



## Mr. Thomas "Art" Belsher

March 7, 1921 - December 31, 2014

Mr. Art Belsher of High River, Alberta passed away at the High River Hospital on December 31, 2014 at the age of 93 years. Dear father to his son Gordon (Charlene) Belsher of PEI and daughter Carolyn (Jim) Mulholland of High River. Grandfather to cherished grandchildren Savannah (Todd), Siobhán, Kelsi, Shayla, and Brett. Art was the 6th child out of 16 and is also survived by his siblings Frances Shattuck, Ursula Donaldson, Hubert Belsher, Doris Ruscheinski, Kenneth Belsher, Donald Belsher, Margaret MacKenzie, Gwendolyn Dods and Douglas Belsher. Art was predeceased by his parents William and Maria Belsher and siblings: Nita Daniels, Charles Belsher, Evelyn Hamilton, Mary McEachern and Lawrence Belsher.

As a young man, Art was very good working in the field and driving horses. He helped his dad seeding and cultivating on the family farm in McCord, Saskatchewan from age 11. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1939 at the age of 18, and went overseas for 2 years as an airframe mechanic. He remustered as a pilot, coming back to Canada in 1943 for training in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. While home on embarkation, they granted him extended leave because of rumors that the war was about to end.

After the war, Art began trucking in southern Saskatchewan hauling cattle and oil products as Belsher's Transport. Art joined his brothers Merv and Ken forming Belshers Limited in 1952, and moved his family to Calgary. He moved again in 1954 to run the Edmonton division of the trucking business. Belsher's Limited was very successful and was eventually sold in 1962.

He married Martha Klein (Martie) on September 10, 1947 and they lived in McCord, Saskatchewan. On October 22, 1950 they had a son, Gordon Arthur, who now resides in Prince Edward Island.

After a six week family road trip to Mexico, Art then began with Crosstown Motors in Edmonton as a salesman. He sold cars, and eventually moved on to truck fleet sales. He was consistently one of the top Canadian salesmen for Chrysler, and earned many travel

bonuses to international sales conventions in North America and the Caribbean.

In March of 1964, Art and Martie adopted their daughter Carolyn June, who was born on February 23, 1964. She was his pride and joy for the rest of his days. Art was an avid golfer, and a busy curling skip throughout his life. He continued to reside in Edmonton until a move to High River in 2007.

A Celebration of Art's Life will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Highwood Golf & Country Club (400 7th Street, High River). If desired memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To send condolences and view Art's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

# Events

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**FEB** **Celebration of Life Service** 11:00AM

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Highwood Golf & Country Club

400 7th Street NW, High River, AB, CA

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - February 15, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ Thanks for sharing the memories! Wishing we could have been there. Remembering the many weekends at Uncle Art and Auntie Marty's house when we were newly weds. We were always made to feel so welcome. One comment Pat remembered Uncle Art saying was "Lord, it's hard to be humble!" Will miss you #9

Love, Pat and Shelley

**Shelley Michael** - February 15, 2015 at 05:26 PM



“ I have spent so many times at Uncle Art and Auntie Marty's house from a very early age. I can't tell you how warm and welcoming they were. They visited a couple of times to our house in Caledon, one time being my Dads 90th birthday. Auntie Marty told me so many stories about when she was first married and dealing with those roudy Belsher boys. I loved hearing the stories. Art had such a sense of his family and they were the most important people in the world to him. I have an autograph book that I started about the age of 12 and he loved that and all the comments from the rellies in it. He is and was an amazing guy and his sweet wife the love of his life. He will be missed and it was an honor to know him and be loved by him xx

**linda scheven** - February 17, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ Sorry we didn't make it but so glad to have seen him in PEI Summer of 2013, even had our picture taken together at the airport. I look at that picture often. I also remember the family reunions where Uncle Art would say something at mealtime (I think) and the family would respond back saying, "poor, poor #9, oh, poor poor Uncle Art". He truly loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Love, Jeanne & Bob Smith and family.

