



## Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft

June 20, 1938 - December 30, 2024

Darryl Adam Laycraft of Okotoks, Alberta passed away peacefully on December 30, 2024 at the age of 86 years.

Darryl is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Camille (nee Stewart); sons David (Alison), Stephen (Shannon) and Todd (Heather); grandchildren Tate, Paula, Foster, Monroe, Spencer, Liam and Sara Laycraft, Xavier Laycraft La Borde, Alex Cabelka and Aiden Norman La Borde; son-in-law Anthony La Borde (Erin Norman); sister Marlene Herriman; sister-in-law Phyllis Laycraft and brother-in-law David Stewart.

Darryl was predeceased by his parents Willis and Stella Laycraft; daughter Kristi Laycraft; parents-in-law Cameron and Millicent Stewart; brother Jim Laycraft; brother-in-law Lawrence Herriman and sister-in-law Shannon Stewart.

Born in High River, Alberta on June 20, 1938, Darryl spent his first 63 years on the family grain farm in Blackie, Alberta. The farm was homesteaded by Darryl's grandparents Robert and Martha Laycraft in 1904 and then transitioned to Willis and Stella. Darryl's first crop under his own permit book was in 1960 and over the next fifteen years, additional farmland was acquired from Jimmy Rockafellow, Joe Cassidy and Russel Both. Darryl was a talented and progressive businessman and farmer and his final crop was in 1997.

Darryl attended Grades 1 – 3 at Dinton before finishing his schooling in Blackie. Although he was destined to be a farmer, Darryl also worked during the winters as a laborer on many Calgary construction sites, including the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and the Beacon Hotel. He also worked with local plumber Milt Finley.

In 1964, Darryl married Camille Lillian Stewart in Eureka, California, where she was nursing. They then moved home to the old farmhouse after Willis and Stella relocated to Blackie. A new farmhouse was built in 1970 and was the perfect home to raise children David (1965), Stephen (1968), Kristi (1970) and Todd (1973).

A log cabin at Little Bow Resort was built in 1993 and a condominium in Victoria, BC was purchased in 2007, and retirees Darryl and Camille migrated with the season to these properties, while maintaining their home-base in Okotoks. Regardless of their location, they hosted untold celebrations, sleepovers and family holidays. Memories shared by the grandchildren, who began arriving in 1998, included hiking on the Hogsback and the Inner Harbor Seawall, usually sucking on “power pills”; Sea-Doo rides and fishing at the lake; Old Pete & Old Paint; the Happy Hour rituals; and shaving cream fights.

Darryl was a Charter Member of the Blackie Lions Club and served on many other local volunteer boards over the years. Memorable vacation spots included Terravista in Windermere; Kaanapali and Napili in Hawaii; Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo in Mexico; at least four trips to Disneyland; Point No Point in BC; cruising through the Panama Canal; viewing the Mona Lisa in Paris; and cruising the Yangtze River in China.

Over the years, Darryl enjoyed curling, golf, skiing, boating and reading. But he truly excelled at being a husband, father and grandfather and he will be

thoroughly missed by his family:

...He was my North, my South, my East and West,  
My working week and my Sunday rest,  
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;  
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.  
“Funeral Poem” by W.H. Auden

Darryl was profoundly affected by daughter Kristi’s lengthy battle with cancer, so it was especially poignant as he fought his own battle during his final weeks. The family wants to acknowledge Dr. Adam Vyse and the exceptional care received from the medical teams at both the High River and Foothills Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Darryl’s honor to the High River & District Health Care Foundation @ [highriverhealthfoundation.ca](http://highriverhealthfoundation.ca)

A Celebration of Darryl’s Life will be held at the High River United Church on January 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) .

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)  
403.652.4242 – [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) .

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church  
123 Macleod Trail South  
High River, AB (CA)  
(403) 652-3168  
hruc@telus.net  
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - January 19, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RH

*Thank you for sharing this touching tribute. My condolences to all the family.*

**Rhonda** - January 26, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DE

*Thank you for the video.  
The boys did there dad proud.  
I really wished could have been there to say by to cousin Darryl.*

**Darcy Elliott** - January 27, 2025 at 06:27 PM

GH

“ *Very nice service for (Uncle) Darryl today. Nice to hear some old and new stories about a wonderful man. Well done Dave, Steve and Todd!*

**Gordon Herriman** - January 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM

RM

“ *Ron & Louise Markert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Ron & Louise Markert** - January 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM

