



Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley

November 18, 1933 - December 28, 2024

Mrs. Verna Srigley, formerly of High River, AB passed away peacefully at the Manor Village at Fish Creek in Calgary on December 28, 2024 at the age of 91 years.

Born November 18, 1933 in Rimby, AB to Bessie Wilton and Bernard Miles. Verna spent most of her youth in Rimby and Brooks, later settling in Calgary with her Mom and sisters.

Verna considered herself lucky to live two doors down from her sister and her 4 sons, allowing her the opportunity to watch them grow and to be a big part of their lives. She was an attentive and caring daughter to her mother Bessie Miles and her sister Mary until their passing.

With her mom's encouragement to get an education, she attended Henderson Business College where she earned good marks, despite her atrocious spelling. Following her graduation she had a long and rewarding career with Merrill Lynch which she was very proud of.

Verna met a quiet Ray Srigley at the curling rink where their romance budded. After many curling games, he swept her off her feet and they were married August 31, 1965. In 1993 Verna & Ray moved to High River to be closer to their treasured Highwood Golf Club, where they were members of since 1970.

She was very privileged to be named a Honourary Life Time Member of the Club. She was an avid golfer, celebrated a hole in one and was very involved in the Club. Verna was a talented curler enjoying many bonspiels over the years. She took "The Girls" from High River under her wing playing with Linda, Terina, Cathy, Donna and Rita, eventually cheering them on from the lounge when she gave up the game. Through both sports Verna made many wonderful friends and fond memories. As well as being sports minded Verna was an accomplished crafter and artist, her quilting, crafting and sewing were of exceptional quality, her art showed great promise. She also enjoyed many card games and played excellent bridge and Maj Jong.

Due to health reasons and the desire to downsize Verna relocated back to Calgary in 2014 where she resided until her passing.

Verna is survived by her niece Jan Weir & her husband Jacques Gendron, nephews Len (Maxine) Kraemer, John Kraemer & David Kramer. Verna is also remembered by Ray's nephew Cory Cheshire & family and friend Cathy Couey & family. Verna was predeceased by Ray in 2012, her nephew Ross Kraemer, Mother and sisters Viola, Bernice and Mary.

A special thank you to the staff at both the Colonel Belcher and The Manor at Fish Creek for their compassion and care of Verna over the past several months.

Memorial Donations in honour of Verna can be made to the Junior Program at the Highwood Golf Club - Box 5503 High River, AB T1V 1M6 or the High River District Health Care Foundation 560 – 9 Ave SW High River, AB T1V 1B3 highriverhealthfoundation.ca

A Celebration of Verna's Life will be held at the Highwood Golf & Country Club on Thursday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 27. 2:00 PM (MT)

Highwood Golf & Country Club
400 7th Street NW
High River, AB (CA)
<http://www.highwoodgolf.com>

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Barbara Coakwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley*



Barbara Coakwell - January 20, 2025 at 12:38 AM

DW

“ *In my first few seasons here at Highwood Golf, Verna was my tag team partner at all of our club event's registration table. I am grateful for her support, and her love for the club was infectious! She will be missed by all of us here at the golf club.*

Dan Warwaruk - January 06, 2025 at 05:21 PM

TH

“ *Verna was a strong, funny and amazing woman. We got to know Verna and Ray through the curling club and the golf course. Verna helped teach our boys to curl. I enjoyed curling with the girls as Verna and Jean cheered us on. May she rest in peace alongside Ray.*

Tony and Rita Huysmans

Tony and Rita Huysmans - January 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM

LC

“ Verna was one of our mom’s best friends (Ruth cheek from Elnora) They were room mates in Calgary & Verna was Moms maid of honour in 1954. Our dad Lyle was a cousin of Ray’s so they had the family connection as well. Their friendship was very special to mom & they stayed in touch thru the years. Our heartfelt condolences to her all her family. Leanne Christensen & Randy Armstrong.

Leanne Christensen - January 03, 2025 at 08:22 PM

CC

Verna spoke fondly of your mom and their friendship.

Cathy Couey - January 06, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RD

“ Sorry to hear of Verna's passing. We knew Ray and Verna through Rays Mom in Calgary, Jen and Jess. They were cousins of my late father in law, Alex Dick of Munson.. Always enjoyed our visits with Ray and Verna and the "city cousins" . Ray and i always had lots to talk about, and Verna had a great sense of humour. Sorry to see the older folks passing. Life changes. They were good people. My condolences to you all.

