



Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead

December 5, 1936 - May 9, 2020

We are deeply saddened to announce that Paul Herbert Linstead, beloved husband of Deanna and brother of Lois (Irvine) passed away peacefully in High River Long Term Care on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the age of 83.

Paul was born in Port Hope, Ontario on December 5, 1936 to Herbert and Alice Linstead. He was the eldest in the family which included his sister, Lois. As the children of a United Church Minister, they lived in a variety of different places in Ontario as was the custom of the time. Paul attended school in Courtice, Paisley and Niagara Falls, Ontario.

At an early age, Paul focused on the desire to become a pilot and was able to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force on his 17th birthday. He realized his dream and became Flight Lieutenant before leaving the Air Force 10 years later in 1964. He was accepted as a pilot for Air Canada and remained there from February 1965 to Dec. 31, 1991 having reached his Captaincy in 1972. He lived in several locations around the world and many locations in Canada and flew on virtually all the routes of the airline and their different planes operative at that time. He was also able to fulfill his love of travel, a family trait.

After his first marriage dissolved, he met his lifelong soulmate Deanna Clifford and was married from October 1974 to his passing.

Paul was a relatively quiet, confident, and generous man but enjoyed whatever community he was in actively. He and Deanna became part of various social and sporting groups especially golf and skeet shooting but also making individual friends and maintaining regular contact with friends from past years and family. His shooting prowess earned him a qualification for the Olympics but at a time when his career was most important.

Paul was a social man and had many intriguing stories to tell. Dinners and get togethers were enlivened by them and he will be greatly missed by his family and many friends from his career and his communities. While his activities were curtailed in later years due to a severe disabling fall in December 2017, he demonstrated a very positive attitude,

recovered to a remarkable degree and had many times of much enjoyment. Special thanks to the caregivers at High River Long Term Care, his therapist and participating friends who helped this to happen and to Rev. Sean Devlin of High River Anglican Church, a constant comfort.

Due to current restrictions no services will be held at this time. A memorial service will be held later as can be scheduled. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to your local Food Bank.

Farewell dearest husband, brother, and friend.

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

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 30, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Fabulous service Deanna; thank you SO much for sharing with us when we couldn't be there! Great tributes to a great gentle man!! And to you Deanna; your love was so strong for each other; a true inspiration! Be well! Talk soon! Love, Cousin Sandi & Brian...

Sandi Whitehead - July 05, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Deanna: Just recently learned of Paul's passing. Please accept my sincere .condolences. Bill Pallister

Bill Pallister - May 31, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album My condolence,s in memory of Paul Linstead



Eileen Starin - May 29, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Deanna - was so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. What a wonderful life together and you will have many memories. Missed seeing both of you in AZ the last few years. The Hold 'Em table is not complete without you! Take care, and hope you can get back to AZ at some point. Irene Kadry

Irene Kadry - May 23, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Deanna, so sorry to see Paul passed, he had suffered for so long and you took such great care of him, I am sure you will miss him terribly.
Our thoughts are with you.
Jane and Cal.



jane adair - May 19, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Deanna - Paul was such a special part of your life and the love and care you showed for him these last few years would have been such a blessing to him (and you). Thank you for sharing so much of your life memories and travels of you and Paul. Your love and closeness to each other and all your memories, I pray will give you comfort. May God be very near you at this time of sorrow.

Love and prayers,
Marlene Diede

Marlene Diede - May 19, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Deanna, u2 are such gentle souls, you 2 were such a pleasure to golf with. Paul n his smirky humour . You n ur never ending smile.
I have planted some flowers today in my garden in memoriam for Paul.
Sending u my hugs

Mike Brown

mike - May 18, 2020 at 02:23 AM



“ Deanna--Gary and I offer our deepest sympathy to you.We miss you and Paul as our "next door"Winfield neighbours and all the good times we shared together in Scottsdale.We always liked to listen to Paul's stories about flying and your travels together.Thinking about you Gary and Linda Shmyr

Linda Shmyr - May 17, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Our deepest condolences on Paul's passing. Both of you have been missed at our weekly Texas Hold'em matches in Scottsdale, AZ Take care Deanna. Marge & Ron Denofreo

Marge Denofreo - May 15, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Our deepest condolences

With love, Zelda & David



Zelda Clifford - May 15, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Clark And Donna Clifford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Clark and Donna Clifford - May 14, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences Deanna. So many happy memories to cherish.