MW

“ *Darryl was an extremely close and respected friend to my family. My thoughts are with all of the Laycraft family. May the sharing of stories and love of Darryl fill your hearts.*

*Mary-Ellen Wilderman-Hay*

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**Mary-Ellen Wilderman-Hay** - January 24, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ *Condolences to all of the Laycraft family. We have very fond memories of Darryl and his kind heart, infectious smile and laugh, as well as many happy memories of our families together growing up.*

*Suzanne Yeomans Schubert*

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**Suzanne Yeomans Schubert** - January 23, 2025 at 09:01 PM

ED

“ *Camille and family. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Marvin and Edie Despas*



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**Edie Despas** - January 23, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MY

“ Our sincere condolences to the Laycraft family on the passing of Darryl. We have lots of fond memories of spending time with Darryl, Camille, David, Steve, Kristie and Todd. Darryl was a wonderful caring person who always had a way to light up a conversation with his wit and humour. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Mark Yeomans - January 20, 2025 at 12:31 PM

ST

“ Condolences to Camille and the Laycraft families. We have so many great memories of Darryl, Camille and their family with camping, boating, and campfire conversation for so many years at lake Blaine. Rest in peace, Darryl. You will be greatly missed.



Selma Thurber - January 19, 2025 at 11:13 PM

SC

“ Our condolences to you Camille and your family. We enjoyed being your neighbors and we enjoyed all of our dinners and drives we had with you both. Darryl was very proud of the High River/Okotoks area and we enjoyed his stories he shared with us. He also shared their condo in Victoria with us numerous times which we appreciated a lot. You will be missed Darryl. Reed and Sandra Cowen Suite 200 Pencross

Sandra Cowen - January 16, 2025 at 02:26 PM

JA

“ We got to know Darryl when daughter Alison married Darryl's son Dave and immediately knew he was someone very special. The most honest, humble and kind person I ever met. Never uttered a bad word about anyone. Proud to have him as a friend and have many beautiful memories to live on. Rest in peace old pal.

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**John arbutnott** - January 10, 2025 at 04:36 PM

MC

“ Darryl was one of the very good fellows that I had the privilege of knowing when I worked at Farm Way Machinery in High River. We always had great conversations. Camille, he was so in love with you.  
One time at Halloween he brought his daughter Kristi all dressed up for me to give her some candy.

God speed Darryl. You and Kristi are together again.

- Mary Campbell

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**Mary Campbell** - January 09, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TM

“ My condolences to Camille and the Laycraft family. I will never forget the help and support that Darryl gave me 20 years ago when we were campaigning for a stronger defense of Alberta against predator and harmful Ottawa policies. First with the Alberta Residents League ("More Alberta, Less Ottawa") and then in my 2006 campaign for the PC leadership, Darryl stepped forward to help me. He loved Alberta, and it's obvious from the tributes on this page, all the Albertans who knew Darryl loved him.  
May he rest in peace. Ted Morton

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**Ted Morton** - January 07, 2025 at 10:47 AM

CF

“ *Camille and family, we are so sorry to hear of Darryl's passing , our thoughts are with you all during this most difficult time.*  
*Lindy, Alison and Nicholas Farrell*

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**Carolyn Farrell** - January 06, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Camille and families and Marlene , so sorry to hear of Daryl,s passing. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Daryl lived a full life, may he rest in peace now. Sincerest sympathy Wayne and Faye Thurber.*

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**Faye Thurber** - January 06, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BF

“ *Barb Andersen & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Barb Andersen & family** - January 05, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *Darryl was one of our beloved classmates in a very small high school class in Blackie.I am sorry to hear that he had to suffer at the end-such a kind, gentle soul!*

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**Elsie Steeves** - January 05, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MP

“ *Mark Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Mark Phillips** - January 04, 2025 at 11:19 PM

BG

“ *Buck & Pam Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Buck & Pam Groeneveld** - January 03, 2025 at 09:36 PM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences to the Laycraft and extended family. After what is sounds like a wonderful life, i hope that your many fond memories fill your heart and bring a smile to your face as you move forward. Cathy Couey*



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**Cathy Couey** - January 03, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DP

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Daryl's passing. He was such a fine man and I am proud to have called him my friend. Daryl's calm and confident personality guided many who knew him. He will truly be missed as one of the good guys in this world. Rest my friend. Don Phillips*

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**Don Phillips** - January 03, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LT

“ My condolences to the Laycraft family. So many years spent growing up with the Laycraft, Gillanders, and Steer families. Rotating from home to home on a regular basis, us kids tearing up the house while the adults played cards till the wee hours of the night. And those amazing summers at Blaine Lake, soaking up the sun and water skiing!! Incredible man who will be missed.

