



Mr. Clarence Stabler

June 5, 1942 - January 2, 2015

Clarence Stabler of Millarville, Alberta passed away at the Foothills Hospital on January 2nd, 2015 at the age of 72 years. Clarence is survived by his wife Lorretta of 33 years, daughter Carrie (Peter) Taylor, son Mark (Heidi) Stabler, son Rory (Antra) Stabler, and son Dean (Candace) Stabler; grandchildren Mitchell Taylor, Leah and Sydney Stabler; sisters Gladys Willett and Bernice Villeneuve, and brother Alvin Stabler. Clarence was predeceased by his parents Albert and Martha Stabler and his brother Bill Stabler.

For Clarence, family came first. There was never any hesitation if a project needed working on or someone needed a helping hand he was always there. He ensured his free time was spent with his children and grandchildren, and was happiest with his family.

He was a car enthusiast who owned and restored several antique cars, but his pride and joy was his 1939 Ford. He lovingly restored this vehicle which he purchased from his grandfather and restored to new.

Clarence was an avid hockey fan who would travel anywhere any time to watch one of his three boys play. Later, he truly enjoyed watching his grandchildren play in their sports and shared their love of competition.

After a trip to Norway, he and Lorretta discovered the love of travel. They made several trips to the southern USA as snowbirds and were looking forward to taking the truck and trailer to enjoy the winter in the sun.

He and Lorretta loved living in the Millarville area and were proud members of the community for the past 30 plus years. Clarence was a consistent supporter of the Millarville Community School, volunteered at many events at the Millarville Racetrack, and often drove a bus for local senior groups.

His passing will leave a void in the hearts of all who knew him. Clarence will be remembered for his easy smile, warm heart, love of conversation, willingness to lend a

helping hand and his deep integrity.

A Celebration of Clarence's Life was held at Millarville Christ Church on Wednesday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow at the Millarville Racetrack Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please make a donation to a charity of their choice in Clarence's name.

To send condolences and view Clarence's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Comments



“ Dear Loretta ~

We were stunned and saddened to read of Clarence's passing when we returned from holidays. We are beyond words to express our sympathy to you and so sorry we weren't here for the service at the Racetrack. Please know that you will be in our thoughts but, more importantly, please call if you need any help. Clarence will be missed at the Fair meetings and around the Racetrack. The only memories we have are fond ones of Clarence.

We are so sorry for your loss.

John & Jill Dakers

Jill Dakers - January 18, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ Dear Loretta and family,

My sincere sympathy in the loss of Clarence. Your many memories will be his lasting legacy.

Sincerely,
Marillyn Ikebuchi

marillyn ikebuchi - January 15, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ Dear Loretta, Dean and family,

It's with such sadness to learn of Clarence's passing. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Clarence was so kind and friendly to us when we first moved here, and it was always a pleasure visiting with him. He will be fondly remembered not just by us, but by all the lives in the community he touched.

With our deepest sympathy,
Colin, Rebecca, Thomas, and Josh

Rebecca Bakoway - January 12, 2015 at 07:30 PM



“ Dear Loretta, Dean and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. It was always such a pleasure to see you at the rink and Millarville, and have a good old "chin wag". Our thoughts and prayer with you all.
Greg and Barb Davenport

barb davenport - January 12, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Dear Loretta and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Your husband (dad) will be missed more than words can say, and far more than your hearts should have to feel. May his continued love be your comfort,
With deepest sympathy, Linda & Les Karg

Linda Karg - January 10, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ Christine Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Stabler



Christine Johnson - January 10, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Loretta and Family:
We are so so sorry to hear the news about Clarence. Tip and I were just wondering if we were going to be able to meet up again in Arizona. What a wonderful visit and catch up we had with you two last year, just like we hadn't even missed a year or two. Clarence was like that you ran into him and you were visiting with him like you saw him every day! Noel remembers him as "Dean's Dad" and said he still remembers being so excited to go stay at the Stablers! We are sending big hugs to all of you he was just a terrific guy!!!

