



Mr. Barry Hatton

November 27, 1933 - April 7, 2021

Surrounded by his family, Barry, age 87, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2021 at the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks, AB.

Barry was a large man in stature and personality. If he was around, you knew it. He did not take life too seriously, except for his time on Citizens On Patrol (Armstrong, BC), tennis and his beloved truck. His sense of humour made him many friends and a few enemies and what will be greatly missed by most.

Barry was predeceased by his first wife, Daryl and his second wife, Grace. He is survived by his daughters Laura (Wayne) Porterfield and Krista (Jeff) Leitl, stepson John (Laurie) Mullin and 8 grandchildren Mitchell Banister, Raymond Banister, Kira Leitl, Zak Leitl, Connor Mullin, Amy Mullin, Mack Porterfield and Nick Porterfield.

There will be no immediate service, but a celebration of Barry's life will be held at a later date. His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at the South Health Campus Hospital and the Foothills Country Hospice. Your kindness meant so much to us all.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River, Alberta – 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Laura and Krista, I often think of Barry with joy and thankfulness. I so enjoyed his sense of humour, his love for you both and his family, and his hospitality. I think of him in his kitchen whistling as he threw more spices into the pot he was cooking. He also loved to give. He would drop off a lavender plant, or bring over a stove! He was even gentle in his correction - like the first time I shut his truck door too soundly! Hope you all are doing well. Love and prayers. Trisha*

Trisha Palmer - August 08, 2022 at 05:45 PM

LS

“ *Dear Hatton Family,*

I feel very honored to have known Barry. He truly was a very special person.

I got to know Barry through the Commissionaires, working in Armstrong/Enderby Detachments.

He took interest in my family which he never got to meet, but remembered everything about them (which was more than their own kin)! That always impressed me!

He was knowledgeable and encouraging. I enjoyed our talks over Coffee at changing of the Guards, the occasional lunch or phone call just to say hello, and

the emails from political views to beautiful scenes and stories.

I was sad to see him move away, but after Grace, to be closer to his kin was for the best.

He was proud of his family and all that he add achieved in his life. Barry truly will be missed.

*Respectable,
Lily Sookarow*

Lily Sookarow - May 01, 2021 at 07:47 PM

GR

“ I volunteered with Barry on the cop program in armstrong bc. Really enjoyed his companionship. He was a big man with a big heart.

Grant - April 18, 2021 at 11:02 AM

LP

Hi Grant. Dad had a real passion for the COP program. He was a big man that will leave a big hole in our lives. Thank you, Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 18, 2021 at 02:24 PM

LA

“ I was very saddened to hear of Barry's passing. When Jim and I moved our family to Armstrong, we were very fortunate to live next door to Barry and Grace. We enjoyed our coffee visits with them (or as Jim would say with "Juan Valdez"). Our kids admitted to us when they got older that they called upon Barry on more than one occasion for a ride to school if they had slept in. Both Barry and Grace were there for us whenever they were needed. It was nice to have had a visit with Barry in Okatoks a few years ago. We will miss him and think of him often. Rest in Peace Barry. Lana and Jim Martin

Lana - April 15, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LP

Hi Lana and Jim. Thank you so much for your kind words. Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 18, 2021 at 02:22 PM

GB

“ dear Family , I met Berry in the 70ies , he was a very positive up beat guy , at time we worked together , Rest in peace Barry Grant Berreth Vernon BC

Grant Berreth - April 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM

LP

Hi Grant. I believe we met a couple of times when I was with Dad. I could tell that you and he had been through a few wild times with work and what not. It always brought a wicked smile to his face. He never did tell me what you two were up to. Probably a good thing, knowing him. Take care, Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 15, 2021 at 03:56 PM

HD

“ *I'm saddened to hear of Barry's passing. Barry, I will miss our chats at Save On Foods. You always brightened my day when you came in. Rest In Peace Barry 🙏 Holly Doan*



Holly Doan - April 13, 2021 at 06:48 PM

LP

Hi Holly. Thank you so much for being so kind to Dad. I think a lot of times when Dad went to Save On, it wasn't that he needed groceries, but it was he enjoyed the chats too. We are going to miss him very much. Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 15, 2021 at 03:49 PM

