



Mrs. Petra Readner

December 22, 1960 - November 5, 2015

God saw her getting tired, and a cure was not meant to be, so He put his arms around her and whispered “Come be with me.”

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her slowly fade away,

Although we loved her dearly, we couldn't make her stay

A golden heart stopped beating, our Dear Petra put to rest

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Petra Readner (Guse) was born in Krefeld-Fischeln, Germany, on December 22, 1960 to Herta and Emanuel Guse. Petra was the middle child, having an older brother, Juergen, and was followed by younger sister, Karla. Petra lived with her family in Germany until the age of 9 when they immigrated to Canada by ship and arrived in Halifax on January 22, 1969. From there, they made their way to Edmonton, Alberta where they eventually settled in the south side near Harry Ainlay High School.

Petra made the transition to Canadian life rather quickly, having cousins who helped her during her school days. She graduated in 1979 from Harry Ainlay High School. Her favorite subjects were home economics and shopping at Southgate Mall. During her early working career, Petra worked for McDonalds on 51 Avenue. Her main goal was to keep her brother Juergen stocked up with Big Macs and fries as he frequently drove her home after her shifts. Petra worked at numerous jobs in Edmonton including being a manager for Put-Ons

and running an embroidery machine.

On November 22, 1981, she committed her life to Christ and was baptised at Southside Pentecostal Church, where she remained a faithful member for many years.

During her teenage years, Petra enjoyed going out to the Barrhead area where she spent time on her cousins' (Blums) family farm. Her love of the outdoors and no fear of getting dirty served her well as she met a farm boy from the Gibbons area by the name of Keith Readner in 1982. Their relationship blossomed into marriage on July 23, 1983.

Petra and Keith made their first home in the Millwoods area and soon found themselves blessed with a baby boy, Jordan in 1985. Jordan was closely followed by Chelsie in 1986. In 1996 they relocated to Sherwood Park and resided there until they finished their dream home and moved to the Kootenay region of B.C. in 2013.

Petra was never idle. Her love for crafts, gardening, and helping others were trademarks of her personality. Many new mothers received one of Petra's handmade photo albums and she could always be counted on for decorating, whether for Thanksgiving, Christmas or a ladies' function. Petra could get almost any plant to grow; she had two green thumbs. Through her hard work and dedication she had an award winning back yard. She was known in the area as the "Plant Lady".

Petra went on frequent missions trips where she helped at Starehe Children's Orphanage and water projects in Asia and Ecuador. Her life truly modeled faith with works. She was committed to serving Christ.

In October of 2012, Petra was diagnosed with a rare form of Parkinson's

disease called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. As her illness progressed, it slowly transformed her outgoing and vibrant character. However, she met the daily challenges without complaining and with a positive outlook. Many people were touched by her courage and strength during the time she was afflicted. Her infectious smile and warm, outgoing personality will be missed by all those who interacted with her. She will be dearly missed, but never forgotten. She chose to always "Be Happy".

We, the family of Petra Readner, thank you for coming to pay your respects and to celebrate the home-going of one of God's children. Your presence brings comfort to each one of the family. For the prayers and love shown to us we say "Thank you and God bless you."

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 7:00 PM (MT)

Southside Pentecostal Assembly
2821-109 Street
Edmonton, AB

Tribute Wall

RD

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Readner family. I see that Petra and my father, John Morsch, shared the same birth day, Dec 22. What an amazing, beautiful woman of God, Petra was and is. Heaven's gain is our loss, but our loss is only for a short season. We praise God for the time He allowed her to be with us. Love and prayers, Ruth and Charles Ingles

Ruth Dimion - November 19, 2015 at 10:51 PM

MH

“ Keith and family. We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Petra. Over the years we had the distinct pleasure of meeting and chatting with Petra at various company functions and found her to be so gracious and caring to everyone. We too share in your loss but the love and happiness she brought to everyone will always be remembered and should serve as the model for everyone to follow.

Mel and Shelley Hawryluk

Mel Hawryluk - November 12, 2015 at 09:47 AM

HH

“ Dear Keith & family:
We just heard today that lovely Petra has had her healing finally. We are so sorry that we didn't know in time to go to the funeral yesterday. Our prayers have been with you all during these sorrowful times & will continue to pray that the Lord will see you through the difficult days ahead.

Uncle Herb & Mary Hunker

Herb & Mary Hunker - November 11, 2015 at 01:45 PM

LP

“ Keith and family: We will always remember your time with us at Starehe Children's Home. You both blessed us so much not only at the orphanage, but in our home. We got such a kick out of Petra, and her deciding to take as many jars of preserved mango home with her to Canada. Didn't quite a few blow up or open up in her luggage? We will always remember, our prayers are with you all during this time of grief and pain. May the peace from our Father in heaven, invade your day to day living, and may joy once again fill your days.

With prayer for you all,
Ron and LouDell Posein

LouDell Posein - November 11, 2015 at 01:40 PM

IS

“ Keith, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! Petra was a ray of sunshine and a blessing to so many people! Wayne and Ingrid Smith



Ingrid Smith - November 11, 2015 at 11:46 AM

GP

“ Keith our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Gary & Darlene Pulak



Gary Pulak - November 11, 2015 at 11:34 AM

MP

“ Keith, We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our deepest condolences. Mary Ann & Derrick Ploof



MaryAnn Ploof - November 10, 2015 at 06:42 PM

GD

“ Our sincerest and heart-felt condolences to Keith, Jordan and Chelsea; Jurgen and his family, Karla and her family; and to Petra's parents. May the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort sustain you as you morn the loss of a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and daughter.

*The Dimas-Lehdorf Family
(Gil, Kerstin, Aleksander, and Karis)*

Gil Dimas - November 10, 2015 at 01:45 PM

MW

“ Such a bright wonderful energetic woman, thoughts with the family and grateful for her suffsuffering to be at an end.

Michelle Wright



Michelle Wright - November 10, 2015 at 09:16 AM

KK

“ *Ken and Hiroko McAllister, Hong Kong purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Petra Readner.*



Ken and Hiroko McAllister, Hong Kong - November 09, 2015
at 10:11 PM

SH

“ *Keith, we are so very sorry to hear this sad news. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Heartfelt condolences - Susan and Tom Haber*

Susan Haber - November 09, 2015 at 09:22 PM



“ *Dear Keith and Family, Dave and I share our heartfelt condolences and please know you are all in our prayers. We are offering a photo taken in August 16, 2013 on a pontoon ride with a group of friends. You and Petra and the rest of us had such a lovely day. We went to a beach and had a beautiful picnic lunch. There was music, singing and laughter as we joined with another boat of friends. It was a beautiful memory we shared with you both! gentle (((hugs))) and please know we love you. -Dave & Diana Wedge*



DianaDave Wedge - November 06, 2015 at 08:47 PM