



## Mr. Allan Rae Read

August 7, 1961 - December 26, 2023

When Allan Rae Read was born on Aug. 7, 1961 in Chililabombwe, Zambia (formerly Bancroft, Northern Rhodesia), the people declared his father to finally be a man.

This declaration was in spite of the fact that Eric and Margaret Read already had three daughters: Jean, Jane and Sheila. The Reads were missionaries in Zambia until November, 1965, when Zambia independence came into effect, with increased instability and danger. The family sailed home on the Queen Mary, visited family in Ontario, then headed to Innisfail, where the kids learned what “cold” meant.

After Innisfail, they ministered in Ontario before returning to Alberta to Nanton in 1976, where the teenaged Allan immediately became involved in minor hockey, working at the gas station, Queen’s Ball, student council and local teen shenanigans.

He worked for Tubiscope and did a brief stint in a diamond mine in Tungsten. Eventually he landed as a welder in W and W, which became Two W Livestock Manufacturing. He married Sheena Fleming in 1992, and the couple had one child, Jacob, who Allan adored more than anything. Allan loved fishing and spent most of his spare time fishing – and playing hockey and listening to rock and roll.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) put an end to most of the physical activities he loved, but he still had family surrounding him as he battled this disease that eventually took his life.

He leaves behind Sheena, Jacob (Nicole), Jean (Doug), Jane (Bill), Sheila (Tom), adored granddaughter Joelle, numerous nieces and nephews, and a growing list of great-nieces and great-nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Eric and Margaret Read, and nephews Gavin and Craig.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be gratefully appreciated to the Canadian Lung Association ([lung.ca](http://lung.ca)) or to Ronald McDonald House ([rmhcalberta.org](http://rmhcalberta.org)).

A celebration of life for Allan will be held Jan. 5, 2024, at 2 pm in the lower Nanton Community Memorial Centre 2204 18 St, Nanton.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Community Centre  
21st Ave & 18th Street  
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ I did not know Allan well, but want to extend my sincerest sympathies to all who mourn the loss of Allan far too young. Grief is such an ever present result of the passing of someone who was dear to us.

Sincerely,  
Patty Atkinson



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**Patty Atkinson** - January 03, 2024 at 03:38 PM

JH

“ Sending the family love. I'm thinking of you all.  
Jenn

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**Jennifer Herman** - January 02, 2024 at 10:10 PM

MS

“ Medicine Hat Feeding Co Livestock Supply lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read



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**Medicine Hat Feeding Co Livestock Supply** - January 02, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MS

*The staff at MHFC would like to extend our condolences to family and friends of Al.*

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**Medicine Hat Feeding Co Livestock Supply** - January 02, 2024 at 06:57 PM

NR

“ Allan was such a wonderful and caring man. From the first day we met he welcomed me into his family with open arms and always treated me with love and kindness... in fact, he treated everyone with the same kindness and his door was always open. His home that he shared with Jennie and Trennah often full with family and friends. He was an amazing father in law. What connected me most of all to Allan was the love we shared for the same two people. I know he loved Jake more than anything in the world and was a very proud father. Allan often reminisced about old stories and would show off pictures paired with his signature chuckle. He loved Joelle and from the second he met her was the proudest grandpa. I know we'll get to reminisce ourselves when we get share with Joelle her grandpa's favourite music, sport teams, fishing spots and all the memories we have with him.

Allan loved his family so much and I always got a laugh watching him be a typical “baby brother” to Sheila, Jean and Jane. He took his roll as Uncle Al very seriously and loved his nieces and newphews (and great nieces & nephews) so much.

I'm heartbroken that he is gone far too soon and he will be so missed by us all.



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**Nicki Read** - January 01, 2024 at 09:37 PM

GL

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the family. Hoping that all your happy memories will help to heal your hearts.

