



Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp

April 22, 1933 - August 15, 2018

Mr. Wally Kemp of High River, AB, passed away on August 15, 2018 at the Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary at the age of 85 years.

Born in Olds, AB in 1933, Wally was the youngest of three brothers. He moved to Lethbridge in his late teens and then to Calgary in his 20s. Wally and Adele moved their family to High River in 1976 and it has been their home ever since.

As a young man, Wally attended school in Olds while doing odd jobs. Through his brother Gavin, he found employment at the Lethbridge Research Centre. While in Lethbridge, Wally became involved in a youth group where he met a leader who motivated him to begin his insurance career. That connection opened the door to a position at Guardian Insurance in Calgary, where he met Adele, as well as his future business partner, Ray Johnston.

The Kemp family relocated to High River when Wally joined the team at Hi-Alta Insurance Agencies. He later became a partner with Dick Liddell, Ray Johnston, and Hazel Dale. Wally remained involved with Hi-Alta until the late 1990s when it became the cornerstone of Western Financial Group. He was later named a Founding Director of the Western Financial Communities Foundation.

Wally dedicated his life to the community of High River and the groups he belonged to. For him, community was not just something to seek, but something to create. He was a long-standing member of the High River Rotary Club and High River United Church. He applied his handyman expertise for hours on end within the community, including both old and new United Church facilities. His community service and passion for helping didn't end there. Anywhere that extra hands were needed, Wally could be found. Providing service as a sound person at the church, driving for Canadian Cancer Society and the High River Hospital were a few more on the long list of ways he showed his devotion to the community. Wally's dedication to his community through Rotary was recognized when he received the Paul Harris Fellowship for exemplary service.

Wally valued the outdoors. He put many miles on Happy Trails, and maintained beautiful gardens. He loved being with family and treasured any opportunity to spend time with those he loved. While holidays were always a special time to build memories, Wally was always sure to cherish the everyday moments. Helping family and friends with a project or sharing time with a grandchild and he was always quick to offer praise and support.

Wally was a strong family man, respecting both past and future family ties. He believed in sharing his values with his children and grandchildren, as well as their friends, inspiring his values by example. He spoke to everyone, regardless of age or background, with respect and genuine interest, making anyone who crossed his path feel valued and connected.

Wally is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Adele; son Martin Kemp (Allison Miller); daughter Lori Kemp; grandchildren Naomi, Caden, Brennan and Elise as well as his extended family and many lifelong friends. Wally was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Dorothy; siblings Gavin and Frank.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to the High River United Church Inspirational Garden or the High River Hospital Foundation's Palliative Care fund.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the High River United Church (123 Macleod Trail).

To send condolences and view Wally's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com>. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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High River United Church

123 Macleod Trail South, High River, AB, CA

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lyle Reeves Funerals - August 28, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ Although I had not seen Wally in many years, I remember him from Western's early years. He was a true gentleman. My sympathies to all of his family & friends

Margaret - August 29, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ I only knew Wally for 5 years but his positive impressions will last my life time. Blessings and condolences to sweet Adele and their familys.

Marilyn Ulriksen - August 26, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ I (Cheryl) had the blessed privilege of getting to know Wally in the 70's when I worked at Hi-Alta. He always had a smile and a greeting that would light up one's day.
When my husband Blaine started at Western Financial, he relayed the same thing to me about this fine and most intelligent man.
Mr. Kemp - you were a gentle and strong pillar to your church and community of High River. You are greatly missed.

May our precious Lord's comfort and blessings surround you Adele and your family.

Most sincerely - Cheryl & Blaine Attaway

Cheryl Attaway - August 25, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rosalind Belanger - August 22, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Knowing Wally was a pleasure, he was a kind man with a sense of humour and always a smile when we met. My most heartfelt condolences to Adele and family. God and the passage of time heals all.

Rosalind Belanger - August 22, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Lyle Reeves Funerals - August 22, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ We were saddened to hear about Wally's passing. He will be missed throughout the community and especially at the church. On this difficult day, Adele, I hope you can take comfort knowing how much Wally was respected and loved, and knowing that you are in the hearts and prayers of so many people. We are thinking of you and so sorry for your loss. - Bruce and Deb Olmsted

Deb Olmsted - August 22, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Adele. I extend my sincere sympathies to you and your family.

