



REMEMBERING
Joseph Derewenko

January 1, 1930 - November 23, 2015



Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from cindy eichhorst

I met Joe and Greta in '09 and found that I met two of the finest people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. A hot cup of tea and treat was always on hand at the Derewenko's, and the home was filled with happy people who told really good stories about days gone by. It was with great pleasure that I was able to speak with Joe about his days in the logging camps and the fact he was called little Joe but could run up the side of a mountain with his full gear on in those days, leaving any challengers in the dust. He loved his family around him, his grandchildren and later when I was there, the great grand children were what he was living for, sending Greta to Harrison to bring them to see him for the weekends. He was a kind, gentle loving family man who raised three fine men and a daughter. HE always had a gleam in his eye, loved to eat something sweet, and always seemed so content to have many others around him. I really enjoyed his company and I loved hearing about the old days around Greta and Joe's dining room table. This was what a family should look like and be. I felt honored to be a part of it, to join in, to be welcomed to their home, and I am sincerely sorry I never saw more of this family when Joe moved into care in Mission. I am sincerely saddened by this news I only received today, and my condolences and heart felt prayers go out to this wonderful family for whom I grew to care for so much. Jo....one of a kind, will truly be missed. Rest easy Jo

Tribute from Val Riggins

As a child growing up in Mission, I always enjoyed "lil Joe's" banter with my dad, Ed. I loved Joe's twinkly eyes, his swagger, and the way he could fix machine's. I also enjoyed Swim Club with Barb, my relay buddy, Gus, the butterfly king, Michael and Christopher, both too cute! And Greta, thanks for being a great pool mom, and fine fixer of summer picnic lunches! I send you all lots of hugs, and I'll be with you in spirit on Dec. 18th, and beyond. Love Val (Riggins)

Tribute from Veronica Riggins

Greta and family,
So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing.
So many stories were told over the years.

Our thought and prayers are with you.
Ed and Veronica

Tribute from Sheila Demers

Dear Greta and all of Your Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Joe's recent death. We know how hard you and Joe worked together in the shake industry and raising your family. May it be of some comfort to you to know that we care and that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Sheila and Robert Demers and Our Family
Silverdale

Tribute from Maurice & Delia Fossum

Please accept our sincerest sympathy.

