



Mr. A. Wayne McCracken

April 8, 1944 - February 15, 2015

Wayne McCracken passed away on February 15 at the age of 70. He passed away peacefully in his home under the caring eyes of his best friend Pilsner (his dog).

Wayne was known for his larger than life personality, his sense of humor and his unique perspective on life. Despite his gruff exterior, Wayne was deeply sentimental and had a strong commitment to his family. He lost his wife in April 2014 which only strengthened his bond with his children and grandchildren.

Born in the small community of Fredericton Junction, NB, Wayne moved out West spending time in BC and Alberta. In 1980, he settled in High River, Ab where he spent the rest of his days.

He leaves behind his two sons, Rob and Greg, along with their respective families, Kim, Atlas and Sage, and Deirdre, Connor and Caitlin. He will be missed.

A Celebration of Wayne's Life was held on Sunday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Highwood Golf & Country Club in High River. To send condolences and view Wayne's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life Service** 02:00PM

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Highwood Golf & Country Club

400 7th Street NW, High River, AB, CA

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - February 24, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. Wayne McCracken



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - April 19, 2015 at 12:23 AM



“ Rob and Greg and families please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your Dad. I apologize for not writing sooner, but I just returned from being south for the winter and only learned of Wayne’s passing this morning.

I can assure you he made a profound difference in my life and for that I will be forever grateful. In the late ‘60’s I had quit school and while between jobs at the local smelter I was pumping gas at the gas station across the street from the local RCMP office. Your Dad had recently arrived in town and one evening while I was filling his police car we talked, mostly about my future. He suggested I return to school and, like he had, join the RCMP. Later that night as I was locking up he pulled in and invited me for a ride-a-long, the first of many. With his encouragement I did return to school and submitted an application. The rest, as they say, is history.

In 2003 I retired from the RCMP after a 35 year career, which included promotions to Corporal and Sergeant, a posting as an instructor at the Training Academy as well as 2 overseas tours, one in Haiti and another in Sierra Leone. Had it not been for your Dad’s guidance and encouragement I feel I would have been destined to spend my life as a labourer at the local smelter or pulp mill.

I have often wondered what ever became of Wayne as we had both left town and lost touch, of course, there was no email or texting in “the old days”. He again crossed my mind while I was away this winter. I was sitting on the patio with a cold drink and he again came to mind. Was it February 15th? I can’t say it was, but it was recently.

Thomas Lamond, Sgt. (Ret'd)

Thomas Lamond - March 27, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ Wayne and I shared lots of laughs, ideas and beers as young officers in the CPS. I can still remember some sage advice he gave me...."too much introspection will make you sick"...a product of his psychology schooling, no doubt. It was good advice for us both, I think.

Dennis Lapierre
S/Sgt. retired
CPS#1290

Dennis Lapierre - February 27, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ It is with profound sadness that I learned through the Calgary Police Veterans website of Wayne's passing. What a flood of memories swept over me of our Calgary Police 'Force' recruit class (#53) from 1973. Wayne was senior man and truly the leader of a diverse class of individuals taking Police training in a Community College (Mount Royal). Very intelligent and knowledgeable, he could go head to head with anyone, including the college's psychologist. Certainly a unique personality with an infectious laugh. We lost track over the years but please know, Rob, Greg and family, that your Dad/grandpa was well thought of and respected. Sincere condolences,

Rod Jarvis
Sergeant Retired
CPS #1627

Rod Jarvis - February 22, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Rob and Greg, I was shocked and saddened to hear of your dad's passing. I hope you guys will be okay. I loved your dad's big boisterous ways and he always had some interesting thoughts to share in a funny way. Your parents were great neighbours on Sullivan Road- you could always count on a smile and a wave. Cherish the memories, guys, they were great people and will be missed. Take care of yourselves. Brian Erickson

Brian Erickson - February 22, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Wayne McCracken. Growing up in the Maritimes in the 1950's, I used to periodically visit my cousins in Fredericton Junction. During our early teens, Wayne's siblings and I often played the then relatively new but interminable game of Monopoly. One time Wayne, who was 6 to 9 years younger than his two sisters and me, asked to play as well. Due to the age difference, we only hesitatingly agreed but were indeed amazed when Wayne won hands down each and every succeeding game in which he participated over the next few years. I didn't see Wayne again until early 1981, and then only briefly, a few weeks after I arrived in Calgary. Unfortunately, despite some unsuccessful attempts to get together, our paths never crossed again. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his recent demise - he left us all far too early. May he rest in peace. - Neil H. Wade, cousin.

Neil Wade - February 21, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ Well I will miss your thinking of what life should be like. Also your funny jokes that you remember from the past and the way you drink beer and always leave some in the bottle but why. My only wish is you did not suffer at the end of your time with us. Ziggy.

ziggy valtins - February 21, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Greg and Rob and your families, and sisters Garda and Norma. on the sudden passing of. Wayne. We remember fondly high schools days at Sunbury West High School and him playing the guitar. May God Bless you all at this sad time.

Sincerely,
Dianne Olive {Noble} and Doreen Evans {Noble}

Dianne Olive - February 18, 2015 at 07:08 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy go out to Greg, Rob and other family members. Wayne was indeed unique and sorry that his life is over so soon, but may he rest in peace now.

Connie Jewell - February 18, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ Gordon & Ann Marshman lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. Wayne McCracken



Gordon & Ann Marshman - February 17, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ I am going to miss Wayne as my awesome and unique neighbor and friend. Up until recently we had weekly dinners, glasses of wine and obnoxious text messages. Which he learnt how to do during the flood. He said between rob, Greg and I we gave him carpal tunnel
Wayne had a huge heart, he was always there to listen and made me laugh I will really miss him. Big hugs to all his family
Jacquie

jacquie randle - February 17, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. Wayne McCracken



Sharon Doll - February 17, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ Good-bye long time friend. Wayne was indeed a unique character - quick-witted, entertaining, controversial. Family was very important to him - my sympathy to Greg, Rob and families, Garda, Norma and families. May memories of Wayne's humor provide some solace at this difficult time, Shirley MacKillop (McLean)

Shirley McLean - February 17, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ Craig & Lindsay Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. Wayne McCracken



Craig & Lindsay Snodgrass - February 16, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family and sister Garda. We have fond memories of our visits with him. I still have the shot gun that I got from him many years ago. He was a man to be proud of. Sincerely, Bob Slack.

Bob Slack - February 15, 2015 at 11:01 PM