



## Mr. Ejner Hansen

May 1, 1924 - May 29, 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ejner Hansen. Due to health issues Ejner has been residing on 2nd Floor at the High River Hospital for the past few years, where he passed away on May 29, 2013.

Ejner was born on May 1, 1924 in Boltinge, Fyn, Denmark to bricklayer Thomas Marinus Hansen and Kristine Jensen Hansen. Ejner was part of a large family of nine siblings. He grew up in his home town of Boltinge where one of his passions was soccer and the other fishing. Living close to the ocean, he proudly stated that he could catch enough fish to feed the whole family. Ejner finished school at grade seven and worked on several farms until the time came when he had to serve his one year in the Danish army. After his time in the army he decided to take the big step and cross the ocean to Canada. At this time he also worked on several farms. At one time Ejner lived in Vancouver, where he became a Canadian citizen on April 21, 1958. In the summer of 1961, Ejner went on the trip of his lifetime. He purchased a second hand 250cc Norton motorbike and drove 'clear' across Canada, to Halifax, where he embarked on a ship to England, drove across England, then caught the ferry to Esbjerg, Denmark. From there he drove to his hometown and surprised his family. That fall, he started his apprenticeship as an engineer – fitter, and after successfully achieving his journeyman ticket the 1st of February 1964, he returned to Canada, where he lived a number of years in Calgary and worked as a BTJ steamfitter, joining the local 496 United Association of Plumbing and Pipe Fitting. On February 3, 2010 he proudly received his 45th year membership certificate. Later he purchased his 'pride and joy', a small house in the west end of High River with a large garden where he enjoyed growing his specialty potatoes and various other fruits and vegetables. Some of Ejner's passions were playing a game of crib or pool, and he always enjoyed a good joke. Most of all he liked a good laugh. If you asked Ejner how he was doing the answer was always "so far, so good"! One of Ejner's favorite pastimes was taking a drive in the country where occasionally stopped in Mossleigh for a beer. But his favorite drive was through the mountains where he would often stop and enjoy mother nature. On one occasion when asked, "Ejner would you like to come along on a trip to Denmark?", he replied "Yes, but only if I can smoke on the plane". Ejner, needless to say, stayed in Canada. Ejner felt very

pleased and privileged to be able to show some of his family around when they were visiting from Denmark. At 73 years old, Ejner decided he needed a computer. He said there was lots he could do on there like read the Canadian and Danish newspapers. He said "It's cheaper that way" – you note Ejner's slang. In Ejner's later years he enjoyed a Friday afternoon happy hour at Han's shop, where there were no restrictions and he could enjoy a beer and a cigar 'at the same time'. Ejner we will all miss your great sense of humor and seeing that little twinkle in your eye. So as Ejner would say "Here's to you, and then they drank it themselves".

Ejner was predeceased by his parents, 5 brothers and 1 sister. He is survived by 2 sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews, all whom live in Denmark.

On behalf of friends and family, a special thank you goes to Melanie Dale, one of Ejner's best friends, for being by his side during his last moments. Also, special thanks to the staff on the 2nd floor at the High River Hospital, for taking such good care of him the last few years.

At Ejner's request no service will be held. To send condolences and view Ejner's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Arrangements entrusted to Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Comments

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“ Ejner was an intricate, important part of the Elder family. He worked for Ken and Mina when he first arrived in Alberta 60 years ago. Dad thought Ejner would enjoy our Danish community of Standard but Ejner would only come to work for Dad if he was NOT Danish so that he could learn the language and the Canadian ways. He was so youthful and athletic that us kids always thought of him as a brother rather than someone who was older than our Dad. He learned to speak English with us as we grew up, lived with us, loved us. Our stories and memories will give us comfort but he will be missed.  
The Ken and Mina Elder Family, Standard.



Iona Elder Robertson - June 19, 2013 at 08:48 PM

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“ Et sidste farvel til min onkel Ejner, som jeg besøgte i 1970 sammen med mine fastre Marie og Ester.

Jette Damsted Petersen.



Jette Damsted Petersen - June 18, 2013 at 01:31 PM

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“ En sidste hilsen til erindring om onkel Ejner, som kom meget i mit barndomshjem, i den tid da han var hjemme i Danmark for at blive efteruddannet på Lindøværftet. Altid et frisk pust, klar til et spil kort og så nød han min mors kokkerier. Jeg har haft fornøjelsen at besøge Ejner i 1993 og i 2000 sammen med min faster Ester. Ejner tog os på ture i sin bil, så vi fik set store dele af Alberta. Et typisk træk ved Ejner var overraskelsen, som f.eks. da min far (Gustav) blev 75 år - Ejner dukkede uventet op til festen til stor fornøjelse for alle.

Vi sender stor tak til Brenda og Hans Abild, som har været enestående overfor Ejner.

ÆRET VÆRE EJNERS MINDE.

Jette og Ulrik



Jette og Ulrik - June 18, 2013 at 12:48 PM



“ Renee Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



**Renee Derbecker** - June 13, 2013 at 04:31 PM

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“ Joylaine Graves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



**Joylaine Graves** - June 11, 2013 at 09:26 AM



“ What a great smile, laugh, storyteller and crib player. Many of us were blessed to have you in our lives.

**Joylaine Graves** - June 11, 2013 at 09:32 AM

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“ I knew Ejner for many years, we were both members of the High River men's club. We spent a lot of time visiting at his house, he was a very good gardener and a meticulous house keeper, he truly enjoyed his life, may he rest in peace. Carl and Shirley Mitton

**Carl and Shirley Mitton** - May 31, 2013 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sincere condolences on Ejner's loss. He was a man of few words when it came to dealing with the Chaplain, but after several months, he would respond to my greeting and give me a brief, witty comment that brought a smile. Will miss his coming and going on Unit 200. ~ Chaplain Virginia

**Chaplain Virginia Battiste** - May 30, 2013 at 05:07 PM

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“ Carey Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



**Carey Dale** - May 30, 2013 at 04:31 PM

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“ I always enjoyed meeting Enjer in the hallway on his way in or out for a smoke, his quick wit and sense of humor was always sure to bring a smile. He will be missed by many at the High River Hospital.

Cathy Couey

**Cathy Couey** - May 30, 2013 at 03:48 PM

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“ In 1995 we had the pleasure of Ejner coming into Dudley's Pub and in to our family. Everyone who met Ejner loved him, his quick wit, humour, his stories from Denmark and Canada...oh he loved to talk about his trip on his bike !  
We have lost a member of our family who we loved dearly, will miss the ( few ) times i kicked his ass at crib, it was more than what he would say.. haha  
Will miss you always  
John & Sharon

john & sharon - May 30, 2013 at 02:30 PM

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“ Sharon Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



sharon dale - May 30, 2013 at 02:09 PM

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“ Melanie Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



Melanie Dale - May 30, 2013 at 09:57 AM

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“ TUF580 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ejner Hansen



TUF580 - May 29, 2013 at 11:13 PM