# OBITUARY



**RACKEL, Eugene Raymond**
**September 10, 1961 - October 22, 2026**

It is with great sorrow and heartache that we must announce the passing of Eugene Raymond Rackel on October 22, 2026.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Barbara Rackel (nee Hicks), his child, Liz Seymour (fiancé Sara Hollingsworth), grandsons Lauchlan (and Phe) and Payton, and his fur babies Ricco, Penny, Teddy, Babsy and Merculles. Eugene will also be lovingly remembered by his sisters Darlene (Bob) Beryle, Verna, Lillian (Willy), his sisters in law Nancy and Barb (Rick) and all his nieces, nephews and his cousin Rory Rackel.

Eugene was predeceased by his father, Warner Rackel and his mother Josephine Rackel (nee Hagerty) and recently his brother Lorne.

He was born in North Battleford, SK on September 10, 1961. In his early 20's he moved to Saskatoon, SK where he lived until 2024.

Eugene was a sports enthusiast and played football and hockey growing up. He also loved bowling and hunting.

He met his wife, Barbara at a bowling alley in 1993 in Saskatoon. Being the amazing guy he was, their first date included Liz. They went bowling and for ice cream after. Later in 1993 Barbara joined Eugene's bowling team. He always made Barbara feel like a princess and was her best friend. Eugene and Barbara married on May 16, 1998 in Saskatoon. They were best friends and soul mates.

Eugene was a journeyman tinsmith until he retired in 2021, spending over 20 years with Interwest Mechanical, where he ran construction jobs, trained and mentored others in his field. He was a friend to so many he worked with and apparently an "instigator with humor" after work. There were many great memories and friendships forged. He is deeply missed.

Eugene loved hunting, spending many fall seasons hunting with his brother Lorne. They are now in heaven, hunting together. He also spent many years hunting with his wife Barbara and his cousin Rory Rackel. Occasionally Liz and Eugene would go hunting too. Eugene was a very patient teacher with hunting.

His tinsmith trade wore his body down and he retired at 60. In 2004 Eugene and Barbara sold their house in Saskatoon and moved to Young, SK. He loved the country peace and quiet and the community. He said it every day for two years.

Eugene loved everyone. He was helpful, caring, kind, stubborn, competitive and always determined to finish what he started. He used to tease Barbara that she turned him soft, but she knew he always was. He never once failed her or family.

Heaven called him early and he had to leave too soon. He will be deeply missed and cherished by his family and friends. He was a true gift to everyone.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2027. Date and place to be determined. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. To leave online condolences, please visit www.watrousfuneralhome.ca

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