



Mr. Donald Ralph Barker

April 24, 1936 - August 14, 2019

Mr. Don Barker of High River, AB passed away on August 14th, 2019 at the High River Hospital at the age of 83 years. Don was born on April 24, 1936 in Edmonton, AB and grew up in the Bergen and Sundre areas. He was a welder and heavy-duty mechanic, working for Spray Lake Sawmills, Coutts Machinery, Blackwood Hodge and Waterous Diesel.

Don loved spending time at the lake at Carefree Resort where he had many happy days for 29 summers. He had many hobbies which included flying radio-controlled airplanes as well as making many metal and wood crafts. In Don's younger days he was a rodeo competitor and in later years enjoyed watching the events live as a spectator or on television.

Don is survived by his loving wife Marjorie whom he was married to for 60 years; daughter Barbara (Paul) Turner, son Brian (Maureen) Barker; grandchildren Jason and Cory Turner; as well as two great-grandchildren, Nate and Izzy Turner. Don is also survived by his brother Bob and sister Doris, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation, www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca or STARS, www.stars.ca.

A Celebration of Don's Life was held at the High River United Church on Thursday, August 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **22**. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
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<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

BW

“ To Marj and Family, We were deeply saddened to hear about Don's passing. He was always such a kind and gentle man. Offering you are deepest and heartfelt sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Roger and Berna Wilhelm

Berna Wilhelm - September 02, 2019 at 11:42 AM

JG

“ Saddened to hear of your loss. I knew Don when we both worked at Waterous. He was a very kind and considerate person and it was my pleasure to have known him.

John Glennon

John Glennon - August 23, 2019 at 07:22 PM

LC

“ We are in disbelief. Our sincerest condolences to you Marj and your family.
Don was one of the nicest person you could know. He will be greatly missed.

Lorraine & Reg Collings

Lorraine Collings - August 18, 2019 at 11:50 PM

SU

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Our condolences and best wishes to Marj and the family. He will be missed at Carefree but his memory will live on. - Susan and Dave Cramer, Lot 819

Susan - August 18, 2019 at 05:33 PM

RJ

“ You are in our thoughts, Marj. Our paths only crossed a couple of times but you both touched us with your welcoming ways when we visited my sister and again at Hostfest. I hope the memories of all the great adventures you and Don shared will bring you comfort in the days to come. - David and Rob James, Arcola, SK

Roberta James - August 18, 2019 at 12:45 PM



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Pamela Lovelle Guske - August 18, 2019 at 12:19 PM

BG

“ Don was great friend and a true gentleman. Don could fix anything and was always there to lend a helping hand. Thoughts and prayers to Marjorie and family.
Rest In peace dear friend! Until we meet again! Bill and Carol Gourley

Bill and Carol Gourley - August 17, 2019 at 09:19 PM

DO

“ To Marj and family, we mourn your loss. Like so many of your friends, we have spent so many fine times together. For Doris and me we have lost an amazing travel companion whom we have shared a lot of laughs and good times with. Your memories will remain with us forever. Rest In Peace, Don.

Doris - August 16, 2019 at 08:46 PM

DS

“ *Doris&Ross Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ralph Barker*



Doris&Ross Schmidt - August 16, 2019 at 06:53 PM

DH

“ *We were truly honoured to have known Don and feel blessed to be neighbours. We have never before met a kinder or pleasant person.*

He was always there for a favour or helping hand and will be forever missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marjorie and family.

Viv & Dave Holowaychuk

Dave H - August 16, 2019 at 05:51 PM

TJ

“ My heart is so broken for I have lost my Favorite Uncle, and for my Auntie, and cousins. We spent our years as a family every weekend at Little Bow, vacations at Mara Lake and Sandpoint. We just had too much the 9 of us waterskiing, doing silly things on the water that we just could not stop laughing at. Then the family grew as we all got married and then kids, then that made for more fun. Uncle Don I am very blessed that I have you as an Uncle and I will always treasure the time we had, and the memories will be in my heart forever. The Lord has called you home to soon, but he has gained a beautiful soul that will be showing him how to have fun on the water!
So this is not goodbye as one day we will all be reunited!



Love you Uncle Don
Tamara and Shane

Tamara Johnson - August 16, 2019 at 05:42 PM

RS

“ Deepest sympathies to your family at this sorrowful time. May you be blessed with many wonderful memories of Don to keep close to your hearts.
Rod and Sue Stevenson

Rod & Sue Stevenson - August 16, 2019 at 12:05 PM