GB

“ Dear Laura, Krista and Family, I first met Barry in the early 80s when he was consulting for Sundance O&G. He drove that fully decked out silver & blue Suburban (if memory serves) with so many aerials he could keep in touch with the whole world. What a character! He was super knowledgeable, forthright (maybe a bit of an understatement), and definitely in charge. But you couldn't ask for a more honest and dependable co-worker and friend. Over the years we had the good fortune to meet both Daryl and Grace as well as you girls when you were pre or early teens. We stayed in touch over the last 40 years and I could always count on Barry for encouraging words and laughs. He loved you two girls dearly and was so proud of you and your families. The world has lost a wonderful, larger than life gentleman! We offer our heartfelt condolences. Gordon and Dyanne Bohrson & Family

Gordon Bohrson - April 09, 2021 at 05:39 PM

LP

Hi Gordon and Dyanne. Thank you so much for such kind words. Dad spoke of you highly and considered you a dear friend. His passing will leave a large hole in our lives.

Laura Porterfield - April 09, 2021 at 10:40 PM

TS

So sad to hear of Barry's Passing. I met Barry & Grace when I was stationed with the RCMP in Armstrong. and was assigned as the Liaison Officer to the Citizen On Patrol Volunteer Group in 1998. Barry and Grace had recently moved to Armstrong and wanted to get involved in their community. Barry took on the leadership of Citizens on Patrol and made it a well established and respected group within the community. During their tenure Barry and other Members of the Group took on a project to restore the Train Caboose that sits near the entrance to Armstrong. The caboose was in a dilapidated condition. The Chamber of Commerce gave them \$600 dollars to restore the Caboose. Knowing this was not enough Barry approached various businesses if he thought they could assist in the restoration and raised \$20,000 in "In Kind" donations towards the restoration, turning it into a showpiece. Barry was very convincing and refused to take no for an answer.

Getting to know Barry and Grace was a wonderful experience and my Wife, Children, and I were fortunate to become friends of Barry and Grace and we all have fond memories of the times spent together and the many conversations that ensued.

The kids loved Barry's mashed potatoes and still speak about it to this day.

Barry will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Trevor & Terry Stevenson

Trevor Stevenson - April 15, 2021 at 03:32 PM

RF

“ I remember BARRY when he worked on a drilling rig. And stayed friends for many years until he moved to the BC he was a blast to be with and I have some great memories that I could share with his family, Rance Fisher, Calgary



Rance fisher - April 09, 2021 at 12:02 PM

LP

Hi Rance. We would love to hear some of those stories one day. I imagine there were some pretty wild times, if I know Dad. Thank you so much. Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 09, 2021 at 02:01 PM

CR

*Laura, Krista and Family please accept my sympathy, your dad was always a very friendly person to talk too when he lived at PHV in Okotoks
Cisley April 12. 2021*

Cisley Robinson - April 12, 2021 at 03:43 PM

LP

Hi Cisley. Thank you so much for your kind words. I know Dad always enjoyed your coffee visits. Laura

Laura Porterfield - April 15, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JK

*Dear Laura, I just happened on this...I am so sorry for your loss, I remember your Dad, we met at Save On! Are you up to a phone call?
Sending you so many hugs
June*

June Kurz - May 05, 2021 at 04:05 AM

ME

I just came across this !! I would like to give you my deepest condolences!! I worked for Barry when i was a pipeline welder and he was working for Omega as a consultant !! In and surrounding Waskada Manitoba.

Marius Ericksen - March 05, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JS

This seems a bit late being it is Aug/25. Happy to see he made it to 87. With his positive, 'what can I fix now' attitude I hoped he'd live forever. I met him in 80 something, I was in love with his daughter, Krista, and I think he was in his 40's. I shook his hand and it dwarfed my hand by double. He liked Tennis, I played some. So I figured I'd have to beat him to get any respect and I did. He was a great guy. I miss him for 40 years and his daughter. My condolences !

J sibbitt - August 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM