

Robert Warren Lawless

Robert Warren Lawless passed away peacefully surrounded by love and his family at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon at the age of 48 on Friday, July 5, 2019.

Born in Maryfield, SK on November 25, 1970, Rob loved his childhood living on the family farm. He excelled academically at Maryfield School and always dreamed big. At the young age of 17 he moved away from home, chasing his dreams, earning an Agricultural Economics degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 1992. He learned and honed his skills in commodity trading and met his future wife, Barb Landrie, at a competing trading company in Saskatoon in 1993. She was immediately charmed by his ambition and good looks so they moved in together after 7 months of dating and she has stood by his side since they married in 1998. Rob's career took them both to Vancouver, Calgary, and back to Saskatoon. Rob and Barb have owned and operated a successful commodity trading company called Tradex Commodity Group Inc. for the last 22 years with help from their dedicated staff.

Their children Hannah and Mason came along in 2002 and 2004 in Calgary. After they moved from Calgary in 2005, they started building their dream home on an acreage South of Saskatoon. Emerson came along in 2007 to make their family complete. Rob had the biggest smile that could light up an entire room. He was a hands-on Dad, attending important events or volunteering at the school, and served as President of the community association. His love for his family was immeasurable and therefore his passing leaves us with aching hearts.

The past few years, Rob battled serious health problems, and despite being in the late stages of his illnesses he was always determined and optimistic. The family would like to thank the first responders, support workers, nurses, and doctors at the hospitals in Saskatoon who treated Rob over the years. Their support was invaluable and appreciated.

In addition to his loving wife, Barb, of almost 21 years, he is survived by his children, Hannah, Mason, and Emerson, his parents, Keith and Carol Lawless, his brother, Brian (Tara), sister Heather (Barry) Fowler and nieces and nephews, Chanda, Callie and Noah, his parents-in-law, Robert and Jean Landrie, sisters-in-law, Jen (Brock) Dergousoff and Lisa (Shawn Ward) Landrie as well as nieces and nephews, Maren, Morgan, Kristen, Evan, Gary and Sam. He also leaves behind many special friends and business associates who have supported him over the years. Rob will be dearly missed by all of those who knew him. Saying good-bye was so hard, but we are relieved he is at peace and no longer suffering.

In respecting Rob's wishes to not have a funeral, we will be having a private graveside gathering of immediate family at a later date. The family would be honoured if you could pay your respects or share a fond memory on Rob's Facebook page. If you are not a Facebook friend of Rob's, all friend requests will be approved to facilitate posts. If you do not have Facebook, you can send your notes to tributes2rob@gmail.com.

Rob had many aspirations to make a difference in his community. Please consider making a donation in his name to any of the following organizations that he wanted to make an impact on including; South Corman Park Community Association, Saskatoon Cancer Centre, or Close to Home Campaign for Hospice and End-of-Life Care at St. Paul's Hospice.