Xo xo Tip, Chris, Travis, Breanna and Noel Johnson

Christine Johnson - January 10, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ Im so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr and Mrs. Stabler were always so kind to us when we lived in Millarville. Clarnce helped us with our garbage and they would invite us over to pick veggies from the garden. We are thinking of you Loretta, of your children and grandchildren at this time. Our prayers are with you. Love The Simard Family
OXOXO

nicki simard - January 10, 2015 at 12:40 AM



“ Carrie,
Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Mom saw it in the High River Times and passed the news on to me. My thoughts are with you.
Janelle Schmitt and family

janelle schmitt - January 09, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ Carrie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence Stabler



Carrie Taylor - January 09, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ Dear Carrie and family,
It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of your father whom we had the pleasure of meeting, although only briefly, a few times during his visits to you. Please accept our deepest condolences to you, your family and to Mitchell who has lost a grandfather. We are here for you if we can do help in any way.
Muriel and Rob

Muriel Rosilio - January 09, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ Dear Loretta & Family: Many years have passed since meeting Clarence, likely at a Parent-Teacher Interview to discuss Carrie in junior high @ Senator Riley and sharing the boards & bleachers as we cheered for Mark goaltending an important game. He was a great Dad & always paused to visit with a friend. What a positive example he was to many people in a variety of roles. Kindly accept our deepest & sincere condolences...time will dull your sense of loss but the ripples of his passing will reach numerous shores.
Most sincerely, Don & Joanne McCuaig.

Don & Joanne McCuaig - January 09, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear Mark and Carrie,

We are sorry to hear the passing of your father, our sincere thoughts and prayers to you both.

Love Diane, Kit and Family

Diane - January 08, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ Dear Carrie, Mark and family,

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Thinking of you guys!

Love Donna, Mike, Evan and Deklan

Donna Short - January 08, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Loretta and Family,

From our family to yours, you are all in our thoughts. We have never seen a more caring and loving man, always there - for his wife, family and community. We cherish our memories. Doug and Helen Jones

Doug and Helen Jones - January 08, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ Lorretta and Family,
We are sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. Our sincere thoughts and prayers to all of you. He was such a kind and generous person. So glad to have had the honour to know him. (Still appreciate all the driving he did for hockey. All the boys did appreciate him too)
Paul and Irene Leavitt

Irene - January 08, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Today we heard that Clarence had passed away...sad and shocking. Both Clarence and Lorretta were such a great support to me as a new, young teacher in Millarville. He will always be remembered by me as "The Chipman", the greatest man in the world to a chip junkie! He always had great stories, whether it be about his cars or more importantly his family. Sorry to have missed today's celebration of his life. We are thinking of all of you. Bill & Cheryl Holmes

Bill & Cheryl Holmes - January 07, 2015 at 11:32 PM



“ Lorretta and family, my thoughts are with you, he was a caring and kind person with a big heart for his family and this community. Lorretta I will always remember you two as my first soccer coaches!

Krista (Dawson) Tincher

Krista Tincher - January 07, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ My dear friend Loretta, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Clarence was always great about starting up a conversation, be it at school, in the community or playing in the play ground with your lovely grandchildren. The love for his family was very evident. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Much love and many hugs.
Lisa, Mike, Kinnie, Tristan, Skylar and Keegan Willis

lisa willis - January 07, 2015 at 09:32 PM



“ Loretta and family, We are so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. We had such a good visit with him at Appreciation night. Our thoughts are with you. Anne, Barney , Doug, Jim and Nathali Mackay

anne mackay - January 07, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ Lorretta, I was truly shocked to hear of Clarence's passing. My heart goes out to you & your family at this very difficult time. Your community will be there to support you & your memories will keep you strong. Take good care of yourself. Sincerely Judy Cheesman

Judy Cheesman - January 07, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Loretta, Dean, and family
We are saddened to hear of your loss. Clarence met you with a smile and was always up for a chat about hockey or anything for that matter. It is with heavy hearts we send our condolences.
Rawn & Tim Sexsmith & family

Rawn & Tim Sexsmith - January 07, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ Dear Carrie,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My heart goes out to you and your family.
Sincerely, Cathy Couey

Cathy Couey - January 07, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Lorretta,
Sending you all our love today. Our hearts are just broken over the loss of our father and grandfather.
Heidi, Leah, Sydney
Xoxo

Heidi Leah Sydney - January 07, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ Lorretta,

I was so sorry to hear of Clarence's passing. I really enjoyed getting to know him, and was appreciative of his kindness and generosity to myself and the school. In particular, I enjoyed our chats about classic cars! We will miss him dearly.

