



## Mr. J. Stuart Robertson

January 15, 1931 - March 4, 2019

In true Stuart Robertson fashion .....“up and gone before the break of dawn”.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of our father’s passing peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of March 4, 2019 at the Rising Sun Long Term Care Centre in Black Diamond, Alberta at the age of 88 years.

Stuart was a third generation Alberta rancher born on January 15, 1931 to Angus and Margaret Robertson. He was the eldest to two younger sisters raised on the AC Ranches homestead west of Airdrie. Stuart attended high school at St. Mary’s in Calgary, excelling on the football field. He also attended Campion College in Saskatchewan but it was at St. Mary’s that he met Helen Arbour and they married on July 5, 1952 and went on to raise six children.

In 1966 Stuart purchased land in the Black Diamond area and in 1970 sold that place and moved west of Turner Valley. In 1984 after attending a land auction on a whim, Stuart and Helen, along with their two youngest children, found themselves operating AC Ranches at Tees, Alberta. After Helen’s passing in 2000, Stuart decided to move back south to High River, closer to most of his children.

Stuart and Helen were pioneers in the history of Salers cattle in North America and were among the first to travel to France and import cattle back to Canada. Stuart served as President of the Salers Association of Canada from 1977 – 1979 and 1990 – 1991. AC Ranches was widely recognized as one of the premiere herds in North America exhibiting their cattle with much success in shows on both sides of the border and marketing their genetics in the U.S., Mexico, South America, Australia and New Zealand. In 1996 Stuart and Helen were awarded with Honorary Life Memberships in the Salers Association of Canada. In addition, the Robertson family was honored in 2003 by the Friends of the Bar U Historical Ranch Association with the Heritage Ranching Family Award in recognition of their contribution and support to the development of the ranching industry in Western Canada since 1881.

Stuart was involved in his community and his children's lives as a hockey coach, 4-H leader and school sports' enthusiast. He and Helen enjoyed travelling to France, Scotland, East Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico but they especially enjoyed their trips to Maui. He was also a keen golfer, curler and card player.

Stuart is survived by his children Susan (Wayne) Stewart, Sandra Kimmel (Bob Tiegs), Anne (Rich) Boswell, Graham (Joani) Robertson, Mary Kate Robertson (Alvin Pawlitz), Joan (Kris) Coleman; his sisters Peggy Jean Barr, Sheila (Lloyd) Conn; his sister-in-law June Townley; his grandchildren Katherine Stewart (Scott Fischer); Colin (Jennifer) Stewart; David Stewart; Meghan (Jim) Hoffman; Stuart Boswell, Mark Boswell, Raven Robertson, Cole Robertson, Julia Pawlitz, Alex Pawlitz, Georgia Pawlitz, Anthony Coleman; his great-grandchildren MaKayla Hoffman, Callum and Jacqueline Stewart, James Fischer and numerous nieces and nephews. Stuart was predeceased by his wife Helen, his grandson Fletcher Kimmel, his brothers-in-law Chris Barr, John Townley, Frank Hickey; his sister-in-law Donna Hickey; his nephew John Townley, his nieces Brenda Simmonds, Donna Hickey.

Dad was an honest, hard working man who conducted business on a handshake. He along with Mom set a wonderful example for us and we feel privileged to have been raised by such wonderful parents.

Stuart's life was celebrated on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. James' Catholic Church, 338060 – 32 St. E., Okotoks, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be directed to STARS Air Ambulance, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7 <http://www.stars.ca>

To send condolences and view Stuart's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com>. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.



# Comments

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“ Today May 25, 2019 we said our goodbye to Dad, Stuart Robertson. He is now resting with his bride and our Mom Helen. Our farewell was one from a large family gathering +44 of us today. Son, Daughters, Daughter in law, Sons in law, Grand children, Great grand children, Sisters, Brother in law, Nieces, Nephews and Great Nieces and Nephews. With the celebration led by Fr. Jack and all those present and the many more of us who could not attend, surrounding Dad with our love and sending him on his journey to Heaven. Rest In Peace.

**Susan Stewart** - May 26, 2019 at 12:01 AM

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“ We are all very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Robertson. May you find peace in the memories you keep of him. From the Sorge Family, Turner Valley.



