



REMEMBERING
Roger Torhjelm

October 9, 1955 - September 22, 2013



Roger Torhjelm went to be with the Lord suddenly on September 22, 2013 at age 57. He was born October 8, 1955 at St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose, Alberta. He was the only son of Morris and Olive (Bawden) Torhjelm.

Roger grew up in Red Deer until 1965 when the family moved to Meeting Creek, Alberta to farm. He attended Edberg School and church. He worked on a farm, at de Boon Fiberglass Factory and Boden Gravel Crushing Company. He came to know the Lord as an adult and served the Lord in Northern BC at Fort Chipewin under Northern Canadian Evangelical Mission.

Roger met his wife Elizabeth (Neufeld) in 1990. After a short courtship, he married the love of his life in Wetaskewin, Alberta. A year later the Lord blessed them with Jonathan who was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They served together as missionaries in Buffalo Narrows and La Loche, Saskatchewan with NCEM.

Roger enjoyed studying and learning and was working toward his doctorate in Old Testament. His studies began in 1987 where he attended Millar College of the Bible and got his Advanced Teachers Certificate. He then graduated from Canadian Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion in 1998. In 2000 he got his Master of

Divinity from the Canadian Theological Seminary. He achieved his Master of Arts, Biblical Studies from Trinity Western University in 2003. Because of illness, Roger was unable to finish his doctorate and achieve his goal of becoming a university professor.

He was predeceased by his father Morris, his mother-in-law, Anna Lepp and brother-in-law Peter.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Elizabeth, of 23 years and his son, Jonathan; his mother Olive, sister Valerie and her children Russell, and Nicole (Steven) with their sons Randy and Reece; father-in-law Henry Lepp, brother-in-law John (Anne), sisters-in-law Sharon (Harv), Barb (Dave), Irene (John), Judy (John), Jane (Gary) and in-laws Irma (Walt), Dennis, Jack (Paula), Steve (Audra) and many nieces and nephews.

Thank you to all the emergency personnel who tried so hard to revive him, including those first on the scene.