Bonnie Fleischaker and Family.

bonnie fleischaker - May 14, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Paul and Deanna were always a 'treat' to see at our Arizona RAPCAN (Retired Airline Pilots CANada) luncheons over the years, and I know that he WILL be missed.
God bless old friend, and I hope your "Flight West" was a happy one for you, but not so much for us - who are missing you and your smile.
Best wishes to you, Deanna.
Ed and Loretta Copeman,
Kelowna, BC



Ed Copeman - May 14, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ John Nikulak. (volunteer) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



john nikulak. (volunteer) - May 14, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ So many great memories of fun times on the golf course and at the bridge table. Paul was a great guy with a subtle sense of humour. Sincere condolences Deanna.
With love,
Margie Lysecki

Margaret Lysecki - May 14, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ We have many good memories of bridge games with Paul & Deanna at the High River Seniors Bridge Club. It was a pleasure and honor to know this couple and to share in their interests. Our condolences to Deanna and their families.

Marg & Ray Fenton

Marg & Ray Fenton - May 13, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ Pleasant memory of a crew picnic at Fortress Louisberg N.S. while on layover back in the mid 70s. Flying as Paul's first officer was a pleasure. Condolences to his family.

Capt. Dave Main, AC

Dave Main - May 13, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ I knew Paul from my RCAF - Air Canada Days - We were never close friends but we always shared a smile & a HI when we passed each other in many airports around the World. Rest in Peace my Friend & may you Journey West be pleasant

Don McKay

Donald McKay - May 13, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Wonderful man and friend. I only met Paul about 5 years ago in Arizona but hit it off right away. We both had served on 440 Squadron but at different times. I visited him in High River and we had a great time remembering our times in the air force. Wishing Deanna all the best in this trying times.

Ron Bell



Ronald G Bell - May 13, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Cora Olstad lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Cora Olstad - May 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Ray & Sandra Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Ray & Sandra Murray - May 13, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you Dianna .Allan & Sheila Gehrke

sheila Gehrke - May 13, 2020 at 06:03 AM



“ Ian & Donna MacGregor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Ian & Donna MacGregor - May 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Ann Weston - May 12, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Glen Clifford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



glen clifford - May 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Grace Ledoux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Grace Ledoux - May 11, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Colleen Gehrke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Colleen Gehrke - May 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ JoAnne And Bob Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



JoAnne and Bob Corbett - May 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Sheila Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Sheila Macklin - May 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sheila Macklin - May 11, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ I remember Paul from where we were both stationed at #3 fighter wing in Zweiebrucken Germany and shared a lovely evening with him and Dianna just prior to his accident. Our deepest sympathies for you Dianna and your family.

Dr. Edwin and Berna Moss

Edwin Moss - May 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Linda Hurl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Linda Hurl - May 11, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Alana Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Herbert Linstead



Alana Williamson - May 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and memories to hold close to your heart.

Alana Williamson - May 11, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #71, High River, extends their deepest sympathy to Dianna and family, on the passing of Paul. We bow our heads and say, "Farewell Comrade and thank you for your service."

Warm blessings,
Dr. Linda Ormson
Branch Chaplain

Linda Dr. Ormson - May 10, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Paul's attitude and determination has taught me so very much. I will miss you my dear friend but I know you are walking now!!! Till we meet again.

Gary Kellock - May 13, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Deanna. My brother Max is an AC pilot, as was my dad George and his brother Bob. Max just let me know of Paul's passing. My mum and dad (Ann & George) both gone now, were good friends of the Linstead's and as soon as Max asked..."do you remember a fellow named Paul Lindstead" .. I instantly recalled his gentle and unassuming nature.

Mark Brown - May 15, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss, Deanna. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
Hugs, Nancy & Jim

Nancy - May 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear Deanna, like so many of your friends, John and I were so sorry to hear about Paul. The last few years must have been tough but you were both always so positive. It was a good day when you took me under your wing when I first came to Canada. Many fun times were had together and we will miss Paul's smile and the many stories he had to tell. I was sad when you moved out West but was always thrilled to see you both when you visited with Harvey! (Being Scottish I always thought they had named their camper Harvey, I didn't realize at the time they were talking about their RV!) Hope he is having the perfect round of golf and thinking of you as he always did. Deepest sympathy John and Melinda.

Melinda Walley - May 18, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ Dear Deanna, I was saddened to hear about Paul's passing from the RAPCAN news. I had the pleasure of being Paul's First Officer during the 70's. He was one of my favorite Captains to fly with. Always a Gentleman, very supportive and a great guy to enjoy layovers with.. And we had many..Thank you Paul..

And God Bless..

Chuck Almasy.

Chuck Almasy - July 05, 2020 at 01:32 PM