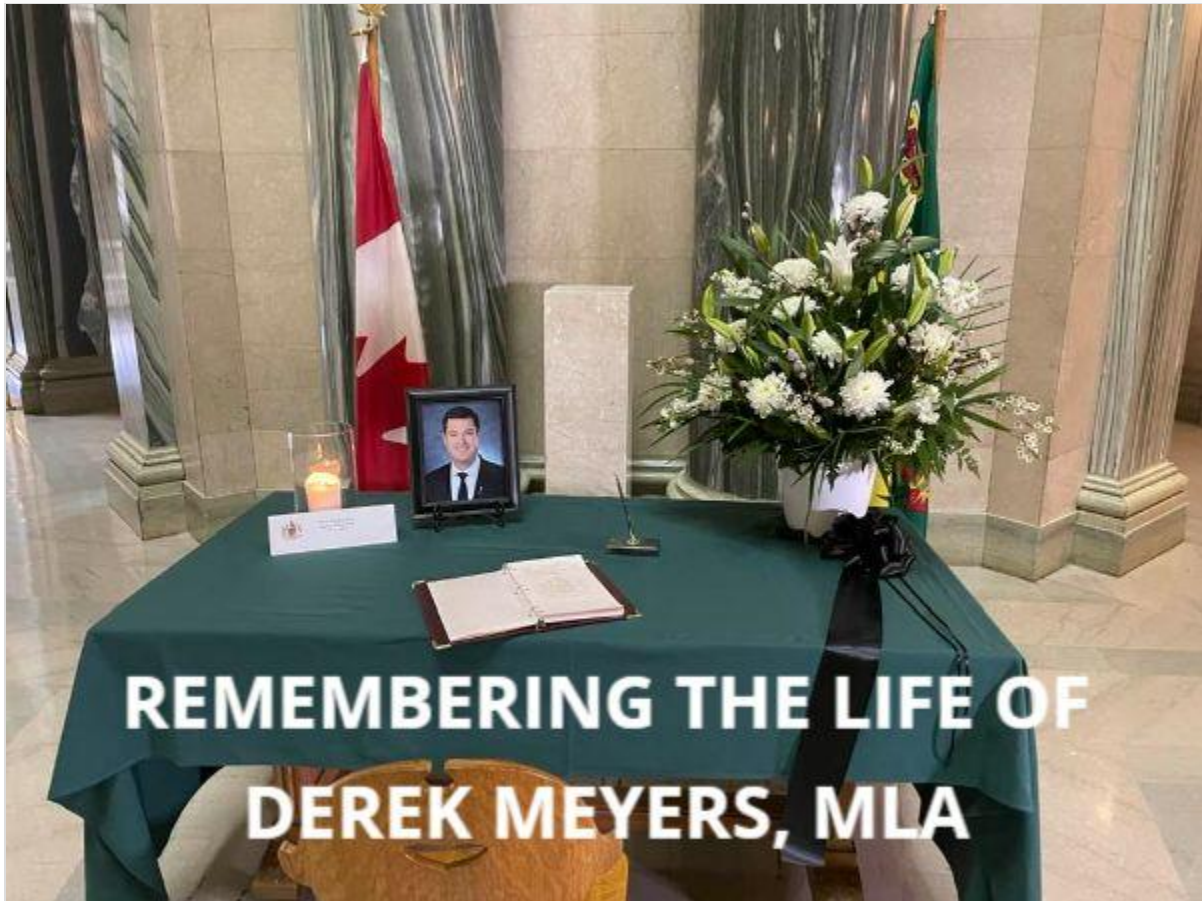


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



Family, Friends and Colleagues are devastated following the loss of an incredible man, Derek Meyers.

This newsletter is dedicated to Derek as we share many tributes pouring in today.

Tuesday, March 28, in recognition of the passing of Derek Meyers, MLA for Regia Walsh Acres, the Assembly adjourned.

**REMEMBERING DEREK MEYERS, MLA FOR REGINA WALSH
ACRES**



Premier Scott Moe, "Today is a difficult day as we mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Derek Meyers, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres. Derek passed away at the age of 45 after a battle with cancer."

Through all of the challenges he faced, Derek remained one of the most upbeat and positive people I have ever met. Since his election in 2020, Derek has been a strong voice for his constituency and the city of Regina, a tireless advocate on behalf of everyone facing mental health challenges and a vital part of our government caucus.

I am blessed to have known Derek for the short time that I did. We have lost a bright, talented, personable MLA and a young father far too soon.

On behalf of our government and our province, I want to express my deepest sympathies to Derek's many friends, his partner Laurie, and his children Dayn, Sebastian and Eisley.

Flags at the Legislative Assembly will be lowered to half-mast in honour of Derek Meyers."