Deborah Melnyk - August 22, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to the Kemp family.
Wally was a great man and his memory will sustain you through the days ahead,

Terry Storch - August 22, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ It is a privilege to call him 'friend'. I will miss Wally at the Community Suppers.
Evelyn Craig

Evelyn Craig - August 21, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ Wally was an inspiration to all and a role model to many. May your many memories carry you through this tough time. My condolences to all!
Scott Forbes



Scott Forbes - August 21, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ Classy man !
RIP Wally

Mark & Cindy Greig - August 21, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ Adele and Family:
So sorry to hear of Wally's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate this journey of emotions and memories. May you be comforted in the memories and strengthened with the love of family and friends at this sad time. Love and light to you all
Beth Birch

Beth Birch - August 21, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ To Adele and Family: Sincere condolences from Herb Spear and Rene Dussome (Tunstall). We have many happy memories from the days when we worked together at the Guardian Insurance Company.

Rene Dussome - August 20, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Karen Foley - August 20, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Eunice Schmuland - August 20, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ To Adele and family - sending our sincere condolences to all of you. Your family has been coming to our clinic for at least 20 years or longer and so we feel we know you as friends. Wally was such a wonderful man - of course to his family, but also to his community and church here in High River. He will be missed! Adele, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The group here at Highwood Dental

Highwood Dental - August 20, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Most sincere sympathy to the Kemp family. May time and good memories help you through the days ahead.

Sharon Forbes - August 20, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ Meryl lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Meryl - August 19, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Mark And Susan Egeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Mark and Susan Egeland - August 19, 2018 at 03:30 AM



“ Adele, Martin, Lori and family please accept our heartfelt condolences. Wally, was one of the most thoughtful, caring gentleman I ever had the pleasure of working for. I interviewed for a job as an Insurance Broker in October 1992. Ray Johnston was away the day I interviewed for the job to become a licensed insurance broker and Wally took a big chance and hired me on the spot. Wally and Ray were a great team and we learned so much from both of them. They took a chance on a number of young ladies in our community and introduced them to careers in insurance. They taught us how best to serve our clients and most of all professionalism. They had the upmost faith in their staff and created a life lasting bond between the Hi-Alta staff.

I will never forget the friendly greeting and smile that Wally gave each and every one of us each and every morning. He had a calming effect on all of us. He lead by example!

A big thank you to Wally Kemp and Ray Johnston for taking a chance and hiring a lady, who was as green as grass when it came to insurance and giving me to opportunity to have an Insurance career. I will forever be grateful for what they both did for me. They made a great team and set a wonderful example for their staff. Over the years I have admired Wally as a family man, a man who had deep faith, a wonderful loving and caring husband, someone who adored and supported his children and grandchildren and lastly but not least, a wonderful community minded person. Wally was an all around great man and he will be sorely missed in our community by many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kemp Family during this most difficult time.

Many kind regards,
Gerry and Glenda Cutforth

Gerry and Glenda Curforth - August 18, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ Me deepest condolences to you Lori, and your whole family. The loss of such a patriarch, friend and mentor will run deep - I wish you many memories of love and laughter to keep you strong. Take care. Love, Teri McKinnon and family

Teri K McKinnon - August 18, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ Uncle Wally was the best uncle a person could want. He was first to call when there was something to celebrate and the first to show up when there was a crisis. He was a rock to lean on in difficult times. He was a proud Albertan, making sure that family members in Ontario knew the west...trips to Head Smashed In, Longview, Calgary Stampede, hockey games and ski trips to Banff. He will be missed beyond words.

Pat (Kemp) Masters, Leo Boychuk, Arthur Kemp Masters

Pat (Kemp) Masters - August 18, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Wally was one of the pioneers in High River, always had a friendly smile for everyone.
Condolences to Adele and family.

Terry & Mary West - August 18, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ Adele, Lori and Martin.....
Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. Wally was a true gentleman and always willing to give of himself for the betterment of others. Memories of his devotion and commitment to his family, Rotary and his community will always be remembered.
God Bless,
Gerry and Barb

Gerry and Barb Coakwell - August 18, 2018 at 12:54 AM



“ Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Russ & Sharon Watkins - August 18, 2018 at 12:05 AM



“ Adele, Martin & Lori

Wally & Adele were a couple we met soon after we moved to HR in 1978 through my cousin Joyce. A kinder gentleman you will not meet. May your wonderful happy memories sustain you in the days ahead & may God hold you in the palm of his hand. He has left a wonderful legacy in his children & grandchildren.

