



Mr. Arthur Donald Cates

December 9, 1932 - June 11, 2021

Art Cates of Claresholm, Alberta passed away peacefully at Intercare Chinook Care Centre on June 11, 2021 at the age of 88 years. A huge void has been left in our hearts and our lives.

Art is survived by his wife Darla Cates and children Brad (Laura) Cates, Crystal Cates; step-children Carmin Gajecki, Mark (Debbie) Marshall, Denise Marshall; grandchildren, Danny Hamilton, Chad (Tina) Keller, Tyler Keller, Elizabeth (Jon) Anderson, Rebecca (Jeff) Renfrow, Sarah Gajecki, Leah Gajecki and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law and good friends Martin Belmont and Paul Reinholt. Art was predeceased by his parents Howard and Mary Cates; Siblings Lila (Deb) Todd, Margaret Reinholt, Phylliss Belmont and Gerald Cates.

Art was born December 9, 1932 in Cereal, Alberta. The family moved to Calgary in 1950. He was an autobody mechanic by trade. Art loved to golf in the summer and curl in the winter. Good luck beating him at crib! And then there were the family nights playing canasta. He was such a happy guy and laughed with his whole body. If you had the chance to meet him, then you were a friend. The nicest man you could ever meet and a true gentleman. Big man, big laugh, big heart.

In lieu of a funeral the family have decided to do a memorial day at the Stavely Golf Course, with a date to follow. If you do not golf, we will have crib boards, the horse race game and cards for canasta.

The memorial service will be held at a later date. For more details, please email Carmin at mom_of_two2@hotmail.com.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
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Comments



“ The Royal Canadian Legion, Nanton Branch 80 extend our sincere condolences on the passing of Art.

When he briefly was a member in Nanton, he participated in District 6 Shuffleboard matches representing the Nanton Branch in Mixed & .Men's Pair games.

An accomplished card player, he was also very very good at Shuffleboard as well. His enthusiasm & laughter was all in good fun - and a good shot.

We did not have a great deal of time to know Art, but "We will remember him".

Nanton, Branch 80 - June 19 at 09:48 PM



“ We will miss Arts big smile and he always had something funny to tell. We loved playing cards against him

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“ Brad, Crystal Darla and extended family,

We grew up in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, so we rarely saw much of our aunts, uncles and cousins. What I remember of Uncle Art was that he always had a joke and drove some of the niftiest cars.

Howard and Debbie Reinholdt

Howard Reinholdt - June 14 at 08:41 PM



“ Brad, Crystal, Darla and families,

Please accept my deepest condolences. Uncle Art was a legend and always fun to visit with. I didn't see him often, but always enjoyed spending time with him when possible.

Cherish your memories, he will always be watching over you.

Debbi (Todd) Tremblay



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