



Mr. Peter Edwin Mardon

October 30, 1949 - October 2, 2021

Mr. Peter Mardon of High River, Alberta, and Black Diamond, Alberta passed away on October 2, 2021 in High River, Alberta at the age of 71 years. Peter is survived by his daughter Kathleen Smithson and brothers Richard (Sandy), Andrew (Joy) and Alex (Trina) and sister Ulrika Leino (Hannu) and many nieces and nephews. Peter was predeceased by his parents Jasper Mardon and Louise Mardon and brothers David and Gunnar.

Peter was born in Exeter, England where he spent his early years both there and in Wales. He emigrated to Quebec with his parents and brothers at the age of six, moved to Maine where he lived for four years, and then on to Vancouver for his high school and his bachelor's degree and teaching certificate at SFU. A great linguist, he taught French and Photography in high schools in Quesnel and Fort St. James for 30 years before retiring and moving to Quebec in 2005.

After 15 years and seeking a change of life he moved west to Calgary in 2020 to be closer to his brother Andrew and brothers Richard and Alex in Vancouver.

Peter, like his brothers David and Andrew, was a train enthusiast, and enjoyed building hand-crafted and painted model railroad engines and rolling stock. With a passion for detail he crafted meticulous reproductions of trains of today and days gone by. He built his first model railroad at the age of ten with his brother David in the basement of the family home in Rumford, Maine and continued to build model railroads wherever he had the space.

He was also an amazing photographer, using a variety of cameras and professional darkroom equipment. He captured unique views of his teenage years and the Mardon family, and throughout his adult life was able to capture the essence of a person or a landscape in a manner akin to Norman Rockwell paintings.

When in Vancouver, unable to sleep, he would often find himself on Granville Street, capturing the late-night scenes, with the shadows of the night dispelled by the lights of the

nightlife as he composed his shots with care and compassion.

He was also an accomplished guitarist, playing the 12-string guitar with friends and loving the sounds of Gordon Lightfoot and other Canadian singer and songwriters of the time.

Peter was a unique individual who was at times was quiet, but when with friends and family could share his dry sense of humour with a great laugh and a twinkle in his eye.

Memorial Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, <http://www.cancer.ca>.

At this time no Memorial Service will be held.

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

Comments



“ I only knew Peter briefly- I lived two doors down from him in Black Diamond. We met this past summer as he was preparing to move and we would often chat about plants while I gardened or sat outside reading a book about plant care. I'm a fairly novice gardener and plant owner, and Peter had some lovely plants. He gave me excellent advice, and when he was ready to move, he gifted me some plants that wouldn't enjoy the light in his new place in High River. His brother Andrew emailed me to let me know of his passing, and this morning, before I saw the email, I noticed that the 21-year old Christmas cactus Peter gave me has started to bloom early. He was a lovely, kind person whom I wish I could have known longer. Reading through the memories here, seeing the photos and reading the obituary, it warms my heart to see how full and interesting his life was! I'm honoured to have been a part of it in even the smallest of ways.

-Erin Vance

Erin Vance - October 29 at 04:31 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Model Railway



Andrew Mardon - October 18 at 11:14 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Andrew Mardon - October 18 at 10:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



ALex - October 15 at 05:40 PM



“ My sincere condolences to family and friends. He will be missed.

Sharon Bird - October 28 at 02:42 PM



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“ He was also a good train modeler



Jocelyne Guilbault - October 13 at 01:44 PM



“ He was also volunteer at the library



Jocelyne Guilbault - October 13 at 01:35 PM



“ Thanks for all these years spent together



Jocelyne Guilbault - October 13 at 01:27 PM



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Jocelyne Guilbault - October 13 at 01:23 PM



“ Peter was a very good cook



Jocelyne Guilbault - October 13 at 01:19 PM



“ Peter is a valued friend, who's memory will continue. His incredible intelligence made space for me, a relative 'philistine'.

Chester - October 10 at 02:41 PM



“ Peter came into my classroom (shop) on my first day of school; where I'd just given 2 students a detention, reminding them I was essentially a construction worker - with a recent teaching degree, their 'safest place this day, was my classroom; forever changing the way I treat students (people)

Chester - October 10 at 02:36 PM