

Saying Goodbye to a Good Friend of the Farm



Rena Schwarz

One of the ways I like to remember Rena... Always having fun and getting those around her to smile. ❤️ Dan Villeneuve

It's hard to write a memorial to someone that you only got to meet a few weeks before she lost her battle to cancer.

Yet, there is one memory of her that I can share, because in hearing stories about Rena's life, this one seems so like her.

It was a Saturday, a volunteer day at the farm. One of the paddock's wide, heavy fence boards needed replacing, It wasn't a simple-straight-forward-process to remove the old board or get the new to fit properly.

Though she tired easily, Rena was there with her truck and tools to help guide another volunteer in getting the job done right.

It seems that's what Rena did a lot of . . . helping people get the job done right.

For Rena, it wasn't all about doing the work herself. She was a natural teacher, a supportive coach, and a champion promoter of what other people did.

How you make others feel about themselves says a lot about who you are.



Nancy Strong remembers that when Rena ran a Boy Scout Troop because she had two boys, she helped every member to build their own Pinewood Derby car. Their cars may not have been the sharpest looking entries, but they were definitely the kids' own work.



Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it.



She was one of my good friends and colleagues, we worked and had fun together often. She made friends everywhere we worked. Her compassion for others was extraordinarily. I will miss her hard working honest person. Ray Page

She was always smiling. Dianne Dube Sheridan



I didn't know Rena personally but knew of her through my boys' paper routes many many years ago while she did day care. She was a selfless person. Linda Brumo Brown

She was a good lady. Gail Phillips-Bosshart

She and I shared many laughs and good conversation at the farm. She was also one of my biggest photography fans, always sharing my work and cheering me on. Rena was always a dedicated and hard working lady, and garnered my profound respect. I'm glad I got to spend time with her at this year's Harvest Festival and to give her one last hug and say "Thank You". She'll always be a blue ribbon winner in my eyes. Dan Villeneuve



RENA M. SCHWARZ  
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Rena's obituary can be found on Legacy.com or [by clicking here.](#)