



Mr. Eldon Charles Couey

September 29, 1930 - January 11, 2019

Mr. Eldon Couey of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Seasons Retirement Community on January 11, 2019 at the age of 88 years.

Eldon will be lovingly remembered by his family: children Pat (Len) Zebedee of High River, Wally Couey of Cayley, Cathy Couey of High River; grandsons Cameron (Noelle Carrier) Couey, Cody (Tannis) Zebedee, Dawson (Katrina) Couey, and Tyler (Nalissa) Coate; great grandchildren Keston Neimans Couey, Quintyn, Slayde & Pyper Zebedee, Brody, Alexis & Deegan Couey and Michela and Mackenzie Carrier.

He is survived by in-laws Peter and Ramona Pickersgill and Freddie Pringle along with many nieces and nephews, cousin Jan Schroeder of Oregon, stepsisters Denise Siemens and Daryl Hamilton and devoted friend Sharon Doll.

Eldon was predeceased by his loving wife "Coddy" in 2015 on the eve of their 61st wedding anniversary; father Elbert Couey; mother Ruth (Couey) Birkness; stepfather Herb Birkness and over the years many special friends.

Eldon was born at the High River Hospital and shared the nursery with his future wife Kathleen. Other than a few summers with family in Oregon he proudly called the Foothills home for his entire life.

His grandparents taught the importance of giving back to his community and Eldon truly showed what it means to live a life dedicated to helping and serving others, passing those values down to his family.

As a teenager, Eldon helped plant the majestic poplar trees which still align 12 Avenue, he was a member and past president of the High River Ag Society and played a role in the Little Britches Rodeo for over 40 years. He acted as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Teen Town, Noble Grand of the Cayley Oddfellows Lodge, District Deputy GrandMaster of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, chair of the Squaw Coulee Water

Diversion and of the Highwood Memorial Centre and participated in numerous other boards and committees.

Eldon was honoured to be twice named a Paul Harris Fellow as member of the High River Rotary Club and acted as ambassador for Alberta's Centennial. He was one of three finalists in the Calgary Stampede's Western Legacy Awards, and recipient of the Cayley Oddfellows 70-year jewel and the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Couey Auction, which was started by Eldon in 1961 and continues to be operated by son Wally and family friend Dave Smith, received the Clifford and Louise Lougheed award, in recognition of outstanding philanthropy for supporting the hospital.

Eldon was active in political life as member and president of the Highwood PC Association. In 1971, he ran for MLA, losing by a close margin. He was affectionately known by some as the Mayor of Squaw Coulee and from 1989 to 1998 he proudly served as Mayor of High River.

Of all the hats he wore, the red one with the white fur was likely his favourite as each December the twinkle in his eye got brighter when he donned the red suit and white beard and attentively listened to the wishes of hundreds of children.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who have cared for Dad; in particular, Dr. Ron Gorsche, health care professionals at the High River Hospital, and the staff at Season's who provided wonderful care to Dad while it was his home, and to all of us on his last day.

A Celebration of Eldon's Life was held on Wednesday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Highwood Memorial Centre (128 5th Ave. SW, High River).

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his honor to the High River District Health Care Foundation 560 – 9 Ave SW High River, AB T1V 1W4 highriverhealthfoundation.ca.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB,

Events

JAN 16 **Celebration of Life Service** 01:00PM

Highwood Memorial Centre
128-5th Avenue SW, High River, AB, CA, T1V

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 17, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ Sorry we were unable to be at Eldons funeral . Enjoyed this video so much !
George and Judy

Judy - January 31, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ Raymond & Elizabeth Bouillet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Raymond & Elizabeth Bouillet - January 26, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ Bill Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Bill Young - January 25, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Eldon's Family. He was always such a pleasant person, always had a smile and a comment.

Ivy Walker and Family - January 23, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Couey family. Eldon, will always be remembered as a man that cared deeply for his community.

