

# Dan Norton

(1963 - 2010)



*The Calgary geophysical community lost one of its finest with the passing of Dan Norton on May 13, 2010. Dan was well known and respected throughout the industry. After graduating from the University of Calgary with a geophysics degree in 1990, he accepted a job at CGG as a seismic processor. In 1995 he moved over to Geo-X Systems (subsequently Divestco), where he worked right up until his death. For over ten years he fought a courageous battle against multiple myeloma, yet never allowed the cancer to define him, rather letting his work, actions and values speak for themselves. He inspired those who knew him in many ways. He is survived by his wife Tracy Snell and his three children Christopher, Nicole, and Rachel.*

*Dan truly loved geophysics, and absorbed it with a passion. Every project was a learning experience, and right to the end he was still eagerly adding to his knowledge. He was a true student of the science and art of seismic processing. He never took shortcuts, and put a level of thought and attention into every project that will be difficult to match. He achieved the highest possible recognition – the respect of his peers for being one of the best in the business.*

*Dan's work ethic was legendary, and was borne out of an honest love for seismic processing, pride in his work, a certain perfectionism, and once he was diagnosed with cancer, a desire to not leave his children financially compromised. Work gave him the structure and focus that kept him going through his health battles, and offered him an avenue to demonstrate his love for his children, as he strove to be the best possible provider for them, now and in the future.*

*Dan did not want to be known as a person with cancer; he wanted to be known as a good person. In fact, he would have been annoyed at the mention of cancer in this obituary. Yet the way Dan attacked cancer head on with all the weapons at his disposal – humour (often off-colour), grace, willpower, confidence and sheer determination - and extended his life by over ten years was truly inspirational and must be mentioned. He never complained about his situation, and never used it as an excuse. Each successive cycle of chemotherapy and remission made him more and more of a statistical outlier, yet he never lost his confidence and zeal for life, and he never threw in the towel.*



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*Above all, Dan will be remembered as an intelligent, funny, thoughtful, caring person, and a really great guy to be around. Those of us who had the privilege to work with Dan and know him are truly blessed, and his loss is deeply felt by all of us.*

*Submitted by Oliver Kuhn, with Mike Perz and Laurie Ross*