



## René Van der Haeghen

July 5, 2007

Van der Haeghen, René E. age 70, of Minnetonka, passed away Monday, July 2, 2007. Preceded in death by his parents, Jules & Mary and stepfather, Arnie Fields. Survived by his wife, Charlotte; children, René (BJ) Van der Haeghen, Stacy (Larry) Simpson, Christine (Phil) Wilson, Julia (Mark) Smith, Susan (Jimmy) Sochko and Scott (Tawnya) Van der Haeghen and their mother, Amorita Cole; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. René requested that everyone remember him at the memorial service with a humorous anecdote or story and toast him with each future glass of Bombay. Memorial service Friday, July 6, 2007, 1:00 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I thought of one more funny story: When Dad and Char had all of us children with them one weekend, Char was trying to get breakfast on the table for the six of us and them, and she asked Dad to watch the toast so she could make the eggs. He stared intently at the toaster, and after several seconds, he looked at her innocently, and said "It's burning, now what should I do?"

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*Chris Wilson,*

*Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Chris Wilson** - August 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM





“ I wanted to include the poem from Dad's memorial card, since it sums up how he felt. The author is anonymous: When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your heads bowed low, Remember the love that we once shared - Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Maker's plan, a step in the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know - Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds, Miss me, but let me go. Hey Dad, say hi to Grandpa Skeet, and Sa and Grandma. I'll miss you more than I can say. Your gift of gab will be sorely missed!!!

~

Chris Wilson

Contact Me

August 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I worked with rene and Char nights at lunds for two years. My personal favorite story of all was the night a mother and a daughter came through his line and I was the last carryout after I started the order he was making idle conversation and the daughter mentioned that she wasn't feeling well and that was why they came in. Rene replied with "well.. how much gin have you had" she said none im seventeen rene kindly informs her that thats no excuse. At this point I have to walk away because I could not stop laughing. Im just sorry that I didnt have enough time to enjoy more moments like this.

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*Jeff Jordet,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

Contact Me

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**Jeff Jordet** - July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I remember meeting Rene 31 years ago as I was to become his son in law. Within 5 minutes I know if I will like you or not. It took 20 seconds with Rene. When he would tell a joke, he could make the joke last for a long time with his ad libs & you would never tire of him telling it. I don't ever remember him being at a loss for words. It was unbelievable how quick-witted he was. In Heaven, I'm sure he will be made director of all the animals. Live on Rene. Joe

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*Joe Hruska,*

*Hopkins, Minnesota*

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**Joe Hruska** - July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Although I only met Grandpa Rene' once or twice, tales of his lighthearted attitude and his amazing ability to turn any uncomfortable situation into a bladder buster will forever remain close to my heart. He seems to have been the start to a wonderful VanderHaeghen tradition... if you can't beat them, make them laugh. I looked at the photos others have posted, and from those photos anyone can see the immense compassion and joy coming from his very soul. The way it spread from one face to another, simply amazing. Char, bless you for making him happy and keeping his spirit alive, for we all know he wouldn't have been half the man he was without you right there keeping him upright! One day you two will reunite and it will be like you were never apart. Love and prayers.

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*Sara Sloan (VanderHaeghen),*

*San Antonio, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Sara Sloan (VanderHaeghen)** - July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Char, It was so good to talk to you and I am so happy that we had the chance to get together last summer. There are so many great times that we had, the Gourmet Dinners we cooked and ate and ate and ate!!! The time you came to our house in Dayton, MN for a Gourmet dinner and Rene remarked that it was so far he had to make 3 potty stops! The dinners out when Rene kept asking for the check to be chocolate coated and he finally got one! The punch at your wedding that someone spiked multiple times, I am surprised I remember that one. Then there was the time Rene was going to a meeting in Dayton, OH for NCR and he stayed with us and followed us into work only to have his car breakdown in front of David's Cemetery. Rene thought it was a very appropriate spot for it breakdown. Rene could always make us laugh, he was a wonderful guy and will be missed. It makes me smile to think about our good times together and sad that he has left us. Take care Char and we will keep in touch, hopefully see you the next time we get to Minnesota. All our love, Bill and Pam