Ron, Karen Bowman - January 19, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ Sue Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Sue Richard - January 19, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ We lived our trips up north to see our distant cousins - the Coueys. There was always lots of fun to be had. Eldons led the group as we visited the special places near Caley. He laughed and joked and made us feel welcome. I will always remember how he made us feel like we were the only cousins he had and were the most special!

Sue Richard - January 19, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Condolences to the Couey family on the lost of Elders.

Margaret Rarick - January 18, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Wendy Emery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Wendy Emery - January 18, 2019 at 12:42 AM



“ Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Toni Groeneveld - January 17, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ Thank you Eldon for all you did for High River. My sympathy to your family you will be missed very much.

Jette Riess - January 16, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ Pat, Len, Wally & Cathy...sending our sincere condolences to all of you. I never saw your Dad without a big smile. He has left an amazing legacy in all of you.



Craig & Debbie Schmuland - January 16, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Sincere condolences to all the Couey family. He will be missed immensely in the community. He was a special person. Our girls will always remember him as the man with the very unique Christmas ties at the Foothills AIM Christmas parties.
Luther and Fawn Dougherty and family

Luther & Fawn Dougherty - January 16, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences to the entire family.
Eldon made everyone feel welcome and part of the community.
He truly was a leader that we greatly admired. High River is a little sadder place without him.
Jim, Chase & Paige Morgan

Jim Morgan - January 16, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ Sympathy To all the family. Your Dad was one very special person. Always had a smile and warm greeting.

Robert and Marilyn Howe - January 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Please accept my condolence for the loss of your dad, Elena Kerns

Elena Kerns - January 16, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Pat, Len, Wally, Cathy and family, please know how sorry we are for the loss of your father, Eldon.

Eldon was a man of integrity, honesty and compassion. I first really got to know Eldon when Gerry and I were involved with Kinsmen and Kinettes. Our Kinette Club put on a function every fall called the "Kinette Auction" and guess who our Auctioneer was? Eldon of course! Coddy kept the books and he auctioned all the goodies we hand made for the event. He helped us raise thousands of dollars for our Community. Just one of his ways he helped the community he loved so much. In 1989 Eldon was elected as Mayor along with a Council that consisted of two returning councilors, Frank Dyck and Dan Campbell and four newbies, Irv Cherneski, Tim Tanner, Aussie Myers and myself. Through the thoughtful leadership of Eldon and the support of Council he lead us through some very tough times. Not many citizens knew what dire straits the Town of High River's finances were in when we became a Council in 1989. We were visited shortly after we were elected by a gentleman from Municipal Affairs in Edmonton, who met with each of us, separately. (Serious stuff) He put the Town of High River on notice to get our affairs in order. Eldon with the support of Council made very tough decisions. Decisions that would turn out be successful given how severe our problem was at the time. In the end under Eldon's leadership we were able to turn a \$10,000,000 deficit into a \$10,000,000 surplus. No easy task but a win-win for the citizens of High River. Eldon was a genius with people and knew how to delegate.

Eldon was never afraid to ask for favors when faced with adversity. For example, the Council before us had invested in Magcam to help bring much needed business to our Town and area. When Magcan declared they were going into bankruptcy he made a discrete phone call to Bob Hawksworth, who in turn gave us excellent information and advice. We managed, through Eldon's stewardship, to save the Town of High River's investment.

Eldon wore many hats beside the beautiful Stetson that he was known for. He was a family man first and farmer second, a businessman, a realtor, a politician, a humanitarian and an all-around great guy. His love for his family was foremost. He had his priorities set and his life/work/family in balance. He was a man you followed by his example. He had a way of quietly pulling people together. He had a network of people he visited periodically over the years. I was so lucky to be one of those people he visited throughout his life time. He gave you his fatherly advice and he would also let you know when you needed a little trimming up, too. He loved the Province and Country he was born in but he loved High River. Eldon was Mr. High River.