**Jeanne & Bob Smith** - February 17, 2015 at 11:51 PM

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“ So many great memories of Uncle Art and Marty. Days in Edmonton playing at the Sheraton & having them dance to our music. Many trips through to have Uncle Art add water to the morning coffee pot... such a big void in this family with his passing. Our thoughts and sympathy to all who knew and loved this great man.

Patty & David Proznick & family.



David & Pat Proznick - February 18, 2015 at 02:14 PM

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“ Many Happy Memories of moments with this true gentleman. A long life, and a good one. Blessings to all.

Brian Dunsmore

brian dunsmore - February 16, 2015 at 09:11 PM

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“ I remember first meeting Art when I worked at Medicine Tree Manor. His smile and enthusiasm shone brightly as did his love for his lovely wife. Carolyn was always there to support them and I know how much they appreciated her. May the family find comfort at this time. Lots of love, Cahina Yontz

Cahina Yontz Shruger - February 13, 2015 at 09:30 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your dads loss we too just lost our dad who had just turned 94 last month. Art and Al are golfing and curling together in heaven just like old times . Very fond memories of your family especially the Glendale golf club days and the annual for roasts. Marty and the moms including mine loved to play dice and the boys enjoyed a beverage or two and then we'd have the singsong and your dad would lay the guitar and your dad would laugh when I'd start singing love potion no.9 so sorry for your loss our family grieves with you with the loss of two great guys. Deb and Phil Semmler (Arthur's )

Deb Semmler Arthurs - February 10, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Uncle Art.  
At our family reunion at Jasper in 1959 on Sunday morning after church many of us went down beside the lake. Uncle Art was standing on the pier dressed up in suit and all.  
Two of his nieces which he loved (he loved them all) told him they were going to throw him in the lake. He said, "here Ike? (brother) hold my cigar." In about 3 seconds he was in the lake.  
Several other times he had his ties cut.  
Glenn Daniels

**Glenn Daniels** - January 14, 2015 at 11:54 PM

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“ Gord, Char and family  
  
Was sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Art was a great man he always treated everyone like family when ever our paths crossed, I will always remember those CIGARS though. Please accept our deepest sympathy on his passing.  
  
Rick Francis and Lynne Heffel

**Rick Francis** - January 10, 2015 at 04:31 PM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy Gord and CJ and families. It felt good to toast Art on New Year's Eve and know there was a great reunion happening in Heaven celebrating Art's Life. I hope Art and Marty danced the night away surrounded by all the loved ones who have gone before. I know one who would be monkey dancing with them

**Sue Belsher** - January 09, 2015 at 05:15 PM

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“ Gord, Char and family  
Art was always a great supporter of our musical efforts. His encouragement and jovial personality will be remembered. Please accept our deepest sympathy on his passing.  
The Patch boys: Rick D, Rick F. And Doug A.

**Rick Dubord** - January 08, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ Gord, Char and family

So very sorry to hear of Art's passing. He was a sweet man and a shining example of a life well lived. He will be remembered in our prayers.

Rick and Betty Dubord and family



**Rick Dubord** - January 08, 2015 at 09:42 AM

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“ David And Patricia And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Art" Belsher



**David and Patricia and family** - January 05, 2015 at 11:42 PM

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“ Our hearts are very heavy with this news of Uncle Art's passing. He was such a family favorite & it was a joy and privilege to have known him all these years. We now focus our thoughts & prayers on Gord & CJ and their families as they deal with the loss of this wonderful man. I would imagine Uncle Art in that corner of heaven where all the music is happening. RIP dear Art.

**David & Patricia Proznick** - January 05, 2015 at 11:41 PM

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“ Dear Gord and CJ, Your dad loved family more than anything. Both he and your mom opened their home and their hearts to the growing number of young cousins coming to Edmonton to expand their horizons. I spent many a day/evening/weekend celebrating family. Thank you for sharing Uncle Art with us all. I shall miss him greatly.  
Cousin Roxy

Roxanne Kelner - January 05, 2015 at 02:05 PM

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“ Gord, CJ and families, we are very sad to hear of Uncle Art's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve his loss. Love and hugs, Bryan and Colleen and family.

