless lives.

Sending love to you all.
Tracey Walker

Tracey Walker - October 13 at 02:37 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher and will be greatly missed by so many.

Kristy Carton-soholt - October 13 at 12:18 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Dawna, Lisa and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lori Heindle - October 12 at 11:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, this is from a former student of Mr. Greens. He was a wonderful man and a great teacher. Rob Habing

fayehabing - October 12 at 11:46 PM



“ So very sorry to read of Mr. Green's passing. He was an amazing & great teacher & coach. I played for him during my three years at Oxford and because of him, I grew to love sports - both participating and watching. He left a legacy behind that will be remembered for years and years.

Debbie Denbow

Debbie Denbow - October 12 at 11:25 PM



“ Mr Green was one of the few teachers I will never forget and think of often! He was a Big man with a big heart!! Always loved his class!! Thoughts with his family!!

Kelly Clark (Hunt) - October 12 at 11:24 PM



“ I had grade 7 homeroom with Mr. Green, and science and geography with Mr. Palidwar, their rooms were directly across from each other, in the newly renovated (at the time) wing of Earl Oxford.
A pretty common occurrence I remember in the classes I had with them, is one would come into the other room, say usually somewhere between one and three words clearly in regards to an earlier conversation they had in private earlier, then leave. The other would often then go into the other's room and repeat the process after a minute or two. They were always so vague we never had a clue as to what it was in regards to. And they would never tell us no matter how much we bugged them. Sometimes I think they were just throwing random stuff out there to get us stirred up. Mr. Green was great, and I'll always have great memories of school with him.

MARK LUND - October 12 at 11:08 PM



“ Mr. Green was by far my favourite teacher I've ever had. I hated math until I was in his class room. He had the most amazing way of teaching and helping you learn. I'm so sorry for his family's loss. Heaven just gained one smart angel

Quinn Roberts - October 12 at 11:00 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was one of the best teachers I had, and he did so much to help me grow, not just as a student, but as a person. He will be missed

Kai Choy - October 12 at 10:55 PM



“ I was a student of Mr. Green's in the mid 90s. He knew how to command respect out of a bunch of know-it-all teenagers. I remember one day he came to class with a big old school phone book. He ripped that thing spine first all the way through. You want kids to listen - do that.

Rory Ardiel - October 12 at 10:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Lesa. My condolences to you and your family.

Lana Krieser - October 12 at 10:31 PM



“ I will always remember Mr Green with great fondness. He coached our girls basketball team at Earl Oxford in the late 60's. My younger son even had him as a substitute teacher in the late 90's. Lots of great times
Hellen (Parker) Burnell

Hellen ParkervBurnell - October 12 at 10:00 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, he was a great substitute teacher the many times I had him, and he was a great friend to my father. I hope you just remember his love for life and how much he loved his job and the people he worked with through the years.

Kira Williams - October 12 at 10:00 PM



“ Mr. Green was an amazing teacher & I can still hear his laugh to this day. No doubt he made an impact on many kids lives <3 sorry for you loss

Anonymous - October 12 at 08:53 PM



“ He was a wonderful person and teacher sorry for your loss

RICHARD DANIEL PERO - October 12 at 04:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your Dads passing Lisa. He was a great teacher....thinking of you and your family... Brian Atkinson

Brian Atkinson - October 12 at 09:32 PM



“ So incredibly sorry for your loss Dawna and Lisa. Dick was an amazing friend to Wayne and I can still remember all their shenanigans! Love you all and my utmost sympathies to you and your family. Trudy Hickling Palidwar

Trudy hickling - October 12 at 03:38 PM



“ Mr. Green and Mr. Palidwar were wonderful teachers and basketball coaches. They made the best duo and they both made a lifelong impact on me as their student and athlete. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and I hope our many fond memories have some comfort to his loved ones.

Kendra Watt (Peleshok) - October 13 at 12:11 AM



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Lisa - October 12 at 01:47 PM



“ Dawna, Lisa, Dean and family,
So sorry to hear about Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Gisele and Luc Corriveau

Gisele Corrivesu - October 12 at 01:38 PM



“ Dawna and Lisa - so sad to hear of the passing of your wonderful husband and father. I had the distinct honor to be a student in Mr. Green's class but also had the opportunity to learn from him as a student-teacher in his classroom. To this day I carry many traits as an educator with me that I have learned from and used in my teaching. I consider Dick a mentor to me and have always respected him for how he connected with his students and those surrounding him. He was a legend at Earl Oxford and I will always remember the little puzzles he would put on the board for us to decipher. Wishing you all the best and some healing as you deal with the passing of such a wonderful person!!
Dave Malowski and Theresa vanHoof

David Malowski - October 12 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr Greens passing . He was truly a wonderful teacher and person . Definitely one of my favourites . My condolences to his family and friends .
Teryl (Everard) Menard

Teryl - October 13 at 09:10 AM



“ Dawn so sorry to here about Dick .

Beverly Smart - October 12 at 10:03 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Green. I always enjoyed working with him when he subbed at Crocus Plains. Such a wonderful teacher. He will be missed. My sincerest sympathy, Susan Burgess

Susan Burgess - October 12 at 09:47 AM



“ To my special friend Dawna and her Family I would like to convey my heartfelt sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you while you go thru one of the hardest chapters of your life. I will be here if you want someone supportive to talk to as time goes on 204 725 2622. Call me Evelyn Skinner

Evelyn Skinner - October 12 at 09:44 AM



“ Dawna, Lisa and Dean and family ~ It is sad to read of Dick's passing. I have fond memories of teaching with "Mean Dick Green" at Oxford, and he did touch the lives of many students over many years. His relentless need to have fun, made every day at school an adventure. Caring thoughts are with you at this time.

Lori Denbow - October 12 at 02:11 AM