Sincerely,
Ryan Hayden

Ryan Hayden - January 06, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ Hi Lorretta

As someone who kind of grew up with Clarence's and your family, I have nothing but great memories of a man who cared about his family and was passionate in his interests. Whether he was supporting Rory or Dean in their hockey endeavours or sharing how proud he was of the achievements of Mark and Carrie, there was never any doubt that they were his first priority. Later on, of course, you could add grandchildren to his most cherished people. I remember many long discussions with Clarence about the great times in hockey and even some of the not so great times. When he wasn't talking hockey, I often saw him volunteering or doing whatever he could to be supportive of the school in Millarville. And yes, if there was nothing else to talk about at the moment in those areas of interest for him, you could likely count on having a long discussion about classic cars. I know he was well-respected in the High Country, among members of the local and regional hockey community, and even when I worked at Blackie, I often heard some fond stories of Clarence working in that area from time to time. Although I hadn't seen him as often recently, I counted him as a friend and he will be deeply missed by me and my family.

Sincerely
Bill Cunningham

Bill Cunningham - January 06, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ Dear Loretta,

I am Antra's Aunt and you were kind enough to invite me and my friend Jane to dinner when we were in Calgary. We had a lovely evening and I always thought we would meet again and do a bushwalk together.

Clarence, was thoughtful, full of wisdom and fun. Thank you Clarence.

May time help you live with your sorrow.

Xx

Colin and Ruta Asimus
Sydney Australia

Ruta Asimus - January 06, 2015 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,

We send our heart felt condolences on the passing of Clarence. It was an honor to have known such a great person and he will be missed by many as he touched so many lives. He was an outgoing person, we always enjoyed his visits. He was also a wonderful grandfather to Leah and Sydney, always showing special interest in all their activities. He is missed.

May God embrace you in comfort & peace during this difficult time. -

Peter & Frieda Renz

Peter & Frieda Renz - January 06, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,

We were taken aback when we saw the announcement in the paper. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Shirley and Wolfgang Janke

Wolfgang Janke - January 06, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,
My heart goes out to you on the loss of your Clarence. May you find courage and peace for the road ahead.

Pam Hayward

Pamela Hayward - January 06, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,
I am so deeply saddened at the sudden loss of your soul mate, husband and best friend. I will always remember Clarence's warm smile, his laughter and his ability to make everyone he spoke with feel so special. Clarence always liked to share how proud he was of his children, grandchildren and especially you Lorretta. You were loved by a very special man. May fond memories and the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.
You are in my thoughts and prayers,
Barb Martin

Barbara Martin - January 05, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ Dear Stabler Family,
I send my deepest condolences to you and your loved ones. I will never forget 'Mr.Stabler', his smile, warm and bright spirit and willingness to always make a funny or sarcastic joke, usually aimed at Dean. You are in my thoughts.

Holly R - January 05, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ Dear Lorretta and family,

We were so shocked at the sudden loss of Clarence, a dear friend to everyone Millarville Community School. It was always a pleasure when Clarence made one of his regular visits to the staffroom or office and he always lit up the room with his smile and stories. Thank-you Clarence for always putting others first and for your generous sprit. You will be missed.

With sympathy,
Glenn Gibson

Glenn Gibson - January 05, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ Lorretta and family,

Millarville Community School is in mourning for the passing of Clarence. He was such a dedicated supporter of our school and a friend to all here. He was a caring and happy person who brightened our days when he popped in for a visit. To you, Lorretta, we send our deepest love and sympathy. We feel so honoured to have known Clarence and to have had him as part of our lives. We have made January "caring" month and we will use many stories of Clarence as examples of how to live life in a caring and positive way. All of our hearts are with you at this time.

With love and deepest sympathy,
Karla Davis

Karla Davis - January 05, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ The Mosby Family has such precious memories of Mr. Stabler. Whether it was hockey, Millarville School or being the chip guy. He was a fabulous man who made life brighter with his smile. We hope you feel all the love and support that surrounds you all

The Mosby Family

chryssy mosby - January 05, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,

My heart breaks for you at the sudden loss of your dear companion and soul mate, Clarence. He was such a kind and gentle man and always went the extra mile to lend a helping hand. I always enjoyed our chats when he would drop in at the school. He was full of energy and enthusiasm and always wore a smile. I will truly miss him. I am so very sorry for your loss Lorretta, and hope that the love and support of your family and friends will sustain you at this most difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Much love, Wendy Gregson

Wendy Gregson - January 05, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ Dear Loretta,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Clarence was such a kind and supportive presence in the community and a positive role model for so many young people. I can only imagine how deeply he will be missed and I send my condolences to you and your family.