Ron Deitz
Cochrane

Ron Deitz - January 03, 2025 at 12:34 PM

PD

“ Verna was a lovely person and mentor I enjoyed working with her at Merrill Lynch years ago. We ran into each other when she was living at Col Belcher. May she rest in peace

Patti Dolan - January 03, 2025 at 10:36 AM

CC

Verna was very proud of her career at Merrill Lynch and often shared stories of her co-workers and her time there.

Cathy Couey - January 17, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JD

“ *Verna was a member of our Calgary Ladies Curling Club for many years. She will be missed by many.* ”



Jo Claire Dunsmore - January 02, 2025 at 03:32 PM

CC

Some of her fondest memories were on the curling ice and those that she shared time with there. She always said you weren't really bonspieling if you didn't have a sleep over somewhere.

Cathy Couey - January 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM

CJ

“ *Blessings to all on the death of Verna Srigley. Remember her well.* ”



Connie Lorraine Jewell - January 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM

DS

“ *Donna Swanston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley* ”



Donna Swanston - January 01, 2025 at 10:57 PM

KC

“ Kelsie Connor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Kelsie Connor - January 01, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CH

“ Cheryl & Bill Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Cheryl & Bill Holmes - January 01, 2025 at 10:56 AM

GC

“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - January 01, 2025 at 01:02 AM

NS

“ VERNA WAS A MUCH LOVED GRADE 1 VOLUNTEER GRANDMOTHER AT JOE CLARK SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS. NOREEN STROUD

NOREEN STROUD - December 31, 2024 at 08:21 PM

AZ

“ Like others I have many fond memories of Verna and Ray at the curling rink. She was always “classy with a dash of edge” which resulted in many laughs. Be at peace Verna.

Ann Holmes Zirk - December 31, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LS

“ My love for curling came from playing with Verna. Many fond memories she will be missed



Linda Swanston - December 30, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CC

As one of "The Girls", I think that Verna saw a little of herself in you as an independent, professional, fiercely loyal, hardworking women that was always well dressed and put together. She admired that you went back to school and I think always thought you should be working downtown. Also, important that you believed in her rule that you can tell a lot from a person by their shoes. I think that she happily handed over the skipping reins to you and that Terina and I were now your problems. You recently reminded me that she said "You weren't bonspieling unless you stayed overnight." She loved to hear about our bonspieling stories, the ones I would share anyways, what happens at a bonspiel... and how we were doing on the ice.

Cathy Couey - January 02, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RB

“ Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Rhonda Bews - December 30, 2024 at 05:03 PM

DF

“ Rest in peace with Ray , Dear Verna. We truly miss our friends and wonderful neighbours.
Daphne & Pat Feeney.



Daphne Feeney - December 30, 2024 at 04:49 PM

PZ

“ Verna will be dearly missed by so many friends in High River. She had such a kind heart. Rest in peace Verna with Ray.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee



Pat Zebedee - December 30, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Verna was a great neighbour and friend on Highview Point.
Donna Downey

Donna Downey - December 30, 2024 at 01:39 PM

WP

“ Wayne Pakenham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Wayne Pakenham - December 30, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TC

“ I have very fond memories of my time with Verna on and off the curling ice. One distinct memory is her telling me and Cathy to shut up while curling.

She was also very kind to my family from helping Keeona learn to read English to making PJs for the kids. She also loved Barry's wings and made me birthday cakes. There are many more memories to many to talk about. She was a grand lady and will be missed. she is with Ray now and at peace.

Terina Cybulski - December 30, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CC

We must have driven her crazy on the ice, Linda filled the skip's role nicely and thanks to Verna could remind us of the time we were told to shut up as a subtle suggestion. You had a special place in Verna's heart, she often told me that you were the one that brought the fun wherever you go and was never surprised when I told her what you had planned or were up too. Our kids where special to her and we know that Barry was the apple of her eye for a long time lol.

Cathy Couey - January 02, 2025 at 11:40 AM

KG

“ Keara Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Keara Greer - December 30, 2024 at 01:06 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Clara "Verna" Laverna Srigley



Sharon Doll - December 30, 2024 at 12:09 PM