Gerry and I considered Coddy and Eldon Couey our lifelong friends. Eldon was bigger than life and friend to many. I think we will best remember him as the little man who each Christmas, with a twinkle in those blue eyes of his, dawned a little red hat and white beard so he could listen to children and fill their hearts with love, dreams and hope. (Always supported by Mrs. Clause). Rest in peace our friend.

Gerry and Glenda Cutforth



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families, my heart goes out to you on your loss. Be certain that Couey's, favourite auction comment, "Good Eye" will be keeping watch over you all .

Elaine Mason - January 16, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy & families. My sincere sympathy to you all. I hope all the wonderful memories will bring you great comfort during this difficult time. Gail Noad & family

Gail Noad - January 16, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Your family and High River have lost a remarkable man. We're so sorry for your loss. Eldon sold us on moving to High River and setting up a veterinary practice here in 1991. He said High River was a great town - and he was right. (My husband, David, told Eldon if the business didn't work out, he was going to move our big family into Eldon's basement! Fortunately for Eldon, it all worked out!) Thanks Eldon, for the many years of service and enthusiasm for our community. David and Karen Dempsey

Dempsey - January 16, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families, please accept our heartfelt sympathy to you all. Eldon was a wonderful man, great father and a huge contributor to the community. He will be sadly missed.
Dale and Patti Belley

Dale Belley - January 16, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Pat & Len, Wally, Cathy and Family's

We are remembering Eldon with special thoughts .May your memories bring you comfort.

Our thoughts are with you

Violet and Jerry Kautz

Violet and Jerry Kautz - January 16, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families, our deepest condolences on the loss off Eldon. You have been in our thoughts and we keep you in our hearts as you celebrate your dad and everything he was to your families and to our community.

Jim and Bonnie Ferguson

Bonnie Ferguson - January 16, 2019 at 06:14 AM



“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Pat and Colleen Mastel - January 16, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ High River has lost one of its greatest supporters. Eldon was involved in so many Community things including the Little Britches Rodeo, but one of the most wonderful things accomplished by him was the founding of Teen Town in the late '40's , This was an organization that was for teenagers. Students would meet every Friday night from 7 to 11 p.m. for a dance in the lower room of the Memorial Centre. Eldon and Cottie would play records and chaperone for the evening.. Eldon organized the Western Canada Teen Conference in 1954. In addition he organized and helped us with decorating floats for the Calgary Stampede Parades as well as the ones in HR. The time he so selflessly gave to us was something that we all remember with fondness. Thank you Eldon for giving us some happy years in our youth. You taught us by example. Yours was a life well lived and you will be missed. Phyllis (Robertson) Pope.

Phyllis (Robertson) Pope - January 16, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ Our sympathy to Wally, Cathy, and Pat and families,
What a great community man!!!! High River is truly a better place because of him. He
always encouraged me to keep painting elevator paintings!!!!our sympathy Bill and
Marie Poelman

marie poelman - January 16, 2019 at 12:01 AM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Deepest condolences in
this time of loss. Eldon will be greatly missed.



Shiela Hodgen - January 15, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ Being a Stephenson I (and the girls) had the pleasure of knowing Eldon and his
family for many years.
So many memories that will forever be a part of our lives. Rest In Peace



Debi Stephenson - January 15, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ Jocelyn Laing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Jocelyn Laing - January 15, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Eldon was part of my life experience in High River when I first met Paulette Bietz in 1966. I was not only introduced to a very large clan of Bietz relatives but I had the pleasure of meeting Eldon as an auctioneer at farm auctions. I remember his humorous approach to life and his obvious love of people. Eldon and Paul Bietz were great friends and Paulette and I felt privileged to know him in his various roles as a businessman, supporter of community events and his dedication to the Town of High River as Mayor. In 1988/89 I was working with the Town and the MD of Foothills to create solutions for the siting of the proposed Cargill meat packing Plant. Eldon continued to support the community and me personally to a successful completion of the plant. Eldon was a character and he will be missed!

