



## Mr. Charles "Dick" Fenton

December 7, 1943 - November 6, 2024

It is with profound sadness that the family of Charles (Dick) Richard Arthur Fenton announces his passing on Wednesday November 6, 2024. Dick passed away at the age of 80. The world has lost a great husband, father, grandfather, sibling, and friend.

Dick was born on December 7, 1943, in Cornwall, Ontario.

Dick married his teenage sweetheart, Andrea Cunningham in 1965 and together they had two children; Erin and Andrew.

Dick began his working career with the Ontario Department of Highways and Transportation before becoming a member of the Ontario Provincial Police. This helped lead him to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Dick had a long and distinguished career with the RCMP and retired as a Corporal from the High River Detachment.

After his retirement from the RCMP, Dick was a member of the Nanton Town Council for 9 years. In that time span, he served on other community committees such as Nanton FCSS.

Dick was a member and past president of the local Legion, and a longtime member in good standing with the Retired Veterans Affairs; until he was no

longer able to attend meetings due to restrictions introduced during Covid. Dick's career with the RCMP left him with a deep understanding and passion for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He had a great deal of pride in his beliefs and integrity, and acted as a voice and an example for others during a time that was filled with uncertainty and division. His legacy would be that all people understand their personal rights and freedoms, and have the fortitude to speak up for, and defend them, without any inhibitions.

Dick's investigative skills were put to good use researching his Irish roots and family history. Dick developed a deep interest in genealogy, and took several trips to Ireland to gather information; compiling thousands of pages of family documents and history.

Dick had many notable pastimes. He was an avid back yard mechanic and loved restoring old cars. He was known for making amazing fish and chips; and although he couldn't carry a tune, he loved listening to his Irish music, as well as country singer Toby Keith.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Andrea (nee Cunningham) Fenton, his daughter Erin Fenton, and Grandson Evan Salisbury. Brothers and sisters; Chalene (John) Toplensky of Blackfalds, AB; Jack (Shauna) Fenton of Three Hills, AB; Edi Kaus of Mississauga, Ontario; Carol (Miles) Maerz of Three Hills, AB; Murray Fenton of Cornwall, Ontario; and sister-in-law Isabel Murray of Cornwall, Ontario; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dick was predeceased by his parents Charles and Mabel (nee Youngs) and step-mom Violet (nee McMurray) Fenton; his son Andrew Fenton; brothers-in-law Kevin Murray, Mark Kaus, and Gary Paulson.

A wake (visitation) will be held Thursday, November 14, 2024, at Lyle Reeves Funeral Home (140 6th Ave SW, High River, AB T1V 1A1) from 2:00 pm to

5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The Funeral Service will be held on Friday November 15, 2024 and the Nanton Baptist Church (2410 26 Ave, Nanton, AB T0L 1R0) at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to PADS; a service dog organization. [www.pads.ca](http://www.pads.ca)

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funeral of High River (403.652.4242).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Lyle Reeves Atrium  
140 6th Ave. SW  
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)  
(403) 652-4242

## Funeral Service

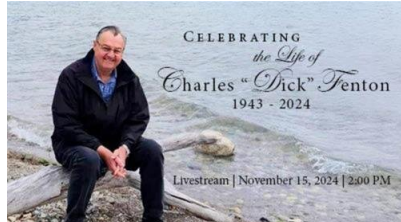
NOV **15**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Baptist Church  
2410 26th Ave.  
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)  
[pastor@nantonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:pastor@nantonbaptistchurch.org)  
<http://www.nantonbaptistchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Charles "Dick" Fenton



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - November 13, 2024 at 06:22 PM

SB

“ Dick & I were in Cardston RCMP Detachment in the 80's and we quickly bonded having both moved to the RCMP from the OPP. Dick was a hard worker and respected not only by the Members but the Mormon and the Blood Reserve Family. Dick was a big man compared to myself but was referred to as the friendly giant. Dick was always fair with the public and respected their legal rights. Dick did share many of his past stories in the OPP and without a doubt, he was an imagine many looked up to. Just a great guy who will be truly missed by many. Take care my friend

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**Stewart Begg** - November 16, 2024 at 08:41 PM

PR

“ Thinking of Andrea, Erin & Evan  
Lots of memories and laughs growing up with the Fentons.  
Tricia Woslyng Reid

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**Patricia Reid** - November 16, 2024 at 02:40 PM

PA

“ Thinking of Andrea, Erin and Evan.



Penny and Ed Andersso - November 13, 2024 at 06:20 PM

BM

“ Thinking of Andrea, Erin and Evan, wishing you all moments of peace and comfort during this time. Brian & Bev

Bev Morrison - November 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CL

“ Cheryl & Sten Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles "Dick" Fenton



Cheryl & Sten Lundberg - November 13, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LA

“ Dick was my trainer when I arrived at Provost detachment in 1987. Provost RCMP detachment had to be rebuilt somewhat due to some “shenanigans” that occurred there prior to Dick’s arrival. He was a great teacher and the integrity he brought to the badge quickly restored the faith in the local detachment. He kept me in line and his push taught me that there is a delicate line in policing that has to be held at all times...integrity was his calling...rest peacefully my friend and teacher

Lawrence D Aimoe Insp. (Retd.)RCMP BA MAed.

Lawrence D Aimoe - November 13, 2024 at 12:20 AM

TK

*Lawrence Aimoe - I remember the two of you working together very well. Hope you are well. You and Dick were both influential in my decision to pursue my education in the field of Law Enforcement. Sorry to hear of Dick's passing💙*

*Trina Kohlman (Dorman)*

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**Trina Kohlman** - November 13, 2024 at 09:45 PM

BM

*“ I never heard anything but good about this man and after I met him, I understood why. My sincere condolences to his Family and all who loved him.*

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**Bernadette McNab** - November 12, 2024 at 04:43 PM

VK

*“ Andrea, Erin and Family,  
May your memories keep him close.  
Our thoughts are with you  
Violet and Jerry Kautz*

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**Violet & Jerry Kautz** - November 10, 2024 at 08:30 AM