**MEMORIES AND TRIBUTES WILL BE SHARED AT 1:30 PM,
MARCH 29 IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF
SASKATCHEWAN**



Rest in Peace Derek. You will be missed.

You can watch live on your mobile device, online and on television. <https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/.../watch-legislative.../>



Saskatchewan MLA Derek Meyers with his family Dayn, from left, Sebastian, Eisley and his partner Laurie Ireland. Photo courtesy Derek Meyers.

Let's keep working together to keep Saskatchewan strong!

Derek Meyers was the MLA for Regina Walsh Acres and was a member of the Standing Committee on Human Services. He was working hard to represent the people of Walsh Acres, Regina and Saskatchewan.

"Our government's vision is to build a better quality of life, stronger communities and strong families in the province. Saskatchewan's growth plan under the leadership of Premier Scott Moe will do just that over the next decade."

Derek Meyers



MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE - SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS



The Saskatchewan Roughriders are saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Derek Meyers at just 45 years old.

Prior to running for office, Meyers spent a decade covering sports in the province of Saskatchewan and spent countless hours with us at old Mosaic Stadium telling the stories of our players, coaches and team. His quick wit, sense of humour and kindness will be missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of Rider Nation, we send our heartfelt condolences to his friends and family, including his children Dayn, Sebastian, Easley, and his partner Laurie.

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TRIBUTE FROM MEMORIES DINING & BAR



We are so sorry and deeply saddened for the great loss of our great friend Derek Myers
MLA of Walsh Acres

A wonderful human being and a jewel of a person.

Our deepest condolences to his family and friends, especially to Laurie and the kids as
well to his parent's brother and sister.

He will deeply be missed but he will never be forgotten.
May He Rest In Peace and May His Memory be Eternal.

SOME MESSAGES FROM DEREK'S COLLEAGUES



Marv Friesen MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale,: "I am heartbroken to hear of the loss of our remarkable colleague and friend, Derek Meyers, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Derek's family, friends, and others close to him as they mourn this incredible loss".

Laura Ross, MLA for Regina Rochdale, "Derek Meyers loved his job, he loved his city and province, but most of all Derek loved his family. Derek and I had the opportunity to attend so many events together, Derek was the real deal. My condolences to Derek's family he will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend

David Buckingham, MLA, Saskatoon Westview, "Such a sad day losing such a magnificent person today. Derek Meyers was an amazing husband and father who always had a positive attitude and outlook on life. As an MLA he served his constituents with humility and compassion. Derek had an impact on everyone he met and I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace my friend."

Todd Goudy, MLA , Melfort, " Today we lost one of the most positive people I have ever known. We will miss you Derek, and our hearts are with Laurie and the kids. Love you my friend!"

Donna Harpauer, MLA, Humboldt-Watrous, "Today is a difficult day as we mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Derek Meyers, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres. Derek passed away at the age of 45 after a battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with your dear family, friends and colleagues."

Greg Ottenbreit, MLA Yorkton, "A great friend and colleague and an amazing man...and office neighbour... Godspeed brother 🙏

We miss ya already 😞

Rest peacefully, my friend and God grant your family and all whose lives you touched with His comfort ❤️

Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove, "As a colleague, I admired Derek's dedication to public service and the tireless effort he put into making a difference in the lives of those he served. His unwavering commitment to his constituents and the people of this province made many positive changes. Derek is an inspiration to us all. In this time of grief and loss, his family has the support and solidarity of his many colleagues and friends. We shared a love for sports in our province. I will miss him"

Everett Hindley, MLA Swift Current, "Today is a difficult day as we mourn the loss of a great colleague, an amazing father and husband, and a dear friend. Derek Meyers - MLA Walsh Acres was a strong advocate for his constituency, and particularly for mental health as a result of a personal tragedy that impacted his family. Derek was always upbeat and positive - even through his most recent battle that he sadly was not able to win. Miss you, my friend ❤️

Paul Merriman, MLA Saskatoon Silverpring-Sutherland, "

You will be missed Duke. I hope you're teeing it up (up there) and lacing one down the pike."

Lisa Lambert, MLA Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood "May you rest in peace, Derek. Your courage, strength, and optimism were an inspiration to us all.

Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition, "A truly devastating day here at the Legislature. Our hearts go out to Derek's family, friends, and colleagues as we all grieve this loss. I want to echo the Premier's sentiments about Derek's positivity and his ability to always elicit a hearty laugh. He will be sorely missed."



CTV NEWS STORY Derek Meyers, the MLA for Regina Walsh Acres, has died following a battle with cancer, according to the province.

He was 45-years-old.

Premier Scott Moe announced the news in a post to social media on Tuesday.