**Liska Sorge** - March 20, 2019 at 07:40 PM

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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - March 20, 2019 at 09:25 AM

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“ Our thoughts are with you and your family.

International Sales Federation

**Harri Pritchard Chairman ISF** - March 12, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you and your family.  
Salers members have fond memories of Stuart.

Salers Association of Canada

**Salers Association of Canada** - March 12, 2019 at 10:25 AM

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“ A true Stockman of the land....bless u all

Don Bezjack

**Don Bezjack** - March 10, 2019 at 10:00 PM

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“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Stuart Robertson



**lynda Cowling** - March 09, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ Sorry for your lose my thoughts are with you and your family.

**lynda Cowling** - March 09, 2019 at 04:23 PM

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“ My memories of Uncle Stu (and his crazy eyebrows), Auntie Helen + all my amazing cousins are on the farm. Horseback riding, skidooing, raiding gardens, all the dogs/cats, the smell of branding, Sunday nite dinners and making up dance routines together at Christmas (i always got the lamest parts). This was always a happy place to go and be with all the family. Thank you for all the lifetime memories. laughter and love ... you will be dearly missed by all. Hugs to all my cousins and their families.  
Lindsay + Family xoxoxoxo



**Lindsay Palesch** - March 08, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ A true stockman of the land...bless u all

**Don Bezjack** - March 09, 2019 at 03:19 PM

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“ Susan and Wayne  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Our condolences to all of your family.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barry and Debbie Blakeman

**barry blakeman** - March 08, 2019 at 11:51 AM

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“ I have many memories of coming to visit my Uncle Stu and Auntie Helen and my cousins at the ranch in Turner Valley/ Black Diamond. One visit stands out, when Graham, Brian Conn and I used hay as a torch and built a cave in one of the hay bail stacks. Shockingly a fire started and it was all hands on led by Stu and Helen! Stu handled a tough situation well, never blamed Brian or I, although Graham might have got some feed back!

When I think of Uncle Stu, I think of a man's man! Every time we shook hands he would squeeze my hand hard until I asked him nicely to stop. I have been blessed to have great relatives and Uncle Stu will always have a place in my heart!

My condolences to all my cousins and their families, much love Dave Barr

**Dave Barr** - March 07, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ Our condolences. Always enjoyed doing work for Stuart. Great cattleman and storyteller. True man of integrity. Helen and Stuart always fed us well and the humor at the lunch table was neverending.  
He left a great legacy and will always be remembered.

**Roger Davis** - March 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM

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“ What a wonderful and full life your father had. I have fond memories and will never forget that big smile and belly laugh. My condolences.

**Rhonda Hall** - March 07, 2019 at 11:51 AM

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“ We are so sorry for the loss of Stuart. We have many fond memories through the Salers years. A lot of laughs and great visiting that went on with Helen and him. May your family be blessed with all the memories you all share.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jim and Rose Palmer

**rose palmer** - March 06, 2019 at 03:51 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss.....



**Carol Lyall** - March 06, 2019 at 02:52 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to all of Stuart's  
Family-fond memories of Stuart & Angus stopping at our place -on some pretty  
stormy nights-a whiskey bottle  
brought out & always empty when they left-as a kid memorable brandings at the  
ranch  
Bill Morison  
Water Valley

**Bill Morison** - March 05, 2019 at 08:13 PM

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“ Charlene Malmberg (King) lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Stuart Robertson



**Charlene Malmberg (King)** - March 05, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Mary Kate & family, we are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Now he can look down on the rest of the Salers breeders, carrying on his great work which he started with Salers, so, so, many years ago. GOD BLESS!

Richard, Dianne, Ken & Suzanne Andersen

**Dianne Andersen** - March 11, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ Upon reading of the passing of your Father, (unfortunately the service had already passed) our Mother sat down with her photo albums ( as she is inclined to do these days). She went back to the Saler's years and the many events and fun she had recorded. One in particular, tickled her funny bone and that was the memorable event of the Saler's men (dressed in drag ) fashion show. Photos that many of them may not be to fond of, although tons of Laughs and Fun was had by all.

May these fond memories give you comfort at this time.

Written by Melanie on behalf of Norma Tetrault.

**Melanie** - March 22, 2019 at 12:52 PM