Laura Thurber-Larsen - January 03, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Murray and Kendra Wegener - January 03, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CK

“ Our condolences to the Laycraft family. Mitch and Caitlyn Kratchmer

Caitlyn Kratchmer - January 03, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JW

“ Jennifer Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Jennifer Woods - January 02, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DK

“ Donna (Webb) Kotyk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Donna (Webb) Kotyk - January 02, 2025 at 04:57 PM

EU

“ Eunice(Brackley)Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Eunice(Brackley)Schmuland - January 02, 2025 at 03:03 PM

RR

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Laycraft Families. Hugs to all of you on the loss of Darryl.

Roberta & Ross - January 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JG

“ Deepest sympathy Camille,David and Allison,Stephen and Shannon ,Todd and Heather ,plus your entire families in the loss of your husband- Camille and Dad and Grampa . Unbelievable - such a great man taken from us so soon ! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Rest in Peace - Darryl . George and Judy Groeneveld



Judy Groeneveld - January 02, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ Our condolences to the Laycraft families. Daryl and Camille were great neighbours and we often reminisce about staying with the kids back in the 70"s when they went on a couple of holidays, Always had good visits with Daryl discussing farming and current affairs! He will certainly be missed. Joanne and Michael Bird

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**Michael Bird** - January 02, 2025 at 12:07 PM

AD

“ My sincere condolences to Camille and all the Laycraft family. I have known Daryl since our school days being in the same grade. He had that great personality that could always bring a laugh to any situation. He and Camille were always such a hospitable couple . Daryl's passing will be felt by so many . RIP old friend.

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**Arlayne Davies** - January 02, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CJ

“ My heartfelt thoughts go out to Camille and family at this time. I've known Darryl since teenage years when his sister Marlene married Lawrence Herriman. Darryl was always very pleasant, kind and a great community person throughout his life. Rest well Darryl. You will be missed.

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**Connie Lorraine Jewell** - January 02, 2025 at 11:37 AM

WM

“ Our condolences to all the Laycraft Family. I went to school with Daryl and spent many days golfing and enjoying coffee/breakfast get togethers at the High River Legion. A dear friend and we will miss him.

*Allan and Joan Mayer*

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**William Allan Mayer** - January 02, 2025 at 11:31 AM

BF

“ *Bonnie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Bonnie Ferguson** - January 02, 2025 at 11:15 AM

TM

“ *Tammy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Tammy Meadows** - January 02, 2025 at 08:11 AM

JA

“ *Julie Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Julie Allan** - January 02, 2025 at 12:41 AM

SM

“ *My condolences to all the Laycraft family. I enjoyed my visits at the Little Bow cabin.*

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**sylvia Moore** - January 01, 2025 at 10:58 PM

IM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Camille and family in the passing of Darryl. Darryl and I grew up on near by farms and were close friends during our younger years. Darryl was our best man at Sharon and MY wedding at Bentley Alberta.  
Due to my jobs in Many Alberta locations we did not see each other as much as we would have liked . Darryl was a well liked person in the Blackie area and will be missed by all. Sharon and Ira

Ira B. Mckeage - January 01, 2025 at 09:16 PM

AN

“ As a nurse who had the privilege of caring for Darryl, in my short time knowing him I quickly found he was a good person with a genuine heart. My condlonces to the Laycraft family.

Anonymous Nurse - January 01, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ Lewis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Lewis family - January 01, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JK

“ Jack & Juanita Koster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Jack & Juanita Koster - January 01, 2025 at 03:00 PM

WP

“ Wayne Pakenham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



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**Wayne Pakenham** - January 01, 2025 at 02:50 PM

GC

“ Camille, David, Allison and all the Laycraft families and friends, We were so sorry to hear of Darryl's passing. He was a well respected man in all the communities he called home. Keep the fond memories of your time with him; both individually and as a family close to your hearts as you mourn his passing. Rest in Peace Darryl. Love from your friends of the Rotary Club of High River.

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**Gerry Coakwell** - January 01, 2025 at 02:26 PM

WI

“ So many good memories are floating around my head this morning. I am overwhelmed with how our families intertwined as friends and neighbours - Dinton and Blackie schools, our family going to your house for our first look at the new fangled b&w tv, your dad on our haying crew every summer with pockets full of mints! And even Christmas concerts at Dinton. My love and sympathy to you all. Blackie was certainly blessed by the presence of your family.

