



## Mr. Arthur Wesley McAtee

September 6, 1940 - June 12, 2023

Mr. Arthur McAtee of High River, Alberta passed away on June 12, 2023, at the age of 82 years. Arthur was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, cherished friend, and valued member of the community. He is survived by his children Stephanie, Stephen, Karen, and Michelle; grandchildren Jinki, Nicole, Chelsey, Megan, Chandra, and Jenaye; great-grandchildren Jaxon, Boden, Mathew, Athena, Damien, Axel, and Leo; his siblings Irene, Edith, Sam, Lewis, and John; and many other family members and friends. He is predeceased by his mother Gladys, his father Joshua, and his siblings James, Alexander, William, and Gladys.

Arthur was born in Kilkeel, Northern Ireland in 1940 and moved to Canada in 1966. He had a contagious zest for life and was an active member of the community. Arthur served with the Calgary Police Service for over 30 years starting off working on the streets to then working with at-risk youth in the Youth Development program during the last years of his career. Working with youth was the proudest moment of his time with the police force. He spent his time mentoring youth while taking them to give back to the community, going camping or horseback riding, teaching them to snowboard, and many more creative ways to support the youth he worked with. He also was a foster father who supported many children within his home as well. Arthur was dedicated to helping the children in his community as much as he could during his career.

Once retired, you could frequently find him tending to his garden filled with vegetables and flowers at the home he built, taking scenic bike rides, going on adventures, dancing away whether it be ballroom, square, or line dancing, taking his family to the theatre, or reading and discussing the many books he read. And you know he was taking pictures of everything he could whether it be these hobbies or just the beautiful sunset he saw that day. He was also proud of his Northern Irish heritage and took annual trips to see his family and make new connections as well as research history and new facts. Family and community were two of Arthur's biggest values and he always showed up to every birthday or event he could and would host get-togethers at his home as often as possible. He was frequently caught telling multiple stories about his life and the people in it and creating a welcoming space for others.

Arthur leaves behind a profound and everlasting impact on his family and friends, whose lives were enriched by his presence. He will always be remembered as the remarkable man that he was, and his memory will continue to inspire others to live life to the fullest as he did each day.

A ceremony of life will be held on July 2, 2023 from 11am – 3pm at 466 096 113 St E, High River, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made on Arthur's behalf to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation <https://yycyouthfoundation.ca/get-involved/>

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (MT)

McAtee Home  
466096 113 St. E  
High River, AB T0L 0A0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Art was always a regular participant at line dancing at the Okotoks Senior Centre. He always helped set up and take down the tables and chairs for our coffee afterwards and was always a lively conversationalist. We will miss his presence and stories very much. Our sincere condolences to the family. Carol Uggerslev

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**Carol Uggerslev** - June 29, 2023 at 01:17 PM

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Sorry for loss of your Uncle.....David Ann & Family and all the McAtee families at this sad time. "The day thou gavest Lord has ended" Fiona Edgar.

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**Fiona Edgar** - June 30, 2023 at 11:02 PM

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“ To share a most treasured memory of Art is absolutely impossible. There are surely thousands gathered from 9 years of being his housemate. We were always laughing or discussing important or not so important issues. Mostly... we were laughing. Anyone who knew Art would have the same experience.

*He was one of my best friends and a wise one at that. His positive attitude and fun loving way of doing things was refreshing. His bright blue Irish eyes truly smiled with the zest for life that he had, and shared with so many others. I wasn't family yet I felt as if I was and our friendship was unique as he was a bit of a fatherly figure at times with words of wisdom to share.*

*My family is one of huggers, and so I always hugged Art good morning and good night. The last time I hugged him on that Saturday night, he held on a wee bit longer than usual and I noticed it. Maybe he knew something.*

*I miss him terribly, as we all do, but know that he knew how much he was loved by his family and friends and he certainly left in a good way for him. All the wonderful memories are alive with his joyful spirit that remains in our hearts.*

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**Patti DiVita** - June 28, 2023 at 11:20 PM