Russ & Sharon Watkins - August 18, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ Growing up with The Kemp as neighbour's was such a blessing.. Wally and Adele were great neighbour's as well as Martin and Lori. My sincere condolences to you all. May he Rest In Peace.



Diane Young-Smyth - August 17, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ Alan And Pam Henheffer lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Alan and Pam Henheffer - August 17, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ Uncle Wally was a true gentleman, a heart of gold. All my love to Auntie Adele, Martin, Lori and family. He had a tremendous impact on many peoples lives and will be greatly missed. Love Joe, Margie, Kate and Jack

Joe Seeger - August 17, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Martin!

Mary Ann Houston

Mary Ann Houston - August 17, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Adele, Lori and Martin and families: So very sorry to hear of the passing of Wally. I was happy to call him boss for 10 years. Prayers.
Doug and Cathy Bradley



Cathy - August 17, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ Fran Cowley-Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Fran Cowley-Bishop - August 17, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ A wonderful boss, a wonderful friend for camping experiences, a person who always had a smile on his face whenever you saw him. We will definitely miss him but will treasure the memories. n n Fran Cowley-Bishop

Fran Cowley-Bishop - August 17, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Wally was s Great Friend of all the fellows who are members of The United Church,s Men,s Group. He enriched the lives of all who knew him. Rest In Peace Wally. Barry&Donna Warnica

Barry&Donna Warnica - August 17, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ Dear Adele , Martin and Lori, Wally was one of the kindest people and would go out of his way to help everyone. I cherish the time we knew him and will keep all the memories alive. May you all be assured that he is with the angels in heaven and will be looking after you. Our sincere sympathy Sylvia and Wayne Moore

sylvia moore - August 18, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.H. "Wally" Kemp



Sharon Doll - August 17, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ We have very fond memories of Wally and family. Our families spent a lot of time together. Wally was always a gentleman and lots of fun. We will miss his great smile and wonderful friendship. It has been a pleasure to have known him.

Blessings
Richard & Heather Puttee

Richard & Heather Puttee - August 17, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ May your wonderful memories of Wally ease your pain during this difficult time.
Sincere condolences to all of the Kemp family.
Jane Russell

jane russell - August 17, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ A gentle and kind soul, now resting with our Lord. Was a pleasure to know you my friend.

Don Phillips

Don Phillips - August 17, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ Our sympathy to the family .Wally was a kind wonderful man- I always enjoyed our visits.May your many good memories help your thru this difficult time Eldon and Barb Lyall

Barb Lyall - August 17, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ High River will miss the gentle soul that Wally was. My love to you Adele and extended families.

Connie Jewell - August 17, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ Dear Adele and family; my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Ron and I always enjoyed your company over the years when we met up. Chris Haydon

Chris Haydon - August 17, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Sympathies to Adele and family. Wally was one of the kindest, most gentle men that I have had the privilege to know. His wonderful smile and kind words will be missed by all who knew him,

Fran Wong - August 17, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ So sad to hear of Wally's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Adele and all their families.

Don & Carol Petlak - August 17, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ High River has lost a true Gentleman...condolences to all of the Kemp Family.

Don McCuaig - August 17, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to you Martin and the members of your family.I pray you'll have fortitude and fond memories to cope with your father's departure to higher realm.

Tunde Dawodu

Tunde Dawodu - August 17, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ Condolences to the Kemp family. Wally was always a kind, smiling and polite gentleman.

Don Berkley - August 20, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Wally was a wonderful man. We worked together for a few years before I moved away, and he was a real sweetheart. It was always wonderful to see Wally and Adele on my visits home. My sincere condolences to you Adele, Martin & Lori. Dianne Liddell

Dianne Liddell - August 20, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go to Adel, Lori, Martin and all the family. We have many fond memories of time spent on both sides of the Atlantic with Wally and Adel.

Specifically when they took us to the Pacific rim for our 25th wedding anniversary.

It's the little things like Wally's comforts bag, a custom we like to continue.

Wally's was a person who made you feel proud to be in the same family.

It is with sorrow that we have to write about these memories but it is with pleasure that we

remember the times we enjoyed together.

Rob and Pat Kemp

Robert Kemp - August 23, 2018 at 02:50 PM