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*Pam and Bill Matthews,*

*Kalispell, Montana*

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**Pam and Bill Matthews** - July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My dad had many interests and passions one of which was interacting with animals. I’m pretty sure he generally preferred them to most people. When we were very young, my mother was not at that time a believer in mixing animals and children and since there were six of us kids, my dad felt he was not going to acquire a pet for a very long time. One day as our family was driving up to Leech Lake for a summer stay at my grandparents’ resort; my dad spotted a snapping turtle along the road. Surely, this poor creature needed to be rescued. The kids thought it was a great idea but my mom was not in agreement. I’m not sure which she objected to more, the turtle on the floor at her feet in the bucket snapping at her ankles or my brother throwing up in her lap because the turtle had taken over the bucket that my mom brought because my brother always threw up in the car on long trips. That particular turtle did not become a family pet but did inspire my dad to go out to the pet store one day (without consultation with my mother I’m sure) and purchase a box turtle. Of course my dad thought the turtle needed a special plastic turtle aquarium in which to live and all kinds of turtle treats and toys to fill his new environment. After the new addition was officially named "Ignatz" my dad proceeded to put him into his container and prod him to eat some of the turtle treats and explore his new pad. Ignatz wrinkled his nose at all the turtle delicacies my dad offered. Though I don’t think that turtles are supposed to be able to actually wrinkle their noses, this one seemed to have such a talent. Once he had snubbed all my dad’s treats he made it across the aquarium and then proceeded to snub my dad’s choice of housing for him as well. Ignatz simply climbed up and over the edge of his new abode and then walked away across the floor seeming to say, “Talk to the tail.” Never one to have unhappy animal friends, Dad worked really hard to figure out what made Ignatz happy and so Ignatz the box turtle dined on raw hamburger and apples and roamed our house freely, choosing to sleep in more comfortable surroundings such as the cool fireplace in the summer and under the warm radiator in the winter. Back in the early 1970’s my dad and Char had 23 cats living at their home. They originally started out with just 2 or 3 but that original crew quickly multiplied (without permission of course) into

*23 with little effort. Ultimately I believe they ended up paring that group back down to about 10. One of the original cats was Dad's favorite cat of all time. His name was Thomas and he was a very fat red tabby who was Dad's kindred spirit. He often spoke of "Fat Thomas" and dearly missed him every single day after Thomas died. In the 1980's and 1990's my dad and Char volunteered every other Sunday at the Minnesota Zoo. There was not one animal that he didn't love and I think he had figured out by that time that it was easier to go to the zoo on Sundays than to live in a zoo every day. Over the last three months Dad was hospitalized on two occasions and each time he kept telling everyone that he was going to get better so he could go home to his fat pussy cats because they missed him as their warm-blooded furniture. As a matter of fact it was one of the last things he told the nurse just a couple of hours before he died. Dad didn't make it back to his home in Minnetonka as he had originally hoped but I'm quite certain that he is now at home and extremely happy in Heaven petting Fat Thomas and trying to please Ignatz, with his glass of Bombay in hand saying, "This ain't so bad!" Zooia the Gwal*

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*Julia Smith,*

*Edina*

*Contact Me*

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**Julia Smith** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Char, I am so sorry to hear about Rene. He was the shining light of my years at Comten. Even though it's been 25 years since he was my boss, I still think about him and smile. He was the best ever!*

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*Judy (Jorgenson) Koeller,*

*Springfield, Illinois*

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**Judy (Jorgenson) Koeller** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Auntie Char, My heart and shoulder go out to you. Uncle Rene will always be one of the more vibrant characters in the stories that make up memories of, at least, my childhood. I will always think of my godfather warmly and remember that I always felt loved in his presence. I love you. Rest well, Uncle. Love, Molly

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*Molly Wilson-Smith,*

*Portland*

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**Molly Wilson-Smith** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“ I said "Goodbye" on Friday, 6 July 2007. But, was it really that? Death is an inevitable end to the journey of Life, but so many view it as an ending when it is, in reality, a beginning. The spirit or essence of each of us is finally set free, free of worry, guilt, anger, sadness, fear. Dad, you are free. We shared one thing: The works of Robert Anson Heinlien. I recall the day in May of 1988 when RAH died and I called you and we talked for the longest time about the influence of his writings on us both. I know that what he wrote is a harmonious note in my heart and you stated that there were many things RAH said that rang true to you. I am still amazed that we had such a common bond without our relationship as Father and Son. I guess we cannot deny our birthright, can we? Say "Hello" to Sa. I have missed him for a long, long time. If you happen to run across RAH, tell him that his legacy is alive in the hearts of many. I would close with the following discourse from Henry V. I have always known that had Dad been stout of heart ( by that I mean he had not been so bloody sick in his youth) he would have raised arms against the enemies of our country and proclaimed thus:"What's he that wishes so?My cousin Westmoreland? No, my fair cousin:If we are mark'd to die, we are enowTo do our country loss; and if to live,The fewer men, the greater share of honour.God's will! I pray thee, wish not one man more.By Jove, I am not covetous for gold,Nor care I who doth feed upon my cost;It yearns me not if men my garments wear;Such outward things dwell not in my desires:But if it be a sin to covet honour,I am the most offending soul alive.No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England:God's peace! I would not lose so great an honourAs one man more, methinks, would share from meFor the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more!! will miss you, Old Son. I have always loved you and I know I have let you know in the way of sons to fathers. I am glad we made our peace and I rejoice in your freedom. Wait for Char for she will come straight to you when time is. I will miss you, but then I always needed seasoning. You Grok?