Colleen Roller - January 05, 2015 at 02:02 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. ~ Chaplain Virginia, High River Hospital.

Chaplain Virginia Battiste - January 05, 2015 at 11:26 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about your dads passing I was a centre supervisor at Medicine Tree Manor when your mom and dad were there.

Tammie Coffin - January 03, 2015 at 01:18 PM

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“ Tammie Coffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Art" Belsher



Tammie Coffin - January 03, 2015 at 01:16 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Gord & CJ and families on the sudden loss of your dad. He will be deeply missed by his many Belsher relatives and friends. He was #9 in our huge family with our number now at 462. He has now joined his wife Martha in heaven Sad to say, but he is now in a better place.  
Much love from Glenn Daniels.

**Glenn Daniels** - January 02, 2015 at 11:14 PM

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“ The Belsher Family  
We have enjoyed your Dad 'Art' after meeting him at Medicine Tree Manor.  
Carolyn , you will have many memories of your Dad.  
Doug & Judy



**Doug & Judy** - January 02, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Art" Belsher



**Sandy** - January 01, 2015 at 10:33 PM



“ We have just heard of Art's passing and send condolences from the entire 'Wishart family'. Your Dad and Mum were so much a part of the friendship and love that flourished in the old 'Dovercourt District' in Edmonton in days gone by. Your dad was my 'skip' for my first curling experience. He was so positive and so much fun. Oh my goodness, I could go on and on. The singing, the dancing, the jokes, the parties, the weddings, the anniversaries, all good clean fun. We built our lives around the camaraderie of that neighbourhood. Blessings to you, Gordon and to you Carolyn and your families and know that our hearts are with you. Gail and Bob, for Beryl, Georgia and Bev and when the musicians gather, Bertha and Russell, Gwen and Doug will be listening and joining in.

**Gail McQuarrie** - January 10, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ Gord, Charlene and families ~ so sad to know that Uncle Art is gone from all of our lives. Over the years George and I spent so many happy fun times with him and Auntie Martha. He was such a good sport (when Lorraine and I tossed him into that cold mountain lake, new shoes, suit and all) and on other occasions when we cut off his tie, (their 40th wedding anniversary) tee shirt, pant leg and even the curl on the end of his handlebar moustache! (at reunions). He laughed as much as anyone!. More great memories celebrating New Years Eve at our place in Weyburn and playing Charades. He brought so much life to every occasion. We loved him. You will miss him a lot. May our loving God wrap His arms around you in your grief. Hugs to you all. Gail Sephton

**Gail Sephton** - January 15, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ Art was one of my favorite people during my life. I babysat Gordie in McCord! Art and Martha spent fun weekends with Don and me at our acreage in DeWinton. He loved being part of the McCord Reunions I organized every year for ten years. So many people loved you, Art, and you had a wonderful long life. We'll miss you.

**Vera Goodman** - January 20, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ Carolyn, sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure your family has brought much joy to their grandfather. Isabelle Nichol.

**Isabelle Nichol** - February 08, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ Uncle Art was one of my favourite people. He always made me laugh and was so comfortable to be around. My be-lated father in-law always asked about my "Honey Do" Uncle. He met Uncle Art at our wedding and told him that he worked for "Honey Do". My father in-law was impressed as he thought that was quite a big company, until Uncle Art explained "Honey do this, honey do that". We always laugh about it. Both Uncle Art and Auntie Martha were such great people. I also respected him so much for standing up for my Mom at a relatives wedding, I will never forget him. He sure lived life to the fullest, so

admirable! Thinking of you, Gord, CJ and your beautiful families, at this difficult time. My sincere condolences.

**Colleen Bellina (Klein)** - February 08, 2015 at 10:14 PM