



Mr. Russell Brian Hall

October 28, 1936 - May 14, 2020

Mr. Rus Hall of High River, Alberta passed away at the High River Hospital on May 14, 2020 at the age of 83 years. Rus is survived by his wife Marg of 52 years; son Brian; grandchildren Dean (Rachel) and LeighAnna; brother Doug (Lynne); sister Penny (Pat); sisters-in-law Audrey, Bonnie and Pat (Garth) as well as many nieces and nephews. Rus was predeceased by his brother Eldon.

Rus was born to Eldon and Ursula Hall in Kelvington, SK. He was raised on a farm and attended grade 1 – 12 in Kelvington and upon graduation attended Lakehead College where he took Forest Technology. Rus spent many years working in the Lake of the Woods area transferring to Fish and Wildlife (trees grow too slow). Rus also had an opportunity to work as a project development officer off the James Bay coast.

In 1967 he accepted a position in Fort Smith, NWT as Assistant Superintendent of Renewable Resources. Marg and Rus were married in Fort Smith in 1968 and later that year moved to Yellowknife, NWT. The outdoors was Rus's favourite place where his passions included flying, fishing, hunting and canoeing. He owned and least 7 different aircraft with ski and float plane flying as his favourites.

Marg and Rus retired to Cranbrook, BC in 1990. He was active in Air Search and Rescue as well as the flying club. Rus was a delegate on the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board with many trips back north to Norman Wells, NWT.

In 2001 a move to High River, and thanks to rich black soil at Berger Farms, gardening filled his summers. Most summers he planted 300+ hills of potatoes. Rus donated many truck loads of vegetables to The Mustard Seed, Inn From The Cold, Nanton and High River Food Banks.

Travel was part of Marg and Rus's life. Recent trips included Antarctica and South Africa. Many winters were spent on Lake Havasu City, AZ with summers spent fishing pickerel on Lesser Slave Lake.

As a friend said when told of his passing “damn – he was one of the good ones”.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Rus’s memory may be made to the High River and District Hospital Foundation – www.highriverhospitalfoundation.ca .

Due to the current health circumstances no service will be held.

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John Carter - June 05 at 02:22 PM



“ Marg: Sorry to learn of Russ's passing. My sincere condolences. Bill Pallister

Bill Pallister - May 31 at 10:30 PM



“ Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Russell Brian Hall



Rhonda Bews - May 21 at 11:06 AM



“ Marg, my Deepest Sympathy in the passing of Russ.

Rhonda Bews - May 21 at 11:07 AM



“ I worked with Russ in the 1980's at Renewable Resources in Yellowknife. We did Trapper Workshops around the north. I particularly remember a fall road trip to Ft. Liard then on to Ft. Nelson in BC. We took our time, stopping to shoot a few grouse, and wander in the bush a bit. Both of us extremely happy that our jobs allowed us lots of time in the bush.

Another trip took us up to Banks Island in the winter to film David Nasogaluak, the King of the white fox trappers. It was a hard trip. Filming at minus 30 as David showed us his methods. Russ was very patient with me, teaching bush skills and wisdom. When he was flying for Bathurst Inlet Air, Russ was the pilot that brought a ski plane to our remote camp on Christmas Eve. On board was the Justice of the Peace who was going to marry my wife and I. Hope you are still tromping through

the bush some where Russ.
Peace
Terry Woolf & Aggie Brockman.

Terry Woolf - May 19 at 09:39 PM



“ Marg,
Thinking of you during this time of sorrow...may memories comfort you in the days ahead.
Russ will be missed.
Grace



Grace Ledoux - May 19 at 04:01 PM



“ Marg - I'm so sorry to hear about Russ. There are no words. Sending you hugs from Canmore. I remember Russ generously taking us up for a flight when my parents visited YK - 35 years ago! Thinking of you, Sal and Jo xoxo

Sally Garen - May 19 at 11:47 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Russ passing.

ken & Clara Herriman - May 18 at 08:51 PM



“ Our condolences Marg, we never met anyone who was so caring of others. Our times on Havasu's Nautical golf course will never be forgotten, Russ had to be the fastest player ever and was not going to be called for slow play. I swear sometimes he never stopped walking and just hit the ball down the fairway in stride. We shared a lot of very early mornings, usually the first group out, Those early mornings were so beautiful and we are so grateful to have shared them with Russ.
On and off the course Russ was a gentleman who donated his time to others with out a need for thanks. There was an awful lot to Russ and he will certainly be missed.

With our love

Don and Dianne

Don Martin - May 18 at 04:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Russ’ passing Marg. I recall with fond memories great times at goose camp south of Provost. Mel, Sam, Russ, family members Hugh, Glen and others. Russ’ favourite supper for the goose camp was his delicious pork chop, spuds and carrots in tomato sauce cooked outdoors under the prairie sky. I will make Russ’ dish this fall at goose camp and every year forward. Russ such a class act, gentleman, great hunter and friend. Dale Monaghan

dale monaghan - May 18 at 11:39 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Russ, Marg. I have many fond memories of he and I with our dogs, Angie and Chance, out on the prairie chasing partridge. They were good times of sharing between old friends.

Sam Miller

Sam Miller - May 18 at 10:18 AM



“ Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Russell Brian Hall



Rhonda Bews - May 18 at 10:07 AM



“ I’m so sorry to learn about Russ’s passing Marg, He was a wonderful neighbour to my Mom. Living away, it gave me comfort knowing that both you and Russ were there and were always so kind and good to her. Russ was very generous to me with many gifts from his garden during my visits to High River...he even sent potatoes with my Mom to me in Ottawa when she visited. I’ll certainly miss seeing him sitting in the sun reading when I drive into my Mom’s driveway. He certainly was a good, kind man.

Patricia McLarnon
Ottawa, ON

Patricia McLarnon - May 17 at 07:18 PM



“ You are in my thoughts Marg.....I first met you guys fairly recently doing some work for you.....you made quite an impression on me.....they just don't make them like you two anymore...I see why your friend said There goes a good one! I enjoyed every minute of our time together.....I hope you find comfort in the memories you shared.. Ron Lafreniere , Nanton

Ron Lafreniere - May 16 at 06:16 PM



“ Rus was indeed one of the good ones. I am proud to have had him as a friend and brother-in-law. Fond memories of he, I and Ross cleaning a heck of a pile of whitefish one night at Pontoon Lake some of which we all enjoyed a few weeks later in Pilot Mound.

Garth Wallbridge - May 16 at 04:04 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Russ, Marg. I have great memories of flying out to "secret" pickerel lakes to fish and explore with Russ. And he was always willing to share stories and thoughts over coffee in the office during our Renewable Resources days. I feel lucky to have known him.

Ken Hall

Ken Hall - May 15 at 02:32 PM



“ We will sure miss you!! Condolences to Marg & family.

Jack & Carol Ball

Carol Ball - May 15 at 01:49 PM



“ Sincere sympathy marg..from Marlene herriman...I have good memories of our time in Hawaii years ago...