Fred and Paulette Schulte

Fred Schulte - January 15, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Couey family. Eldon was an icon in the community and will be missed.

Laura Gardener - January 15, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ Jim and Barb Andersen

Jim & Barb Andersen - January 15, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families,
We are sad to hear of your loss so are sending our condolences. We regrettably will not be able to attend the celebration of a life well lived tomorrow .
Having known Eldon for nearly seven decades I do not think I ever knew anyone with so much sparkle, energy, kindness and humour. From auction sales, to mayoring, to political discourse, to camping, agriculture, to living with kindness, service and thoughtfulness throughout the community large and small. Always a warm handshake and always a pleasure to visit with.
Cherish your memories. God Bless.
John and Tami Cartwright

John & Tami Cartwright - January 15, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ Holly, Eugene Tarasoff And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Holly, Eugene Tarasoff and family - January 15, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“Compassion and kindness”, these are the words that come to mind when reflecting upon the remarkable legacy of Eldon Charles Couey. He and Cuddy were a formidable team. What they will accomplish in heaven; now that they are reunited will be magnificent and awe inspiring. In my many years with the Foothills AIM Society we felt truly blessed and graced by Eldon and Cuddy's kindness and support. Eldon exemplified truth, fairness and respect for all. He knew that life was about relationships and he was the grand master at forging those. I state with utter conviction and faith that his legacy shall live on through Cathy, Pat, Len, Wally, his entire family and all those he impacted and touched.

It has been such an honour to know and to interact with a man of such genuine and integrity. Many blessings to you Eldon and much gratitude always!

Vincent Kimura



Vincent Kimura - January 15, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Cathy - January 15, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Wonderful pictures Cathy. Thinking of all of you today as you say goodbye to your Dad and Grandfather. Such wonderful memories of a man who treasured his family.

Julie Hrycyk - January 17, 2019 at 12:17 AM



“ Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Marcia Ayrey - January 15, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Pat, Wally Cathy and to the rest of your family.
I am so sorry for your loss.
I totally enjoyed my numerous conversations with Eldon at the Town office.
He was truly one of a kind.

Lynette McCracken

Lynette McCracken - January 15, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ I met “Ole Couey” at Farmway Machinery 37 years ago where I was employed. Couey came thru the door like a little whirlwind. As he settled down his handshake made me feel welcome to the High River Community. It didn't matter where or when we met he always shook my hand and said great to see you again "Smurf". A true Albertan who dedicated his time to all communities that he supported. WE WILL MISS YOU COUEY.

Our sincere sympathy to Pat, Wally, Cathy and all the families. Cherish your memories, he will be together with Cuddy again.

Murray & Wilma Williamson

Wilma Williamson - January 15, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families. Saddened to hear of Eldon's passing. I have nothing but great memories from Bradley's Western Wear, Ag Society, Town of HR, etc, etc. Can't say enough how grateful, I was lucky enough, to be around and with Eldon on so many occasions. Always was valuable to experience. Was a great way to learn how to appreciate and do what it meant to be a good community member. Eldon touched so many lives in a very special way. Will be an angel elsewhere forever. Wish I could be there for Eldon's celebration of his life. His legacy will be remembered and carried on by his great family, by us all. Hugs to everyone. Jay Bradley and family.

Jay Bradley - January 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Wally, Pat, Cathy and Family, so many fond memories of such an amazing man. He was a true mentor to so many and a gracious leader. He will certainly be missed. We are so sorry for your loss. What an awesome picture of him you have posted. Love Jerry, Dail and The Boyz.

