



Mr. Arnold George White

March 9, 1930 - February 25, 2023

Arnold passed away peacefully on February 25, 2023 at Tudor Manor in Okotoks, Alberta. He was born in Provost, Alberta on March 9, 1930.

Arnold was predeceased by our Mom, Helen, his wife and partner of 58 years, parents George and Margaret White and brothers-in-law Bob Simanton, David, Alex and Dennis Kean. He is survived by sister Edie, son Glen (Sylvia) and their children Shane (Angela), Lance and Nicole (Clark), son Gary and his children Alan, Hayley and Jacob and son Bruce. Arnold and Helen were further blessed with many great- and great- great grandchildren.

Dad's earliest years were spent on a farm at Eye Hill near Provost and then in 1941 the family relocated to Drumheller, Alberta. He attended the University of Alberta earning his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, he began work with Cominco, first in Calgary then transferring to Trail, B.C. in 1951 to work as a research engineer. In 1956, Mom had just completed her nursing training and moved to Trail with her friend Maureen Milne. Mom and Dad were married in 1957 and continued to make Trail their home until 2005 when they relocated to High River, Alberta to be closer to family. We teased Dad that the real reason for moving to High River was so that he could go to Smitty's every day for his favourite pancake breakfast!

Dad retired from Cominco in 1989 as General Manager of Cominco's

Electronic Materials Division after helping grow this business from some of his original research. He then worked for Johnson Matthey until fully retiring in 1990. Dad would often comment that he was so busy in retirement that he wondered how he had ever found time for work. Genealogical research became his passion. His research saw Mom and Dad travel across Canada several times, down to the U.S. and over to England and Scotland. Along the way they saw the country and met many relatives and made many new friends. After Helen's Alzheimer's Disease took hold, Arnold was her caregiver until she passed in 2015.

Arnie loved to tell stories. One of his favourites was about the theft of the cornerstone from the Rutherford Library at the University of Alberta. Brief version is the cornerstone commemorating construction of the new library was to be dedicated by the Premier and other dignitaries at a special ceremony. But the cornerstone went missing the night before the ceremony. Fortunately, after a frantic search, the cornerstone was located just in time for the dedication. While the culprits were never found, footprints in the snow seemed to suggest that residents of St. Joseph's College were responsible. Over the years, there were whispers that some of the engineers and aggies from St. Stephen's College (of which Dad was one) had orchestrated the theft and set up St. Joe's to take the fall - Arnie never said for sure! And Arnie loved cars - so much so that he always seemed to be in the process of getting a new one. A MOPAR nut from the start, perhaps his favourite was the "old blue car" - a 1954 Plymouth Savoy that he drove for over 40 years.

Memorial services will be held at High River and Trail at a later date. Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence at Arnold's tribute page at lylereeves.com. Special thanks to Edie Simanton, Janna and Isaac Barrett, Pam Ganske, Dr. Steed and all the wonderful people at Tudor Manor who worked so hard to make Arnie comfortable during his time there. In lieu of

flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Alzheimer Society of Canada are appreciated.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I had the privilege of serving Arnold in the dining room for the last year at Tudor Manor. He was always quiet and kind but once in a while he'd make an unexpected witty comment and make me laugh out loud. Sending my condolences to his friends and family.



Cheyenne MacPhail - March 16, 2023 at 11:53 PM

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“ Garth Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arnold George White



Garth Pritchard - March 14, 2023 at 09:15 AM

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Sincere sympathy To Arnolds family and sister Edie,I was blessed to spend the last few months at Tudor Manor in the company of Arnold every day at meal time .with the other men at our table we all became good friends.Rest in Peace Arnold

Garth Pritchard - March 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM



Sincere Sympathy to Glen, Gary, Bruce, Edie and families. I had the privilege of working with Arnie as a Caregiver. I enjoyed listening to stories about his lovely bride Helen, three son's, his baby sister, who he all cherished. I quickly learned to love Hallmark Christmas movies! Genealogies, geology and mining engineering, and geography. Many days we tried to figure out and solve the world's problems! :) I enjoyed my visits and friendship with him. Miss you Arnie! Hoping you'll be my neighbour in Heaven one day.

Pam Ganske - March 16, 2023 at 09:59 PM

BF

I am so saddened to read of Arnie's passing. I'm sending condolences to all of the families of Arnie and his sister Edie and families. My late husband Larry, and I met Arnie and Helen years ago having coffee at McDonald's. Our friendship grew over the years and we enjoyed all the stories of adventures he and Helen enjoyed with Bob and Edie. He was an interesting and very knowledgeable man. He was a very loving and caring, gentle man caring for Helen for years. He was an amazing loving and dedicated man to all his families. May he rest in peace and I'm sure he's very happy to be reunited with his precious Helen. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Beverly Flug - March 17, 2023 at 08:47 PM