

WILLIAM GERALD HOTOMANIE

(March 25, 1977 – October 6, 2021)

As a young boy, Will Hotomanie, and his family, moved into the Sunalta area, where he soon discovered the Calgary Tennis Club, and a passion for tennis. Over the years, Will was taught by many of the club's pros, and he spent countless hours honing his skills on the backboard and courts. A gifted athlete, Will could mimic the strokes of his coaches, and the players he'd eagerly watch on TV, and eventually he perfected the strokes of his idol, Roger Federer.

In the late 1990's, due to his passion for tennis, great strokes, playing ability, knowledge of the game, and rapport with the youngsters hanging out at the CTC, as he had done, Will was encouraged to take up coaching tennis, which he did at first by helping with the CTC's summer camps. Will quickly realized that teaching and coaching tennis was what he was meant to do, and he absolutely excelled at it for over 20 years. His students, young and old, whether at the CTC, Aforza, or the Lakeshore Club in Saskatoon, all loved their time on court with him, and had fun while learning from a true master.

Will was known for his great laugh, as well as a love for comedy and music, with U2 having been his favorite band. In younger days, Will was the drummer for the local band "Mayfly", and in the winter he played hockey, where he reached the Midget AAA level, and continued playing well as an adult. Will was an Open level tennis player with many tournament successes and titles in Alberta and Saskatchewan, but he still enjoyed playing with players of all levels, often amazing them with his great touch during a match, and warmup serves that spun some ten feet over the net but still landed in!

Tragically, Will developed several serious health issues, including a heart condition and diabetes, and these contributed to his death not long after giving his last lessons at the CTC in the summer of 2021. Will was one of almost everybody's favorite people at the CTC, and he will be long remembered at the club for his friendliness, passion for tennis, sense of fun, and awesome coaching. He was a true CTC legend.

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