Jerry and Dail Howe - January 15, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Eldon's passing. Unfortunately I am out of town but wanted to convey my sympathy to the family. Eldon and I had many super conversations. He was a great man and will be missed.

hazel bennett - January 15, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Our condolences to Pat, Wally, Cathy and families. Carolann and Peter Wambeke

Carolann Wambeke - January 15, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ God Bless my friend.....
Don Phillips

Don Phillips - January 15, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ Wally, Pat and Cathy,
With sincere condolences and hoping your fond memories will comfort you in the days ahead.
Sam & Grace Ledoux



Sam & Grace Ledoux - January 15, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Russ & Sharon Watkins - January 15, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Wally, Pat, Cathy and families, we were so saddened to hear of your fathers passing. He always had a twinkle in his kind eyes and a friendly smile for all. Craig and Sherry Ellice

Ellice - January 15, 2019 at 07:47 AM



“ So many laughs I had with Eldon, from long ago when he “got me” to bid on bales of hay, when we had ample, not sure Peter ever found out about it... loved making his “Old Grey Mayor” licence plate. He was very special and my prayers are with the family.. it was an honour to call him my friend. God Bless. Kathy.

Kathy Niemans - January 15, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ Condolences to the family of Eldon Couey. He was a mentor and teacher to a farm boy from Acme, Alberta in 1950. His encouragement led me to becoming mayor of teen town, which gave me leadership skills that served me well in my professional career as a petroleum engineer.

Howard Guyn

howard guyn - January 14, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy to you Pat, Len and family, Wally and family, and Kathy and Tyler. Thinking of you all at this sad time. We all have great memories of “Couey”. He was a great man !! Sorry we can't be at the “celebration” on Wednesday but you all will be in our thoughts and prayers. George and Judy



Judy Groeneveld - January 14, 2019 at 10:40 PM



“ Wally, Pat, Cathy and Families , its tough to find words to comfort you all during these tough days.

Each of you remind me of your Dad in many different ways. His kind eyes and welcoming hellos are just a couple traits that you all have been blessed with.

Heaven is so very lucky.

Kendra Wegener - January 14, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ Our sympathies to Eldon’s family. What an amazing life and legacy!
Cherish your memories.
Brian and Jean Quigley

jean quigley - January 14, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Our sympathies to all of Eldon’s family. He was a great ambassador for high River Lorna and David Schultz

lorna schultz - January 14, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ I’m very saddened to hear of Eldon’s passing. My fondest memories are working with Eldon at the Town Office. We had so much fun!! He was such a character & a pleasure to work with. High River will miss him tremendously. My thoughts are with his family.

Daphne Isralson

Daphne Isralson - January 14, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. I will always remember the many visits Couey had at Farmway. The entertaining stories he and his good buddy Hervey would tell (none of which I can mention here), coupled with his unique and contagious giggle had all of us in stitches more times then I can count.

Couey was such a kind hearted and thoughtful man. He will be truly missed.

Deana and Steven Schmuland

Deana Schmuland - January 14, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Our sympathies go out to Wally, Cathy, Pat & Len and families on the passing of your father. It will be good for him to rejoin Cuddy in their journey together.

Eldon was a unique individual who cared deeply for his community. His contributions over the years will not be forgotten.

We are going to sorely miss our visits with Mr. Couey,

Mr. Rod and Judy

Rod and Judy Baceda - January 14, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ Pat & Len, Wally, & Cathy -- so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He was one of the best! So enjoyed getting to know him during his earlier hospitalizations! An icon for High River! Thoughts and prayers are with you, and all your family. ~
Chaplain Virginia (Ret.)

Virginia Battiste - January 14, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ I have very fond memories of Eldon particularly when he was the Mayor of High River and we shared many political experiences.

He was a very caring and devoted servant of the citizens he served for many years.

He was always up beat and full of good humour and enthusiasm

It was a privilege to know him and I extend my condolences to his family in this time of sadness

Ron Ghitter

Ron Ghitter - January 14, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the Couey family. I had a lot of fun and adventures working with Couey Auctions when I started my auction business. Thanks for the memories.

Art & Deanna Scott

Art Scott - January 14, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Eldon was always such a treat when he came into the store, a big smile and always time for a chat and a joke. He was such a great man and a huge credit to High River. He will be deeply missed.

