



Mr. Raymond Elliot Major

February 9, 1943 - December 14, 2020

Ray was born February 9, 1943 to Frederick and Mildred Major who resided in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Ray is survived by his brothers Fred and Harold and sister Joan.

In 1954 the Major family moved to Toronto, Ontario and then to London, Ontario.

When Ray finished Grade 10 he did a four year apprenticeship and became a bricklayer. Back then bricklaying was not a year round job, and as a result he started truck driving for a trucking business in Lucan, Ontario. This led him trucking for Cargill and he moved to High River, Alberta to become a dispatcher at the Cargill site where he remained until his retirement.

Ray was a jovial individual with many friends in many places.

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



“ Ray Major was also survived by his own son, Fred Major and daughter in law, he had two grand daughters, Amber and myself Melissa Major. Over my entire life my family had spent almost every holiday with Ray. He frequently came to visit us and spent time with his grand daughters. Watching us play as kids running around the yard, playing in the pool, learning to play rummy with him- one of this favourite card games, all the way to attending our high school graduations.

We were always there for him, a phone call away. He never missed a Sunday phone call.

Memories like my sister and I road tripping to his house from BC to spend the weekend painting the house for him and then taking us to Spruce Meadows because he knew his horse-obsessed grand daughters loved watching the show jumping , these memories will last forever.

After the devastation of the High River flood, we opened our doors to him providing a place for him to call home in the time being. As the months passed and the access back into High River was restricted, we eventually helped him moved into a home we renovated in a neighbouring town in an effort to give him his own space back. An independent man he was. Content to have his own space again, making friends with the neighbour and now only a five minute drive away, grandpa had settled in. Close enough to swing by when he would call me up and ask for a hair cut, or ask if we wanted to pick up Chinese food and come have dinner with him.

One day we got a call from his neighbour saying he had fallen, ending up in the hospital, I remember getting a phone call from my mom who was in the hospital with Ray saying that the doctors advised any family that wanted to visit to do so as soon as possible as his body started showing signs of shutting down.

My mom sister and I sat in the hospital at his bed side during these moments. I always said Ray had nine lives like a cat, he was stubborn and determined to not die in that hospital.

The quality of Care, love and support that he received while living Agassiz BC, when his health was failing him, supporting him while gaining his health and strength back to eventually move back To High River, where he wanted to be to live out his life.

Grandpa I am glad you got to rest easy in the place you called home for many many years.



Melissa Major - January 09, 2021 at 01:51 AM



“ Although our marriage was short, our friendship lasted a lifetime. I will miss our weekly phone calls where we shared many laughs together and offered each other support as needed. Ray and I went on many road trips during our friendship and I will always cherish those memories.

Also mourning the loss of Ray are my two sons Shawn and Jason Sigurdson and their families as well as many very close and supportive friends: John and Darlene Mikula, Kevin and Louise Albert, Corey Flamand, Sandy Regan, Roy Roger, Mary Turner, and Pieter and Henke VanIngen.

Donna Major

Donna Major - January 06, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ So sad to hear of the passing of Ray. We had many a laugh together and my condolences to his family. He fed a lot of people in the Maritimes and kept the Beef rolling. I met Ray because of Roy Rogers who hauled a lot of the Beef. A great guy and ill miss him. Rest in Peace my friend. Dale Underhill

Dale Underhill - December 24, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Ray was more than a brother to my Dad, Fred. He was a loyal friend and confidant. They shared many good times and helped each other through the sad ones. Ray will surely be missed but always remembered with love.

Linda Major

Linda Major - December 21, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ My brother Ray passed away, alone in his home, however he was not truly alone. Ray had relatives and friends who kept in touch from many miles away. Ray is survived by his two brothers and me his sister plus nephews and nieces. Ray was the Godfather of my youngest son who sadly passed away in 2017. Ray and Kevin shared a commonality and that was a good heart and willingness to help others if they could.

Ray's final wishes were honored. Rest in Peace Ray. Love Joan



Joan Burns - December 20, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ We will miss you Ray. RIP



Ed & Leslie Wendt - December 20, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ We will miss you forever Ray. Hard to believe there will be no more calls from you or to you... We will remember all the good times we spent with you at your home in High River. You will forever be in our hearts. Love you always and forever . Roy & Carol Rogers in Somerville, New Brunswick

Roy & Carol Rogers - December 20, 2020 at 01:54 PM