

**Richard G. Kolisnyk - November 13, 1927 to June 9, 2006**

Peacefully, with family at his side, Rich passed away at St. Boniface Hospital, survived by his wife Alice (nee Scales), children, Don Kurt, Douglas (Carmen), Robert (Susan), and Karen (Paul), grandchildren Keith, Matthew, Kelsea, Savannah, brother Ken (Bernie), black lab Chance, and many family and friends. Rich was predeceased by his parents Paul and Sophie and brothers Mel and Ray.

Rich was born in Detroit, raised in Winnipeg, and attended Faraday School and Isaac Newton. He worked for Manitoba Government Telephones (MTS) and TransCanada Pipelines in Morden, and then for Air Canada as a mechanic for 36 years in Winnipeg and Edmonton, until his retirement in 1988. "Rocky" loved his football (senior league quarterback), hockey (Morden, Scotland, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Minnesota, old-timers), golf (six hole-in-ones), baseball, swimming, and canoeing with Alice and Donna. Rich volunteered for many groups such as the Manitoba Rec. Canoeing Assoc. He was a great welder and metal artist and all-around builder and handyman, sharing his talents with many family and friends. Rich loved playing cribbage, especially with Alice. He was a strong, caring, sharing and loving man and is missed greatly by all.



**"HERO"**

*He fought his last battle so valiantly  
A battle he should have not lost  
Exceptional courage and strength he showed  
Alas his body and heart slowed  
Richie, good night, sleep well, sweet dreams  
Your spirit and soul  
will continue to beam  
Our hero and knight in shining armor  
We miss you so much,  
our hearts are filled with sorrow  
You have taught us all so much  
from beginning to end  
You now lead the path  
so we can all meet again  
Rest peacefully "Daddio"*

The family thanks St. Boniface General Hospital for their care. Donations may be made to St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, 409 Tache Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R2H 2A6 care of the Richard Kolisnyk Memorial Fund towards the purchase of a new dialysis machine.

Cremation at Knysch Funeral Home. Friends and family are welcome to gather to remember Rich between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 at Partner's Deli, Peguis Pavilion, West Kildonan Park. Or visit [www.wilds.mb.ca/rich](http://www.wilds.mb.ca/rich)

*There are many things in life we don't understand ...*

*The best we can do is to hope, to believe, to care and remember.*

**Thank you for coming to share  
your memories of Rich.**

*"A lot of things can happen from Tee to Green....There are a lot of things that can happen after the ball lands on the Green too... Something helps direct it in... who knows what!!"*

*"The best people you are going to meet are people involved in sport."*

*"I am very proud of you, all of your accomplishments, and your strength."*

*"If you aren't going to do it right, don't do it at all."*