Linda Taylor - January 14, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Shari Porteous lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Shari Porteous - January 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Don Tannas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Don Tannas - January 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ RIP Eldon Couey! You are one of a kind my friend. Warm thoughts and special prayers to Eldon's family! Judy & Brad

Judy Culp - January 14, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ Cathy Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Cathy Tanner - January 14, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ To Pat, Wally and Cathy. So sad to hear of your Dads passing. He was a great man and always a pleasure to run into. Deepest condolences to your family.

Cathy Tanner - January 14, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Cathy and Wally and extended family. A true icon of the area. a quick wit and a quick smile for everyone. a true gentleman full of humor. The community is richer because of Eldon - RIP. A life well lived.

Udo and Wendy Adam



Wendy Adam - January 14, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ A true gentleman.....thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time!



Darlene Boucher - January 14, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ When I came to high River in 1976 I knew no one. Eldon saw that. He was friendly and kind to me. He made me feel welcome here. For the next 42 years he, every time, had a smile for me.

John Andresen - January 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ Wally Pat Len Cathy and family's my condolences to you. I will always remember his smile. You will miss your Dad dearly. Jean Marks

jean Marks - January 14, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Lorna McLean - January 14, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Rest easy. You always had a hello, you always had an easy laugh. You were one of High Rivers greatest treasures, & I'm glad I was lucky enough to know you, while growing up there. My condolences to Wally & Cathy and your extended families.



Sherry Whitford - January 14, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Wally and Cathy all your family. Sincerely Frank and Agnes McInenly and family

Frank and Agnes McInenly - January 14, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers on the passing of your Dear Dad and Grandfather, Betty Ellis, Judy Clark and Donna Wilkins

Donna Wilkins - January 14, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Susan Stafford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Susan Stafford - January 14, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ Monty & I send our deepest condolences to your families. Eldon was such a special man.

Monty & Susan Stafford - January 14, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Gillian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Gillian - January 14, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ To all the family our deepest condolences . Eldon has been a true inspiration, mentor, leader and most of all a genuine friend. He was a true believer in people and he will be missed more than can be imagined our hearts are with you.

Scott Caron - January 14, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ Wally, Pat and Cathy. Eldon was truly an inspiration to everyone in the entire area and an example of true citizenship to each and everyone. We all have such amazing memories of both Eldon and Cuddy and as a result so many stories to be told. It is difficult to imagine High River and Cayley area without him in it. Sadly we are unable to attend the memorial however know that we are sending hugs and love to all of you. So many wonderful memories will make the path forward a little easier for all of you.

Rusty & Fran Wong

Rusty & Fran Wong - January 14, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ Pat, Wally and Cathy and families -our hearts ache along with yours with the passing of Dad. Cuddy and Eldon were such great friends to us. When we moved to Squaw coulee and Ernie was on the road with work, Eldon phoned over every night at 6:30 just to see how the kids and I were doing. And when we were building our new house Cuddy and Eldon were right there with helping hands (only payment needed be a toddy or two). Our other special bond was sharing the grandparent role to Cameron and Dawson. We hope that when the time comes that they will be there to welcome us to the next community.

Ernie and Judy Clarke - January 14, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Eldon's family. Such a positive and upbeat man will be missed by many.

Judy and Harvie Nielsen

Judy Nielsen - January 14, 2019 at 12:59 AM



“ Patty, Wally, Cathy and all your families; please know you are all in our thoughts. We just keep picturing Eldon's ear to ear grin as he once again has Cuddy back on his arm. He will be forever missed!

The Bedsons

Bedson - January 13, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ Cathy, Patty, Wally and your families, please know that you all are in my thoughts as you cope with the loss of your amazing Dad. So very many others are also saddened by his passing. The memories I have are wonderful and fun and that always present smile will stay with us forever. I have no doubt that your Mom was there to greet him with open arms and her beautiful smile. Much love to you all.