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*Rene (Duke) VanderHaeghen,*

*Madison, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Rene (Duke) VanderHaeghen** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Grandpa. You never failed to make me laugh. Sometimes the things that came out of your mouth were so unexpected that the only proper response was at least a giggle. I know you are in heaven with your animals and friends watching over us all. I promise you we will take care of Char until you two meet again. You will be dearly missed. Love, Caroline*

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*Caroline Smith,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Caroline Smith** - July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene & Char Cottage Lane home as I ever knew it.Michel

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene and Michel

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *The warm times are flying away.*Michel

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Char and family: It was a pleasure to know Rene'. His wit and use of the english lanuagewere a treasure and his stories were so funny. The best of all is hewould always make a person laugh and giggle. I am so sorry for yourloss. Do keep in touch as I will with you. May God keep you in his care.*

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*Phyllis Johnson,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Phyllis Johnson** - July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Uncle René, I love you. You will always be unforgettable. Aunt Char, I love you, and wish you well.*

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*Matthew Wilson,*

*Salem, Oregon*

*Contact Me*

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**Matthew Wilson** - July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene, Char and Julia

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene, Stacy and Scott

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Char, I remember the night you, Romy and I went out to a movie and Rene took care of Elizabeth (who was just a young thing then). We got back to your place to find out they had watched "Animal House" together. "A little nudity never hurt anybody!" And his cry of dismay when he read an article in the paper about sex and cervical cancer--"I knew it! I knew it! I knew they'd eventually make sex hazardous to your health!" So many memories... So many laughs! A good time was had by all. I, along with many will toast him each time I raise a glass of Bombay.

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*Dianne O'Donnell,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dianne O'Donnell** - July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Rene will always be missed by every one. His beaming smile and quaint sense of humor that he left with all of us, would stay with us forever and immortalize Rene in our hearts.*

~

*Ravi Bakshi,*

*Minnetonka*

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**Ravi Bakshi** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Always a friend with a joke and a smile. You will be missed.

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*Larry and Katie Showers,*

*Fridley, Minnesota*

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**Larry and Katie Showers** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Dad, Did you find out who killed JFK? Give me a sign. Thanks for teaching me to dive and letting me use your ride-on lawn mower. I'll always remember the toilet paper thing. Thanks for making me laugh. Love, Suser

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*Susan Sochko,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

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**Susan Sochko** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ dear grandpa, how much I miss you can not be put on a scale; it is to infinite. I feel that I have lost one half of my life. that half, is you. you were always there for my family and I, and will remain in our hearts as long as the world goes around. no one shall ever replace you. I'll miss you tons, Anna, your beloved granddaughter.

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*Anna Sochko,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

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**Anna Sochko** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ dear grandma,Im so sorry you lost him.you must be so sad. Im sure he feelsbetter. Are you ok?love,John sochko

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*John Sochko,*

*St. Louis park, Minnesota*

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**John Sochko** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“René always lit up the room - he made work much more bearable! Sometimes I just couldn't stop laughing...I'll always remember his vibrant personality, kind heart and wonderful sense of humor.

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*Katie Suplick,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Katie Suplick** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ This an exchange with Stacy after her sound email:Dear Stacy, Of course I love your dad. When I arrived in Minnesota (about 35 years ago) we worked together tremendously and efficently well. I learned a lot from him either professionnally or personnally or upon your country..Charlotte and himself were gentle with me as were also Jules and Mary. I never forgot those warm times seeing you and then having Julia in France: your family made me half American and I will never change!. USA is my 2° home.When Char told me the situation I did't tell her that I asked for a brand new passport to be accepted by the US Security. And it worked for good!!Such a stay in Cottage Lane was a thank to my American Friends and seeing you (Stacy, Julia, Scott, Christine and Phill) was a strong relief with regards to Rene and Charlotte.Thank you very much for the snapshots. Please see some joint to this email.If some day you're willing to come in Fance just let me know.After my retirement I came in Poitou-Charente to live with Micheline and it's super. I was very glad to see you.Please take much care of yourself. A friend who loves your family. Michel