You are in my thoughts.

Carol Webb and Family

Carol Webb - January 05, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,

We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of dear Clarence. He was our valued friend and neighbour for over 20 years and his loss will be keenly felt by us all. Clarence was so willing to help us at any time and offer his kindness at the drop of a hat. We will so miss our chats and visits.

We continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers and send you our love.

Rob, Christine, and Hannah Lederer

Christine Lederer - January 05, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Stabler Family,
As a friend to Candace and Dean I am so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. My condolences go out to all of you at this very difficult time.
-Jessica Whynot

Jessica Whynot - January 05, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ Dear Lorretta,

My name is Rod Wittig. My condolences on Clarence's passing. My family and the Stablers were neighbours in Burstall until late 1952 when we move to Alberta. Loretta, you and I chatted by phone in mid 2013 when you provided me with your email address. On October 30, 2013, Clarence phoned me in Calgary and we had a long and memorable chat about our respective life-paths. My memories of Clarence are all positive.

With warm regards, Rod Wittig.

Rod Wittig - January 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear Lorretta and family,

We are in shock over your loss. Clarence was a real gentleman who always saw the humour in a situation. He was always in good humour and a happy person. His words of wisdom will always resonate with us and we will greatly miss his counsel. He was a man of many talents and skills. We and the Millarville community at large will miss his giving nature. His work and volunteerism in so many aspects of the school and racetrack events represent the true spirit of our community. He was a man who took great pride in doing anything he set his mind to with attention to detail and excellence of quality when the task was done. Rest peacefully dear Clarence and know that many are here to support your loved ones through this difficult time.

God Bless!

Patti and Ted Thorne
Millarville

Patti Ted Thorne - January 05, 2015 at 11:40 AM



“ I feel blessed to have known Clarence, and to have his family combined with mine. He truly was an incredible man - one of the kindest I have ever met. He will forever be missed, and always in our hearts.
All of our love, to all of you,
Love Courtney and Jamie

courtney daley - January 05, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ Mark, Heidi and Family,

May the many great memories with your Dad help you and your family comfort you during this time of sorrow. Your friends are here to help in whatever way they can. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Take good care. See you soon.

Paul, Lynda, Bridgitt and Abby.

Paul Craft - January 05, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ Lorretta & Family,

On behalf of Foothills School Division I extend sincere condolences on your sudden loss. The dedicated support Clarence gave to community events and Millarville Community School events throughout the years were greatly appreciated by students and staff. Indeed, his contributions embodied the understanding that it takes a 'community to raise a child.' His spirit of service and friendly face will be deeply missed in the school community and beyond.

Sincerely,
Allen Davidson

Allen Davidson - January 05, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ Mark and family,
Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I hope the great memories of your father will help during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Howie & Kelly Cooper

Howie Cooper - January 05, 2015 at 07:50 AM



“ As a neighbor for over 20 years to the Rasmussen family, we shared many fun, exciting and laughable memories with the Stabler's. Our family will always remember Mr. Stablers lawn, always cut to perfect, not to mention how he took the time to shovel our driveway on some cold winter mornings. We also always remembered his shined up Ford sparkling in The sun after a summer car wash, how fruitful the garden always was with fresh vegetables and of course summer BBQs and bonfires at their house. Our "anti-I-over" games played on our joining properties in which Clarence joined in a time or two will always be in our hearts. Thinking, praying and sending positive wishes to the entire Stabler family. Xoxo

Love the Rasmussen Family

Lacy Reimer - January 04, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Loretta. I am very sorry for your loss.