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**Glen and Leona** - January 01, 2024 at 07:40 PM

LH

“ *Allan’s grin and sense of humour is what I think of. Sending my condolences to friends and family.* ”



**Lisa Hawkes** - January 01, 2024 at 01:53 AM

DA

“ *Dennis And Alison Aberle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read* ”



**Dennis and Alison Aberle** - December 31, 2023 at 06:55 PM

NP

“ *Nicole Parsons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read* ”



**Nicole Parsons** - December 31, 2023 at 05:40 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hawk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read* ”



**Linda Hawk** - December 30, 2023 at 10:43 PM

TK

“ Al was a great man and the smartest person at 2W... he was the only one the could read welding symbols.... he will be missed by all that new him...



Ted Kyte - December 30, 2023 at 04:48 PM

SW

“ Shaunna Warwick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read



Shaunna Warwick - December 30, 2023 at 03:59 PM

DC

“ Diane Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read



Diane Crowe - December 30, 2023 at 02:56 PM

LJ

“ LaRae Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read



LaRae Jones - December 30, 2023 at 11:29 AM

JN

“ *Joanne Notdorft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read*



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**Joanne Notdorft** - December 30, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SS

“ *Jake & family, Sheena, Sheila, Jennie, Trennah, Erica & family, Jean and Jane*

*My sincere condolences to you all. I was always glad to run into Allan and have a quick chat over the last few years. I'm so very sorry for your loss; may the memories wrap you tight in love at this difficult time.*

*Shauna Strong*

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**Shauna Strong** - December 29, 2023 at 11:40 PM

VR

“ *Thinking of all of you in this time of sadness*



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**Val Robinson** - December 29, 2023 at 11:31 PM

MC

“ Midge Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Allan Rae Read



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**Midge Clark** - December 29, 2023 at 11:01 PM

KH

“ Jake, Nicki, Jennie, Trennah, Sheila, Jean and Jane:

*The loss of Allan's grin and quick humor has made the community much dimmer. Jake, you won't remember this; but when you and Mike had a hockey tournament in Cranbrook, your dad suffered being the "rose" amongst all of us "thorns/aka moms". We spent the evening in the hotel and he was game to keep up to our fabulous sense of humor and ribbings. We all laughed SO hard. Way back, when we were in high school, he was definitely one of the cool cats and kept everyone in stitches. Even though Allan might have been tall and lean, he will have left a giant gap for each of you. Hugs to you all,*  
*Kateri Holmes*

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**Kateri Holmes** - December 29, 2023 at 07:07 PM

KR

“ We were shocked and so saddened to hear this news. He will be greatly missed by all of us at the office. I got to know him very well these last few years and he loved his family so much. He was always smiling and bragging about his family and was so proud of his new granddaughter. His sense of humour was like no other.

*There will be a huge void in the office.*

*Praying for comfort and peace to all who knew and loved him.*

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**Kayla Ring** - December 29, 2023 at 06:35 PM

TA

“ Tom & Louise Attwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Allan Rae Read



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**Tom & Louise Attwood** - December 29, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JU

“ Sheila, Jenny, Trena, Jake, Jane & family and Jean & family, sincere condolences on the passing of Alan.  
Judi & Boyd McMasters

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**Judi** - December 29, 2023 at 02:09 PM

ST

“ Jennie, Trena and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Al was a great person who I know loved you very very much. He'd always brag about you both to me whenever he could. May you find peace knowing that Al will always watch over you both. My deepest condolences, Suzanne Thomasson

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**Suzanne Thomasson** - December 29, 2023 at 11:02 AM

VK

“ *Jake, Sheila and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Alan’s passing. May your memories keep him  
close.  
Thinking of you at this time  
Violet and Jerry Kautz*

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**Violet & Jerry Kautz** - December 29, 2023 at 08:46 AM

SA

“ *Our sincere condolences to Jake and the whole family. May you all  
find yourselves surrounded by love and kindness during this difficult  
time. May all your fond memories help carry you through the  
sadness. Thinking of you all. Love the Sandberg Family*

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**sandberg** - December 28, 2023 at 09:35 PM