



Rene William Maurice Hughes

Rene would like to let you know that his final race here is complete. He left detailed instructions for Pam and the kids for his final lap. In racing the checkered flag symbolizes the end of the race. Rene threw those checkered flags on the morning of November 27, 2018 at his home on Lake Vermilion.

He was brought into the race world on November 18, 1963 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, by the late George "Ab" Smith and the late Irene Elaine Hughes.

He leaves behind his crew chief, Pamela and his pit crew, Jessica Gustafson (Matt), Jennifer Reynolds (Aaron), Jori Hughes (Randi), his mini crew, Brody, Jude, Sadie, Daisy, Ant, Kate, sisters Donna Christensen (Bob), Elaine Smith, brother Wayne Smith, Aunties Gladys Averill, Ellen Armstrong, Ruth Gray, his buddy and best fan Danny Christensen and his fur babies, Minnie and Oki.

His race has been run and he will now be driving number 21J for life and beyond. He put everything in that last lap, gave it his all, but crossed that line with pride in the most challenging, fearful, stressful, sad, lonely, enduring and determined race of his life. "Racing isn't about how long it takes you to get from the start to the finish, it's the adventure you have along the way, the people you meet, and the unique moments you share".

His final lap will be held on Friday, November 30, 2018, at Green Larsen Mortuary with visitation at 1:00 pm and services at 2:00 pm.

He lived to race and raced to live, so race on and remember, it wasn't cancer that won, Rene won his final race.