

**PARTING GLASS - House of Doc**

Oh all the money that e'er I had  
I spent it in good company  
And all the harm that e'er I've done  
Alas, it was to none but me  
I came to Jesus as I was  
So weary, worn and sad  
I found in him my resting place  
And oh how he has made me glad  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one,  
lay down your head upon my breast"  
And all I've done for want of wit  
To memory now I can't recall  
So fill to me the parting glass  
Goodnight and joy be to you all  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give the living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live"  
So fill to me the parting glass  
And drink to health whate'er may fall  
Then gently rise and softly call  
Goodnight and joy be to you all  
Oh all the kin that e'er I've had  
Are sorry for my going away  
And all the comrades that e'er I've had  
Would wish me one more day to stay  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
In him my guide, my star, my sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk until my traveling days are done  
And since it came unto my lot  
That I should rise and you should not  
I'll gently rise and softly call  
Goodnight and joy be with you all

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
RUSS NEUFELD  
January 16, 1977 - January 21, 2017



Hesston Mennonite Church  
Hesston, KS  
Friday, January 27, 2017 @ 3pm

A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF  
RUSS NEUFELD

**Prelude:** Ne'er Do Wells  
Including photo slide show

**Welcome :** Rachel Ringenberg Miller, Pastor, Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS

**Hymn:** *I Bind My Heart This Tide* #411 HWB  
Led by Greg Nickel

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:1-3 & 1st Corinthians 13:4-13  
Read by Ronda Doman and Duane Duerksen

**Special Music:** Friends of Kendra - *One Voice*

**Life Story:**  
Read by Ryan, Rachel and Kendra Neufeld

**Special Music:** Friends of Kendra - *Wanting Memories*

**Meditation:** Rachel Ringenberg Miller

**Hymn:** *My Life Flows on* #580 HWB  
Greg Nickel

**Closing/prayer:** *Parting Glass* - House of Doc  
Rachel Ringenberg Miller

**Postlude:** Music by the Steel Wheels

**\* After the service, please join us for a reception with an open mic for sharing. Ushers will guide you by rows following the family.**

Russ Neufeld 1977-2017

Russell Lee Neufeld, "Russ", finished running his race on January 21st, 2017, at home in Newton, KS, surrounded by family and friends, with his band playing music for him. He fought lymphoma for 18 months with an inquisitive mind, courageous heart, stubborn will and graceful soul, maintaining his positive spirit and concern for others right to his last hours. Russ was born in Killarney, MB, Canada, on January 16, 1977, and lived in several locations in Canada before meeting Kendra (Duerksen) Neufeld, the love of his life, at Hesston College, KS in 1995. They were married in 1999, and after some years in Harrisonburg, VA, they settled in Newton, KS, to start a family. Their children, Ethan and Natalie, were the great joy in his life and he beamed with pride watching them grow and share his love of music and learning. Russ earned an Associates degree from Hesston College, Hesston, KS and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. Russ had many and varied jobs throughout his life, but his most rewarding and influential were Recording Engineer, Web Architect, and Network Administrator with Mennonite Media/Mennonite Mission Network, and most recently, IT Director at Hesston College. Russ lived life with an open hand, and had many hobbies and interests, including: music (he was a member of 5 bands), hockey, motorcycles, Highland Games, brewing, and reading, to name just a few. He was a student of life, learning much, and passing much along to others. He is preceded in death by two grandfathers John Siemens and Peter Neufeld, one grandmother Mary Siemens, and brother-in-law Corey Harder. He is survived by his wife Kendra Neufeld, children Ethan Neufeld and Natalie Neufeld, parents Clare and Bev Neufeld, brother Ryan Neufeld, sister Rachel Neufeld, grandmothers Eva Neufeld and Mary Siemens, siblings-in-law Sara Neufeld, Duane and Janna Duerksen, and Max and Ronda Doman, 5 nieces and nephews, a large extended family and an even larger circle of friends. Russ will be remembered by the many who loved him as an old soul despite his short years. He had a knack for drawing out the best in others and set an example of how to live a life directed by honesty, sharing, learning and above all else... love. For his 40th birthday his final request was that we spread that love for "it is the only thing in this world that endures." (Russ Neufeld) His memorial service will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church, on Friday January 27, 2017 at 3:00 pm with reception and open mic to follow. Memorial donations are suggested to Hesston College, PO Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062-8901 or online <http://www.hesston.edu/development/giving/> . Please designate "Russ Neufeld Memorial".