Sharon Forbes

Sharon Forbes - January 04, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Dear Loretta and family
I am saddened by the news of Clarence's death.
He will be truly missed
Thinking about all the disappointments of shared dreams you had
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
As ever
JoyceT

joyce teskey - January 03, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ Loretta and family our thoughts and prayers are with you as we read about Clarence's passing. As Joyce mentioned we know Clarence and yourself had dreams for your retirement but that wasn't meant to be. How wonderful you were able to spend so much time together as you watched Dean play hockey throughout the years. Hugs to all as you remember the happy moments,
Denise, Greg, Sean and Marc

Denise Connors - January 03, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to you Loretta and your family on Clarence's passing. Please know there is a whole community of people here to help in any way we can to make a difficult time a little less so. Cherish the memories. Suzanne and Malcolm Sills

Suzanne Sills - January 03, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ I know Clarence when he was growing up in Burstall. He was a good hockey player. He was a very nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Treasure the memories and time does heal all wounds.
God Bless!

Don Eslinger

Don Eslinger - January 04, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ I was fortunate to have the opportunity to know and share life experiences with Clarence, Lorretta and the the entire Stabler family. Clarence was a wonderful man and was always willing to share a smile and a story. My family would like to extend our deepest condolences to the entire extended family and friends of Clarence.

Embrace your memories, we will.

Michael Kuhbock & Family

Michael Kuhbock - January 05, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Based on all of the comments I've read, I feel very unfortunate to not have known Mr. Stabler. His passing is a large loss for his family and community. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist during this difficult time.

Scott Hitchcock

Scott Hitchcock - January 05, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss Loretta! We feel lucky to have met Clarence. We have good memories of meeting you and Clarence at the Car Shows, at Costco and then the Delia Centennial last year! Our deepest condolences to you and all your family. Clarence was a wonderful man and was always ready to share a story and a smile. Clarence will be

truly missed. God Bless. Love Fred & Melba Fabick & Family

Fred & Melba Fabick - January 05, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ We are deeply saddened and shocked to hear of Clarence's passing. We will treasure our memories. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Love from Jim, Joyce and Penny Wiles

Penny Wiles - January 05, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“ Dear Loretta, Dean, Candace and the whole Stabler family. We have such fond memories of Clarence. What a wonderful inspirational kind man. Hugs, thoughts and prayers. Treasure the memories there was so many wonderful ones. Love from Doug Lori and the whole Lacey family

Lori Lacey - January 06, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ Loretta,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Clarence will be missed greatly.
Jim and Nancy Christie

Jim Christie - January 07, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ Dear Loretta:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Clarence was a wonderful person who will be sadly missed and always remembered. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family,

Connie Proznik and Family

Connie Proznik - January 07, 2015 at 04:06 PM



“ Dear Loretta, Dean, and the whole Stabler Family: We were extremely shocked and saddened to read of Clarence's passing in the newspaper tonight. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this extremely difficult time. Cheryl had recently had a lengthy and enjoyable visit with Clarence in the refrigerated section of Costco. After awhile we laughed and wondered aloud why we stayed in there so long to visit, when it was SO cold! Clarence just lit up when we talked about our boys' hockey days, travelling, and Grandchildren! Our deepest sympathies to all of you. God Bless!

David & Cheryl Griep & Family

Cheryl Griep - January 07, 2015 at 10:18 PM



“ Dear Loretta and Stabler family:
Late last night we were shocked and saddened to here of your loss of a husband, father and grandfather!!! We had just had the usual friendly chat with him during the holidays when we met him while out shopping. He always spoke about his children with such pride. Clarence still had that same smile that we remembered from our hockey days. We remember how he was always there to lend a helping hand when something needed to be done to help out the boys and the team.

Loretta, our condolences to you and your entire family!!

Betty & Mike Olfert and family

Mike Olfert - January 09, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ Loretta. I just hope today is a little better than yesterday. Carrie arrived home last night and we were thrilled to see her but saddened as Clarence's loss just felt just so more real. Carrie asked my favourite memory .. I said it was driving with Clarence from Toronto to Mt Tremblant (7 plus hours). He was so alive driving in a car, summer weather, with family, seeing a different part of Canada and of course telling stories. Mitchell's favourite time was in Grampa's 'car from the past' at the Millarville Fair. We could only list one or Mitch would never get to bed. He was a tremendous father in law, an amazing Grampa to Mitchell and simply the best Dad to Carrie. I only wish I could have been there on Wednesday. We will celebrate this summer.

Peter .

Peter Taylor - January 09, 2015 at 12:56 PM