



## Mr. Brian Gilbert Classen

April 18, 1958 - February 13, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Brian Classen of High River, AB, announce his passing on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the age of 66 years after a short battle with cancer.

Brian was born in Wawa, Ontario, on April 18, 1958. His early years were spent in Manitoba and at the age of 9 he moved to Calgary, Alberta. Brian met his wife Lori in 1989, and they moved to High River in 1994. Brian enjoyed his career as a pipefitter and his most recent position as the assistant chief inspector on the coastal gas link project.

He is survived by his loving wife Lori, daughter Jessica, son Jeremy, grandchildren Abigail, Elijah, Matthew, sister Gwen (Rick), brothers Doug (Kathy) and Harold (Monica), sister-in-law Tracy (Dan), and brother-in-law Barry (Cheryl). As well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, Gilbert Classen and Beatrice Davey, and his nephew Jeff Classen.

Memorial Donations can be made to the High River Hospital Cancer Clinic. <https://www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca/donate-now>.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Crossing Church (1802 9 Ave SE, High

River, AB T1V 2A6) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 1:00PM. Reception to follow.

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM (MT)

The Crossing Church  
1802 9 Ave SE  
High River, AB (CA)

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ My deepest condolences to the family on the loss of Brian. Brian was a great leader in his field and a friend I greatly appreciated and respected. I was fortunate enough to have my career cross paths with Brian over 15 years ago. I was fresh out of trade school when Brian and I started working together and I could tell from day one his leadership and skills was something to take note of. After a short time of working together, Brian and I joined forces and worked together as partners and became good friends in the process. I respected Brian's knowledge, his accountability and honesty. His leadership in these traits helped shape my career and family life. His family and faith had always brought him pride and I was lucky to share stories with him as both our families grew over the years. As our careers went separate ways Brian and I have stayed in touch with many calls and texts mainly trying to solve world problems and our favorite NFL teams problems with no real success (yet). I will be sure to send advice to the Bronco's coaching staff on your behalf Brian.

Brian was a mentor and long-standing trusted friend; I am so grateful in this sad time to have been one of the lucky ones to say they have been part of Brian's life. Brian, your sense of humor and love of family will be most missed.

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**Greg Hammer** - February 24, 2025 at 10:41 AM

AC

“ I'm so sorry Jessie and family for your loss. Whenever I think of Brian it's with a giant smile on his face.

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**Amanda Close** - February 23, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DK

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of Brian. I had the privilege of working with Brian on several occasions and had the upmost respect for his skill and work ethic. Anyone that worked with Brian knows his dedication to any task he was in charge of it. All of Brian’s peers held a very high level of respect for him as well. One of his best traits, was his ability to be an effective foreman and still have the respect of everyone who worked for him because of his tremendous skills and extensive trade knowledge, truly one of a kind.

As a friend, I always admired his love for his family and how proud he was. He always brought a positive presence and energy whenever you were around him.

He will be solely missed.



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**Don Knudson** - February 23, 2025 at 09:54 AM

CB

“ Lori and family. I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Brian. My thoughts and prayers are with you .



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**Cathy Bradley** - February 20, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Brian Gilbert Classen



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**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - February 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM