

Celebration of Life

Friday June 16, 2023 1:00 PM
The Pas Christian Fellowship
Presider: Pastor Jason Foster

Order of service

Welcome
Prayer
Obituary Reading
Slide show
Songs: One Thing Remains,
Amazing Grace (My Chains are
Gone)
Scripture Reading: Psalm 23
Chris Geringer
Message
Song: Bless the Lord (10,000
reasons)
Benediction

Honorary Pallbearers

Perry Nikolychuk, Don Huculak,
Dave Thompson, Jack Madrigga,
Brian Campbell, Chris Geringer,
Josh Foster and Jayden Foster

In lieu of flowers, Craig's families would appreciate donations in Craig's memory be made to The Pas Christian Fellowship Building Fund, Box 4030, The Pas, Manitoba R9A 1S5 or to The Pas and Area Animal Shelter Inc., Box 4079, The Pas, MB, R9A 1S2.



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In Loving Memory of
Craig Dennis Matechuk

December 4, 1964 - June 9, 2023



Following a short battle with illness, Craig Matechuk passed away peacefully Friday, June 9th, 2023, at 6:50AM at St. Anthony's General Hospital at 58 years of age. Craig was born on December 4th, 1964, to Julie and Willard Matechuk at St. Anthony's General Hospital in The Pas.

Craig attended school in The Pas. While he did not follow the traditional route, he did obtain his GED and subsequently his Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Certification. From a very early age Craig always loved tinkering and working on anything with a motor. He started working at the hangar with his father when he was in his early teens. When the hangar burned in 1987, he worked a few seasons at the Tree Nursery until it closed, at which time he went back to working on airplanes. Unfortunately, the only work available took him out of The Pas. He worked in both Resolute Bay and Cambridge Bay, but the time away from his family was too much. He then worked briefly in Thompson, Manitoba for Northwinds Northern, but decided that he would rather be home with his family. In 1995 Craig took the Self Employment Assistant Program. He purchased his first Bobcat, Trailer and Dump Truck in 1996 and started Matechuk Enterprises. In 1998 he purchased land and started construction of the shop for his business, which he ran until his passing. Throughout the 26 years he continued to expand the business, purchasing various equipment and machinery.

Even though Craig had known who Joy was through mutual friends and family, it wasn't until 1986 that they started dating and were engaged in December of that same year. On June 25th, 1988, Craig and Joy were married in The Pas, Manitoba at the Christ Anglican Church. On June 18, 1992, their first daughter Michelle Joy was born. Their family was completed on September 4, 1996 when their second daughter Tara Denise was born. Craig was a family man through and through, always supporting his daughters in all of their activities and hobbies. He attended all their concerts, performances and sporting events. He was always there to help in whatever way he could with all their various clubs. He even went so far as to obtain his beginner coaching certification to help out the tumbling club.

At the age of 14 Craig bought his first car, a 1973 Ford Thunderbird which he detailed and drove for many years. He still owned the car when he passed, and had always dreamed of having it fully restored and back on the road. Craig loved camping, reading, Sci-Fi movies and was an avid member of the local gun club. He was part of the executive board, and always advocated safe gun handling and membership of the gun club. He loved taking family and friends to the range and teaching them about guns and shooting. He was passionate about firearms and never ceased researching and expanding his knowledge. Craig had quite a green thumb and loved gardening. He would often grow various varieties of hot peppers, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes both at the shop and the house. He would often share his produce with whoever wanted it, leading to some people accidentally eating hot peppers that were well out of their range.

Craig was always willing to help in whatever way he could, whether it was to assist with a repair, rescue a stranded friend or family member, volunteer his services and time, or even just offer advice. He also had a long history of being an animal lover, having had many pets throughout the years. He helped extensively with the humane society in any way he could. In 2013, he found a puppy on the side of the road in the rain. Craig couldn't just leave him behind, so the puppy became his shop dog, Buddy. He could always be found at Craig's side, and was his friend right until the end.

Craig leaves to mourn his wife of 34 years Joy, daughters Michelle and Tara (Chris Geringer), father Willard, sisters Sheila (Rick Whitehead) and Melanie (Dave) Thompson, nieces Erica and Kara, brother in law Perry (Angie) Nikolychuk, nephew Roger and niece Stephanie (MacKenzie Todd) and his constant companion Buddy. He was predeceased by his mother Julie and in-laws Steve and Marge Nikolychuk.

