



We thank all of you who joined the farewell ceremony, either in person or at a distance, and/or sent flowers or a card. Your presence, thoughts and words were heart warming and deeply appreciated.

Egbert was an open, honest and direct person and that was also how he dealt with his disease. He shared the course of the disease and bad news openly with others. Coping, fighting and keeping hope is not possible without the support of friends, family and colleagues. We wish to thank all of you who helped him and us with this in the last four years from the bottom of our heart.

His last year was a strange year due to the pandemic. Hardly being able to meet with Peter and Emma, except via Skype. Not having fun with friends and family, not seeing any colleagues. No more eating out or enjoying a cup of coffee in our favourite café. We were extremely careful. Yet, Bert never complained. 'We are not the only ones in this boat', he used to say.

He continued to throw himself into work, could happily sit on the couch playing guitar, play (chess) games on his phone, tinker with his model railway, devote himself to painting - his latest hobby - or enjoy one of our regular forest walks. However, all of this took more and more of his energy the last few months.

He was himself until the very end, which comforts us. Positive, optimistic and funny. We miss him so much.

Janet, Peter, Mark

The memorial site is still active and we have gathered pictures here as well as a recording from a musical performance at Ferring [Bert van der Meulen på Våra Minnessidor \(varaminnessidor.se\)](https://www.varaminnessidor.se)