Linda Walsh - January 13, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ Pat, Cathy and Wally and families are thoughts are with you at this sad time. Your Dad was a true gentleman who touched the lives of many people in a wonderful way.
Don and Pam Jackson

Pam Jackson - January 13, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Couey Family.
My your fond memories of Eldon sustain you for the time to come.
His memory will live on in many hearts and minds.
Terry Storch

Terry - January 13, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Eunice Schmuland - January 13, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ Dennis Ochs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Dennis Ochs - January 13, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ Ann Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Ann Davis - January 13, 2019 at 06:41 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Couey Family. May your memories of Eldon give you peace and comfort. RIP Eldon!

Kirk & Ann Davis

Ann Davis - January 13, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ SO sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of growing up with the Coueys. Both Eldon and Cuddy were icons to me.

Steve and Judy Anderson

Judy - January 14, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Erin Campbell-Bentley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Erin Campbell-Bentley - January 13, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ An amazing man who will be missed by all. Always in our hearts.

Erin Campbell-Bentley - January 13, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ My thoughts are with you, Eldon has left big boots to fill may he Rest In Peace. I missed him and our morning office visits.



Dianne Brodrick - January 13, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Cathy, Pat and Wally,
We were saddened to hear of Dad's passing. Eldon was one of those town folk who cut a wide swath. As our mayor he contributed much energy, time, and awareness to High River and the surrounding area. We will always be indebted to him for that. I enjoyed a few day trips with Eldon and friends into the country. We enjoyed our "man picnics" along the way; including such staples as cheese, smoked oysters, pickled eggs and of course a toddy!!!! I always enjoyed our visits at Seasons along with a drink of Timmie's hot French vanilla in the winter and iced caramel cappuccino in the summer.
Keep close to your hearts the memories of the wonderful times together as a family.. We will miss his company and friendship.
RIP Eldon..... otherwise affectionally known to us as "The Old Gray Mayor"
Gerry and Barb

Gerry and Barb Coakwell - January 13, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ Our condolences to the Couey families. He was a great friend of the Chaffee family. Roy Chaffee & family. Abbotsford BC.

Roy Chaffee - January 13, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ God bless you, Uncle Eldon. You lived life to the fullest, always looking for ways to make High River a stronger community. Our families spent so much time together. You loved your Alberta beef ... salads, not so much. Our hearts go out to Pat, Wally, Cathy & families at this time. You were dedicated to your Dad's well-being and he loved you so much.

Jan (Pickersgill) & Mike Weir - January 13, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ Our condolences to the Couey family. Rest in peace Eldon!
Chuck & Lorraine Groeneveld

Chuck & Lorraine Groeneveld - January 13, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ Patty, Cathy, Wally and families
We are very sorry to hear about Eldon, so many great memories with the Cousy clan. I don't think Eldon ever called me Sharon... was always peanut ..loved it
His warm smile, great laugh and beautiful soul will surely be missed...
Thinking of you all,
John and Sharon Dale

sharon dale - January 13, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Sharon Clement Blouin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Sharon Clement Blouin - January 13, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - January 13, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Rosemary Derbecker - January 13, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ Pat, Wally, and Cathy- Thinking of you during this difficult time. Eldon was respected and loved by all who knew him. Sending condolences to you and your families.

John & Deb Gross - January 13, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Terry Strand lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Terry Strand - January 13, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ Thinking of you ! Eldon will truly be missed. May your memories help you through this difficult time. Love you guys!

Terina Cybulski - January 13, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ Cathy, Pat and Wally and families we are so saddened by this immense loss of of your wonderful father. Such a great man, such a legacy he left. I will never forget his laughter and wit, his bad jokes, outstanding values, love of family, sweetness with dear Cuddy and most of all his strong commitment to our community. Eldon will be sorely missed but never forgotten. We hope that the memories and power of your dad will see you through the coming days. Sadly we won't be there for the service, but will be there in spirit. With love.

Jane & Joe Russell - January 13, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ Cathy and Family, our deepest condolences -High River has lost a memorable man but Heaven has gained this wonderful man.