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**Wilma** - January 01, 2025 at 02:09 PM

GT

“ *What a wonderful life and what amazing legacies Darryl has left for the world. He was a man of such curiosity, breadth of knowledge, and integrity. He explored my fogged in dock one Thanksgiving just to see if he could see anything more. He was an example to us all of true family devotion starting with his diminutive Camille. He touched so many lives and will be sincerely missed not only by his family but so many others. May God bless you all and help you through this time of trouble. My sincerest condolences.*

*Gillian Eades Telford*

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**Gillian Eades Telford** - January 01, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DK

“ *Dwight And Angela Koster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Dwight and Angela Koster** - January 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM

GS

“ *Sorry for your loss as DL was one of kind..have so many great memories of harvests with the leader of the Geritol gang and ice fishing at little bow as just a few. I looked to your Dad for advise often and he always was willing to help us with our farming endeavours . Deepest condolences Camille and family*

*Gregg and Jackie Steer*

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**Gregg Steer** - January 01, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JC

“ *Jeff Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Jeff cowling** - January 01, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JC

“ *Jeff Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Jeff Callahan** - January 01, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Darryl's passing. He was a great friend and we have many fond memories of Darryl & Camille. Condolences to the Laycraft family.*

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**Carol Ball** - January 01, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RL

“ *Rick & Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Rick & Shirley Laycraft** - January 01, 2025 at 12:17 PM

EB

“ Darryl took great delight in reminding me that I was much older than him. By almost three months. Rest in Peace my friend.  
Condolences to the family. Ed Bagyinka and family.

Edward Bagyinka - January 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JG

“ I have many great memories of Darryl growing up. A supporter, a mentor and a friend. Our sincerest condolences to Camille and the entire Laycraft family.

Jeff and Susan Groeneveld - January 01, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - January 01, 2025 at 11:47 AM

GC

“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - January 01, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JR

“ *Deepest condolences to the Laycraft family during this time. Daryl left a lasting impression on everyone he met and will be missed by all. The Robins family*



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**Jim Robins** - January 01, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May the memories shared, keep a smile on your face and warmth in your hearts.*

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**BillCheryl Holmes** - January 01, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SE

“ *Susan Eamor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Susan Eamor** - January 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ *During my childhood years Darryl was one "big kid" who was kind to younger nuisances so he has always been seen by me as a special person. So, may the family dwell upon their great memories of their time with Darryl.*



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**Sheila Macklin** - January 01, 2025 at 11:00 AM

AZ

“ *Ann Holmes Zirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



Ann Holmes Zirk - January 01, 2025 at 10:07 AM

BM

“ *Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



Bert Montgomery - January 01, 2025 at 09:16 AM

SF

“ *Darryl was like a second grandfather to our son (John) and daughter(Ashley) at little bow. He passed on to us the crazy noisy trike and his cabin was the first place John went to when he caught his first huge Jack. He had to show Darryl!!! We miss him so much and will never forget his humour and kindness!*

Sylvia Farrant - January 01, 2025 at 01:23 AM

ME

“ *Our sincerest condolences to all the family.*



Murray & Judy Elliott - January 01, 2025 at 01:00 AM

DD

“ *Dan Dormer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Dan Dormer** - January 01, 2025 at 12:35 AM

RS

“ *Ron Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Ron Sanderson** - December 31, 2024 at 11:25 PM

DL

“ *Dale & Sandra Locken lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



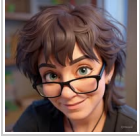
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**Dale & Sandra Locken** - December 31, 2024 at 11:13 PM

TG

“ *Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Toni Groeneveld** - December 31, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ Rest well sir  
🕯️ Dee



Dee Leigh - December 31, 2024 at 10:24 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire  
Laycraft family.



Karla Mitchell (formerly Calvert) - December 31, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Darryl Adam Laycraft



Lynda Cowling - December 31, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Darryl Adam Laycraft



Monty Southgate - December 31, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Jackie - December 31, 2024 at 08:29 PM

GG

“ Condolences to all the family



Geraldine & Jim German - December 31, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TB

“ Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Tammy Beach - December 31, 2024 at 08:10 PM

KB

“ Kevin Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft



Kevin Bews - December 31, 2024 at 07:58 PM

KM

“ *Karen & Mark MacKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Karen & Mark MacKenzie** - December 31, 2024 at 07:39 PM

DM

“ *Don Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darryl Adam Laycraft*



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**Don Malmberg** - December 31, 2024 at 06:44 PM