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Char what can one say at a time like this. Rene was truely one of a kind over th over the 35 or so years I knew him I can truely say there was never a dull moment whan around Rene. Yes Rene Friday at 1:00pm you can know Tina Royce Cheral and Chuck will toast you with a BOMBAY "maybe even two." You will be missed be all who knew youChuck Latta

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*Chuck Latta,*

*georgetown, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Chuck Latta** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene, Char and Julia with a lot of "souvenirs" in French!!Warm times

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Stacy, Scott and my friend Rene.Michel

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rene and Mi:chel=35 years of love, admiration, respect, and warm moments.

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*Michel Migeon*

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July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Char and family - my sympathies for your loss - I worked with Rene for several years at Comten and he was always one you could count on for keen insights expressed in the most "entertaining" ways. I know he contributed to make the world a better place in many ways outside of work, as well. Best Regards,

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*Craig Johnson,*

*Woodbury, Minnesota*

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**Craig Johnson** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Char,I am very sorry for your loss. If this world had more people like Rene, it would be a better place. I will miss his comments, his observations of life, his friendship and his technical knowledge. He was one of those rare individuals that was both intelligent and smart...not too many of them around. My life was better for knowing Rene.Richard Wyatt

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*Richard Wyatt,*

*Waverly, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Richard Wyatt** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever. “Reagan Grandpa Haeghen” certainly left an impression in this world (as I suspect was his intention all along). I will always remember seeing him at the Zoo and helping him and Char at the store, but mostly I will remember the way he could “hold court” and completely captivate his audience on most any subject, in any setting. He had the most eloquent and colorful way to convey his point. His sense of humor and wit will be greatly missed.

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*Liz Hruska,*

*Hanover, Minnesota*

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**Liz Hruska** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My tribute and love goes to one of the most educated, vibrant, gentle men I ever knew. I am sure heaven is richer for your presence and the light you bring to all you touch. We will all miss you, and look forward to the day in heaven when we can toast your all too brief time with us here, and hoist a glass of Bombay together.*

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*Maria Moen,*

*Carrollton, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Maria Moen** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“Dearest Char: I have said before that having Rene in my life and part of our family was more like adding a really great big brother and not a brother in law. I remember his kindness from our first meeting where he did all he could to assist with my wedding day, not even really knowing any of us yet. All the laughs he brought into our lives. even if some of them would bring that once upon a time young girl's cheeks to a rosy pink in the process. He had such an ability to make you feel important and appreciated at all times. He was kind, funny, gentle, giving, concerned, supportive, loving, bright, and sharing. The greatest of all, he loved you, Char, through the tough times and the good ones. You two were truly a team through your whole life together. Just know that all those who love you and loved Rene will be here to support you and to remember the loving and laughing that was the two of you. May you be at peace and know that Rene is still with you. His memory is in your heart and the hearts of all of us who were lucky to be in his presence and will go on and on. Love to you, Romy

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*Rosemary Wilson,*

*Portland, Oregon*

*Contact Me*

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**Rosemary Wilson** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Dearest Char, and the rest of Rene's family, I will always be grateful that I had the opportunity to know Rene, even tho our clock time together was brief. I second all the remarks above and will really miss him. My heart is with you all, whose loss is greater.

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*Marilyn Mork,*

*Portland, Oregon*

*Contact Me*

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**Marilyn Mork** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Charlotte, I am sorry for your loss. I only got to spend those couple of days with you and meet warm, witty, hospitable Rene on that one occasion. The loving connection I saw between you two was an inspiration. I hope you will be able to focus on all the wonderful years. What a divine gift. Peace, Joy, Love, Steve

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*Stephen Mork,*

*San Anselmo, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Stephen Mork** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ While words never failed you, Rene, English lacks the right word for the degree of admiration I have for you or the support you and Char gave me during my trials at work and in my personal life in Minneapolis. You were and will remain my beloved mentor!

~

*Harold Grovesteen,*

*Arlington, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Harold Grovesteen** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Char and Family - Rene will be missed by all - Family and Friends. I first met Rene maybe 15 years ago through work. I will always remember his humor and quick wit, and his zest for life. In later years, my wife and I would occasionally see both Rene and Char working at Lunds in Minnetonka, close to where they lived. We always enjoyed talking with both.*

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*Larry & Judy Everett,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Larry & Judy Everett** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Rene brought a little light into a lot of lives just by being himself. He was my favorite inlaw because he was so easy to talk to. When things didn't always go his way, he still remained a "mensch among mensches".