Frieda and Bill Rigers - January 13, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ Stacey Beach Whalley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Stacey Beach Whalley - January 13, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ Lorne & Mary Chadney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Lorne & Mary Chadney - January 12, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ Pat, Wally and Cathy; our deepest sympathy is with you. Your Mum and Dad are together again. High River has a huge loss today. So many memories to keep you going. I will cherish my kids Santa photos.

Lorne - January 12, 2019 at 10:37 PM



“ Unfortunately Jody and I are not going to be able to attend Eldon's memorial but want the family to know that we both are greatly saddened by Eldon's passing, he was very much loved and respected by the community and his legions of friends. I have considered Eldon as a special friend for over 70 years going back to his Cayley years and our close association with the High River Teen Town. Both Eldon and Coddie were very special people and are together again. Many stories will be told and I wish we were there to share them with the family. Thinking of the family at this sad time.

Bob & Jody Roddie

Bob & Jody Roddie - January 12, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ Pat, Wally, Cathy and families. I don't think I can put into words just how I feel. From the time I was a youth "Eldon" and your Mom were THE COUPLE to look up to and live up to and neither of them disappointed. The entire area has lost a great Albertan and I hope you'll feel the love and support of us throughout the upcoming days. Blessings to each of you

Connie Jewell - January 12, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time



Vern and Lynda Coate - January 12, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Rhonda Bews - January 12, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ Cathy, Pat, Wally and families, we are very sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great ambassador for High River and a genuine family man. He will be greatly missed!
Tony and Rita Huysmans

Tony and Rita Huysmans - January 12, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ To all of the Couey's and their extended families we, the Stephenson's and their extended families are feeling the loss of a very close friend and neighbor. The two families have shared much for over 100 years and words cannot express the sincere feelings. Just knowing that you have lost a patriarch who gave much throughout his life to so many ventures makes the Stephenson's proud to have shared in a small portion of his life. Take care and know you can be proud of Eldon.

Bruce Stephenson and all. - January 12, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Cathy and families, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Your dad had a positive impact on so many people and on the community. He will be dearly missed.

Lori Kemp - January 12, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Sharon Doll sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eldon Charles Couey



Sharon Doll - January 12, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ Cathy, Pat, Wally and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great supporter of his family and the community. He will be missed

Linda Swanston - January 12, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Wally, Cathy and the entire Couey Family - our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow. Eldon was a real gentleman and leader in the community for many, many years. He will be missed!

Don & Carol PETLAK, Claresholm

Don - January 12, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ You and your family are in our hearts and minds. Our condolences on the passing of your father.

Tannis Singletary - January 12, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Wally,Pat ,Cathy and Family my deepest Condolences for your loss Eldon was a wonderful person who gave his best and was great promoter of His Community He will be greatly Missed again my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss David Richardson

David Richardson - January 12, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ Cathy, Our Condolences



Carmen and Tim Hodges - January 12, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Cathy and families, so sorry for your loss, your dad leaves a great presence in this community for you all to be proud of. Loved talking with your dad, always a twinkle in his eye and a laugh, he will be missed by sooo many. Our sincerest sympathy Wayne and FayeThurber.

Faye Thurber - January 12, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Pat, Cathy, Wally and families - - you have lost a great father and the town and area has lost a wonderful supporter. The memories will last forever. Santa has left the building. Donna D.

Donna Downey - January 12, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Cathy, Pat, Wally and families our hearts are with you at this time. Your dad was a great community man who had the gift of being able to connect with all age groups. He held true to his values but could listen to others and “agree to disagree” like a gentleman. Thank you for sharing him with our town. He will be missed.

Ann Holmes - January 12, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of lifelong family friend Eldon. He was a great man who truly made a difference. The Agriculture and Auction communities will miss him. Many great memories. Thoughts are with the Couey family. Rest In Peace “Honker”.

The Callahan Family.



Jeff Callahan - January 12, 2019 at 11:08 AM