“Today is a difficult day as we mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Derek Meyers, MLA for Regina Walsh Acres,” the tweet read.

Moe referred to Meyers as a “strong voice for his constituency” and a “tireless advocate” for those facing mental health challenges.

“Through all of the challenges he faced, Derek remained one of the most upbeat and positive people I have ever met,” Moe added in his message.

Meyers was originally elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 2020.

He began his working life in the oilfields of southeast Saskatchewan.

Meyers eventually moved onto geological exploration and consulting for a number of years before attending the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) for broadcasting in 2005.

Following his graduation, he spent almost 10 years covering sports across the province for Global Regina.

Deputy premier Donna Harpauer notified the house of Meyer's passing, describing him as "a man who truly served his province well."

"He will be missed by all," she said.

Out of respect for Meyers and his family, Tuesday's sitting of the legislature was adjourned.

Sask. NDP Leader Carla Beck also shared her condolences in a message over social media.

"Derek was a dedicated advocate for his community, even throughout his diagnosis, and his passion for the betterment of Saskatchewan was admired by all who had the pleasure of knowing him," the message read.

"I want to echo the Premier's sentiments about Derek's positivity and his ability to always elicit a hearty laugh."

"He will be sorely missed."

Flags will be lowered to half mast at the legislative assembly in honour of Meyers.

In recognition of his sports reporting career, the Saskatchewan Roughriders released a message of condolence.

"Prior to running for office, Meyers spent a decade covering sports in the province of Saskatchewan and spent countless hours with us at old Mosaic Stadium telling the stories of our players, coaches and team," the message read.

"His quick wit, sense of humour and kindness will be missed by all who knew him."

BOOK OF CONDOLENCES



**AT THE LEGISLATURE, FLAGS ARE LOWERED TO HALF-MAST
IN HONOUR OF DEREK MEYERS**



Story credit Brooke Kruger

GLOBAL NEWS STORY: Saskatchewan legislature member and former Global News broadcaster Derek Meyers has passed away after a battle with cancer.

The 45-year-old's death was announced Tuesday at the legislature, putting the rest of the day's proceedings on hold. A memorial was held in the afternoon.

Flags were lowered to half-mast.

Meyers was the MLA for Regina's Walsh Acres after being elected in 2020.

"Derek has been a strong voice for his constituency and the city of Regina, a tireless advocate on behalf of everyone facing mental health challenges and a vital part of our government caucus," read a social media post from Premier Scott Moe.

"I am blessed to have known Derek for the short time that I did. We have lost a bright, talented, personable MLA and a young father far too soon."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BELL PHOTOGRAPHY /Regina Leader-Post

Saskatoon StarPhoenix: Former colleagues in politics and media are celebrating the legacy of Saskatchewan Party MLA Derek Meyers who died after a battle with cancer. He was 45.

Meyers, a former sports reporter elected as MLA for Regina Walsh Acres in 2020, was a “tireless advocate on behalf of everyone facing mental health challenges and a vital part of our government caucus,” Moe said.

NDP Leader Carla Beck echoed Moe’s sentiments, calling Meyers a “dedicated advocate for his community, even throughout his diagnosis.”

Likewise, CJME sportscaster Jamie Nye tweeted, “He fought so hard. He loved so hard. Now go be w/ your beautiful angel.”

And another former sportscaster Mitchell Blair wrote, “I had many good laughs with “Duke” over the years from his days at Global and co-hosting Sportscage with me My sympathies to all of those that knew him, He was an original.”

Days before the election writ dropped in 2020, Meyers' daughter Teigha died by suicide at the age of 17.

When Meyers was officially sworn in on Nov. 9, 2020, he carried in his hands the New Testament that Teigha had with her for her first communion.

"She's here every day with me and I've always said, 'She's my light' and she will continue to be," [Meyers later the Leader-Post for a profile later that year.](#) "She's going to be the light for many others because her legacy will hopefully affect somebody out there."

He said he hoped to be one of the voices in the government for those struggling with mental illness.

Eight days after he was elected, Meyers and his partner, Laurie Ireland, welcomed their newborn daughter Eisley.

Justice Minister Christine Tell recalled fond memories with Meyers during the 2020 campaign.

"He was just so positive about his work, positive about his life, his family," Tell told Canadian Press on Tuesday. "He was someone that could talk to anybody at any time about anything."

Tell said she remembered Meyers going through a tough time after his daughter's death.

However, she said Meyers was committed to his advocacy and work.

"He was really one of a kind," she said.

Raised on a farm near Midale, Meyers came from a family involved in oil exploration and production.

He initially started out in the oilfields before becoming a geologist, but eventually moved into sports. He became a household name in Regina while serving as a sports reporter and anchor with Global TV for nearly 10 years.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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