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*Jim Mork,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Jim Mork** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I remember when I was a youngster probly around 3 years old, he took me for a ride on his lawnmower, I wanted to be all cool and drive it, focring gp rene's hands off the wheel, then the next thing I knew it, he had jumped off the tractor, while Im screaming my head off, and everyone laughing. You will be missed Grandpa

~

*Jacob VanderHaeghen,*

*Indianapolis, Indiana*

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**Jacob VanderHaeghen** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ We have lost a good one... Rene was one of those, once entering your life, remained always. Some very fond memories with him at various work (and social) activities. I will always remember him as he was – full of life, and that wonderful sarcastic sense of humor. He will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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*Mike Vidnovic,*

*Merritt Island, Florida*

*Contact Me*

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**Mike Vidnovic** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GT

“*Char and family, please accept my deepest sympathy at your loss. Rene and I worked together at three companies over 20 years. He was everyone's friend. His upbeat and quirky humor brought us back to earth when we took ourselves too seriously. We shall not look upon his like again.*

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*Gary Van Tassel,*

*Rollinsville, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Gary Van Tassel** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I remember being welcomed into his home and family as his daughter-in-law and I was glad I got to know him even for a short time.

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*Starr VanderHaeghen,*

*Belvidere, Illinois*

*Contact Me*

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**Starr VanderHaeghen** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *I have fond memories of Rene and Char's days as zoo volunteers. The fun times we all had. Rene's wonderful wit and humorous parodies are things still talked about. I looked forward to the always laugh out loud Christmas letter. Rene, thanks for the memories.*

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*Anna Anderson,*

*Woodbury, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Anna Anderson** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ *Rene's wit and sense of humor made it impossible to be down while around him. It was a Rene/Char team - and now Char will carry the ball. Love to you Char.*

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*Horace & Sharon James,*

*Mesa, Arizona*

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**Horace & Sharon James** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Rene' and I go back to the Armour Research Foundation days, when he set off the exploding scoreboard. I always remember his kindness and curiosity, and humor. Too many others to share here. A good friend. Royce Pipes

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*Royce Pipes,*

*Highland Haven, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Royce Pipes** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Dad sparked my interest in animals, science, food, wine and song; all of which are an integral part of my existence. He was always up for any question and never said he didn't know, because in a few minutes, he could find the answer. I could not be the well rounded person I am without him. Dad accepted his last days with grace, appreciating all he had the good fortune to be given in life. He always said, when the time came, that he hoped the mortician would need a crow bar to get the smile off of his face. I think he achieved his goal. I'll miss you, dad.

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Stacy Simpson,

Bloomington, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Stacy Simpson** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Grandpa Rene was a good man and I feel truly Blessed to have had him in my life. He will be missed!*

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*Brandi Hill,*

*Chadwick, Illinois*

*Contact Me*

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**Brandi Hill** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Rene & Char, Many thanks to you both for your kindness, your knowledge, your acceptance of having French friends. By Rene. We keep in touch Charlotte. With love from Michel & Micheline

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*MIGEON Michel Robert,*

*Coulonges-FRANCE*

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**MIGEON Michel Robert** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Conversation with Dad was always memorable, and usually quite entertaining! He was sharp as a tack, and had a story for every occasion. He was an excellent teacher, and some of my fondest memories are of him reading to us. He didn't read us children's books, except the occasional Hardy Boys. He read to us whatever he was reading. Sci-Fi, drama, etc., and adapted it as he read to hold the attention of young children. I also recall him playing the accordion on a few occasions and singing. He was an avid cat fancier, and I picture him now with his favorite "Fat Thomas" on his lap. He will be sorely missed.

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*Chris Wilson*

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July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“*Char, I am sorry to hear of the loss of Rene. He truly was one of a kind. I will remember his wit and intelligence. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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*Debra Oman,*

*Mounds View*

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**Debra Oman** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“*Char, I am sorry to hear of the loss of Rene. He truly was one of a kind. I will remember his wit and intelligence. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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*Debra Oman,*

*Mounds View, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Debra Oman** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Fond memories of Rene's intellegence, wit and humor. Dem were the days that are sliding away. Condolences to Char and loved ones. Rene is in our thoughts and prayers. Vicki and Tim Carvelli*

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*Tim & Vicki Carvelli,*

*N. St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Tim & Vicki Carvelli** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM