



Mr. Allan Pringle

July 5, 1931 - November 12, 2011

Allan Pringle passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital on November 12th, 2011 at the age of 80 years. Al is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Winnifred (Freddie); sons Gary (Alison) and Donald; daughter Bonnie (Alex) Barnetson. Al is also survived by his grandchildren Jennifer, Verity, Allyn, Carly and Stewart; as well as his sisters Jean, Marina, Barbara and Donna and numerous nieces and nephews. Al was predeceased by his brothers John and Bruce and sisters Agnes and Gladys. Born in Fillmore, Saskatchewan and raised on the farm, Al dabbled in insulating and auto parts before joining the Canadian Armed Forces. His military career spanned 25 years, taking him from the extreme cold of Churchill, Manitoba, to the extreme heat of the deserts of Egypt with a stopover in Germany as well as postings to Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. During those years he managed to balance service to his country with a rich family life, while still finding time to pursue his passions for curling and gardening. Al was most fulfilled while helping others, be it family, friends or neighbors. As many will attest, Al was an easygoing man with a great sense of humor and mischief. He expressed his love through his actions, quietly touching the lives of those around him. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. At Ease soldier, there's no need to "Hurry Hard" anymore. A Celebration of Al's Life was held on Thursday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the High River United Church. Memorial donations may be made to Long Term Care c/o High River District Health Care Foundation at 560 - 9th Avenue SW, High River, Alberta T1V 1B3.

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Service

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

FP

“ To all Family and Friends, we wanted to thank each and every one of you for the many acts of kindness, comfort and compassion you have shown to us as we come to terms with the loss our husband, brother, father and grandfather, Al Pringle.

The kind and heartfelt words whether in person, by phone by mail or on this site over the past days have helped remind us of how one life can touch so many others. The deliveries of flowers and food as well as the innumerable gestures of help and assistance, usually even before we knew it would be needed, remind us of Al's belief in being of service to others and the importance he put on Family and Friends.

Thanks to everyone for helping us celebrate Al's life through your tears, smile, memories and laughter. He would have wanted it that way.

Sincerely,

Freddie, Gary, Bonnie and Donnie

Freddie Pringle - November 20, 2011 at 07:30 PM

AL

“ *Friend of everyone, enemy of no one - you accepted people for who they were without prejudice. As was so aptly pointed out at your service, you treated everyone as special and as a result many considered themselves or certainly vied to be your favourite :)*

I am blessed to be married to Freddie and your only daughter and I see much of you in her - for that i will be eternally grateful. The mark you, Freddie and your families made on our children was immeasurable - they will have many fond memories, strong values and a keen understanding of the importance of family as a result of our many trips to Victoria and High River instilled in them.

My own father described people like you as the "salt of the earth" for their work ethic, down to earth nature and community mindedness. I hope that you cross paths in the hereafter. I am sure that it will be a lively discussion over glasses of water - vodka in one and scotch in the other! I will on the other hand tip back a Lucky lager in your honour.

God bless and god rest! We will remember you - always!!



Alex Barnettson (Son in Law) - November 20, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Grandpa



Carly Barnettson - November 19, 2011 at 06:55 PM

“ WHEN THE WORDS GET IN THE WAY

What do you say when it's nothing in particular, but everything as a whole?

*And how we all connected, relationships were his goal.
He welcomed every one of us, and invited us all to stay,
Of course he'd run the tab, but never collected any pay.*

*He was a man with great humility, leading an ordinary life,
His only main objective, to care for his children and his wife.
When his career put this in jeopardy, he simply walked away,
A selfless individual, at home he now could stay.*

*Do you remember all his stories . . . you thought - please no, not again!
And you allowed him to continue, right through, until the end.
But there's something more important, and I hope you realized too,
That all he really wanted, was to spend some time with you.*

*And I know I was his favourite . . . I just felt that it was true,
But I discovered I was mistaken, because I see you felt it too.
He was giving of himself, and could ease a heavy heart,
A relative or friend, he was quick to play his part.*

*When he was on a road trip, on any given day or night,
Remember that his schedule was always really tight.
Come on "the bus is leaving", hurry up and jump right in,
On his annual vacation, he would grace his next of kin.*

*On his journey he now travels, "are we there yet"? . . . he would say,
To his final destination, guided by loved ones, along the way.
Our love for him is plentiful, and that will never cease,
Our final goodbye wishes . . . May now you rest in peace.*

cont . . .

So what do you say about this man, when the words get in the way?

You simply say . . . thank you, respectfully and lovingly.

Then you take a moment . . . you see his smile . . . you hear his laugh . . . and you listen for his response "I done good"!

You cherish the moment and the memories.

*With love and appreciation, Kathy
(Baby girl)*

Kathy Drabowicz - November 17, 2011 at 03:22 PM

SA

Kathy, this brought tears. What a wonderful tribute to a special man and it really says it all.

Sandy Abbott - November 18, 2011 at 02:05 PM

AH

“ *A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend- you touched so many lives that were better for your presence.*



Alison Hunter - November 16, 2011 at 11:39 PM

SA

“ As I read all the wonderful tributes to you I have tears in my eyes. I wish I could have been able to come back to your service but not possible. I'll be thinking of you as I have for a long time wishing you well. Besides you don't need Sara (your nickname for me) to be pouring out the tears Thursday. You have Pat, Deb, Luann, and your family and a whole church full. You are an amazing man and family figure and I can't tell you how much you'll be missed. I'll have to have my tears at home. Going to miss you like mad. Don't tell anyone why you named me Sara. XXX

Sandy Abbott - November 16, 2011 at 11:12 PM

KK

“ We will miss you Uncle Pipe. We will be there in spirit Thursday. Auntie Freddie, Bonnie, Gary and Donnie, We send you our love, thoughts and prayers.

xo xo

Tony And Kim



Kim Kenyon - November 16, 2011 at 08:54 PM

SA

I love this photo, Tony thought the world of Uncle Pipe. He gave Uncle Al his nickname of Uncle Pipe when he was 2 or 3 years old. Lots of happy memories at their house.

Sandy Abbott - November 16, 2011 at 10:57 PM

CF

“ Auntie Freddie, Gary, Bonnie, Donnie and families. My favorite memory of Uncle Alan is we were playing 31 one night and we cheated, imagine that and with that card I won the game lol. Also all the great teasing from him and yes we did go back for more. The birthday that we gave uncle Alan his Big Tummy T shirt the boys sure got a kick out of that. My thoughts and prayers are with you all . Love you all very much. Will miss him very much.



Love Charlene Fowler

RIP Uncle Alan

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Charlene Fowler - November 16, 2011 at 08:37 PM

PZ

“ Another memory I have is when playing cards with Uncle Al, it did not matter who discarded what card Uncle Al would pipe up and say "Oh I could sure use that one"! Win the big pot Uncle Al! Love Len and Pat

Pat Zebedee - November 16, 2011 at 06:03 PM

CC

“ Memories of Uncle Al include his prize tomatoes, which Auntie Freddie gave him a run for his money this year, the great card games we shared, his stories of curling, Osage SK, Churchill and his military days. But he was never more proud then when he was talking about his grandkids. We love you and will miss you. Cathy & Tyler

Cathy Couey - November 16, 2011 at 02:46 PM

CC

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Freddie and family on Al's passing. We always enjoyed our visits with Al, we talked curling, and exchanged stories of the Calgary Open Men's Bonspiel - lots of fun !! How he would drive miles in a blizzard to curl in a bonspiel. Al loved the game of curling, his scrapbook told the story of mega bonspiels and numerous wins, he was good !!!
He could tell you who played in the Brier or the Scott and who won. May he rest in peace. God bless.*

Sincerely Verna and Ray

Cathy Couey - November 16, 2011 at 12:32 PM

JW

“ *As a young grad from the soldier apprentice program in Montreal, my first posting was to Calgary and my very first working supervisor was Al. He taught me the real world of Supply and a work ethic that has lasted me my entire life. He also showed me that the Military was not only a great life, but a fun one as well. Well done. Thanks a million Al. Stand Easy. Rest in Peace.*

John Wilson

John Wilson - November 16, 2011 at 10:30 AM

LW

“ Dear Auntie Freddie, Gary, Bonnie, Donny and Families,
We will always remember Uncle as a kind, gentle, sweet man with a big smile.

When we were little he used to chase us around the house and tease us until we were exhausted. Always such a big guy but we were never afraid of him . . . we always went back for more. We will miss him.

Our love to all of you as you move through this very sad time.

Linda, Glen, Tim, Amber & Makenna

Linda & Glen Woods - November 16, 2011 at 12:21 AM

RL

“ Loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.
My thoughts and prayers are with Freddie and the family. Hold firm to the happy memories they will sustain you in the days to come.. With Love Rosaline



Rosaline Linhart - November 15, 2011 at 09:18 PM

RL

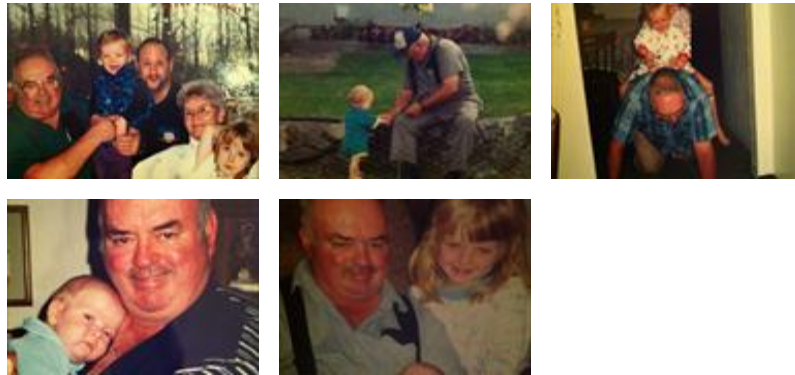
“ A candle in memory of a kind gentle man who will be greatly missed.



Rosaline Linhart - November 15, 2011 at 09:07 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Grandpa



Carly Barnettson - November 15, 2011 at 08:46 PM

BP

“ I guess there will be no more phone calls SEND MONEY but we all had a good time with it. I will miss your phone calls and all your great hospitality. You were a great brother and now the BIG GANHOUGAN you are with the the rest of the family and friends that we all miss .My love and prayers for Freddie, Donnie ,Bonnie and family and Gary and his family. All my love your favorite sister Barbara HAHA Marina.

barbara pringle - November 15, 2011 at 08:39 PM

HA

“ love you uncle allan,ill never forget the fun times we shared,and the great jokes you got me with,your the best. love to aunt freddie,and my cousin

howard allan - November 15, 2011 at 08:27 PM

HA

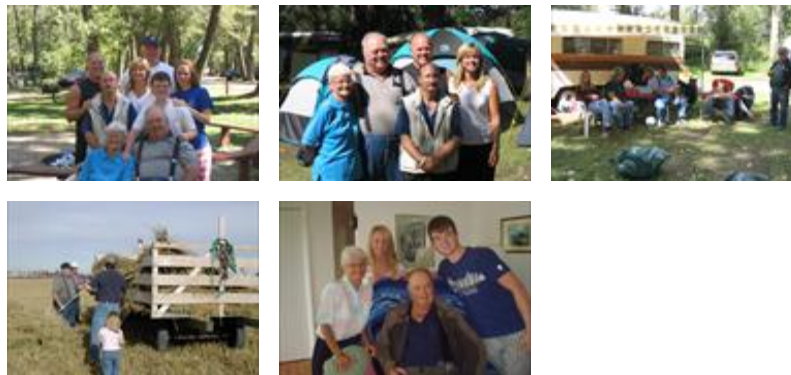
“ Howard Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



howard allan - November 15, 2011 at 08:10 PM



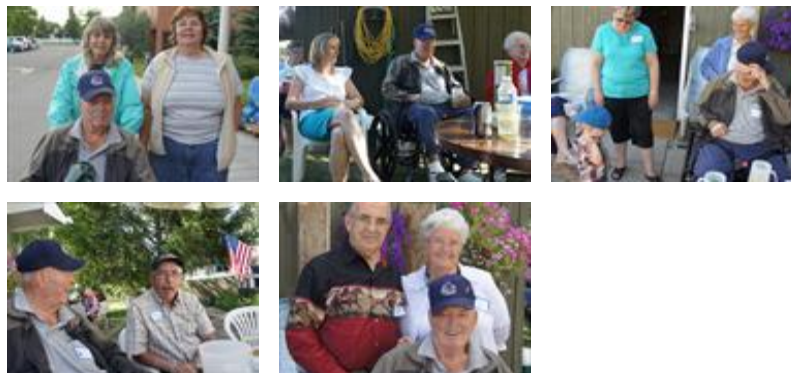
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Freddie Pringle - November 15, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Al's 80th



Freddie Pringle - November 15, 2011 at 07:33 PM

AB

“ Anne Bouscal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Anne Bouscal - November 15, 2011 at 12:47 PM

JA

“ Lot's of great times and meals together, laughs and tears. Great help with looking after my mother-in-law Alice. Words can't say enough. Will miss you and your wit.
Love Jim

Jim Abbott - November 14, 2011 at 10:12 PM

JA

“ Jim Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Jim Abbott - November 14, 2011 at 09:34 PM

JW

“ The world is blessed to have had Uncle Al in it. He was one of the kindest men I've known. When Mike & I moved to Vancouver, he took us under his wing. I'll never forget dancing the foxtrot with him at the Army's Oktoberfest. Whenever I see the colours of a bright beautiful quince flower, I think of Uncle Al and his yard in Victoria. He had a wonderful giggle and helped so many people. Thank you, Uncle Al. God bless.

Jan Weir - November 14, 2011 at 08:01 PM

KP

“ I always remember Uncle Al at the annual Fall Harvesting at Grammie's house. He made sure we all had something to do to contribute to the cause.....

Ken Pickersgill - November 14, 2011 at 06:40 PM

KP

“ Ken Pickersgill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Ken Pickersgill - November 14, 2011 at 06:38 PM

JG

“ Judith Gosselin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Judith Gosselin - November 14, 2011 at 05:30 PM

JG

“ Years ago I was in an abusive marriage, Uncle Al & Auntie Fred took me into their home & gave me safe haven. I was secure in the knowledge that no one would challenge Uncle Al, he was a big, strong ,military man-one would think twice before crossing him. So much for appearances, and where they err because big, strong Uncle Al was really a big ,soft gentle, Teddy Bear ,full of love & mischief. I wll always miss him.
Love Judi

Judith Gosselin - November 14, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ I have lots of fun memories of time spent with Uncle Pipe and Auntie Freddie. Uncle Pipe trying to teach me cards and not to call spades shovels. Serving dinners at the mess and going to dances there. His beautiful veggie gardens where ever they lived. Uncle Pipe may your garden be beautiful and plentiful and keep that smile and twinkle in your eyes. Love ya Uncle Pipe
Sandy and Jim Abbott

Sandra Abbott - November 14, 2011 at 04:41 PM



“ Sandra Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Sandra Abbott - November 14, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ Pat Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Pringle



Pat Zebedee - November 14, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ Uncle Al we are sure going to miss you lots. I will always remember planting potatoes at Grammies house. Now go find another garden spot and get planting some potatoes along with a few tomato plants. I will always miss your smile.

Pat Zebedee - November 14, 2011 at 09:04 AM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Allan Pringle



Sharon Doll - November 13, 2011 at 03:52 PM



My thoughts are with you Freddie, Donny, Bonnie and Gary. He was a wonderful guy and will certainly be missed. He is now in search of all the card players. Love Sharon

Sharon Doll - November 13, 2011 at 03:56 PM