



## Mr. Donald Joseph Corns

March 28, 1935 - July 16, 2021

Mr. Don Corns of High River, Alberta passed away at the Foothills Country Hospice on July 16, 2021 at the age of 86 years.

Don is survived by his children Cathy Corns, Chris Corns, Marie (John) Corns, Roger (Peach) Corns and Michael (Cherie) Corns, Valerie Larsen, Lynda (Elmer) Larsen, Laurie (Chris) Martel; Grandchildren Carlee, Andre, Joelle, Tessa, Kendra, Dana, Easton, Caleb, Connor, Corinne and Great-Grandchild Dante. Don is also survived by his sister-in-law Bev Hari and a wealth of nieces and nephews who have brought him enormous joy and affection.

Putting a smile on the face of everyone he met, Don was born in Moose Jaw, SK to Herbert and Bernice, marrying Diane (Do) Leitch in Calgary (1960). They raised 5 children together in Haysboro, until Do's passing (1979). Providing countless memorable times for the neighbourhood, with motorcycle rides, barbecues and a homemade ice rink in the large backyard for all to enjoy.

Don wed Avalon Larsen (1981) welcoming her 5 children and embracing the growth and love of family. Together they cherished and strengthened the lives of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with their laughter, get-togethers and faith during 32 years of marriage.

Working many fruitful years in plumbing, sprinkler fitting, and custodian with the Calgary Catholic School district, he also enjoyed marshalling at River's Edge Golf Course and greeting at Walmart in his retirement. He spent most of his adult life in service with the Knights of Columbus, was a fourth degree Knight and had the honour of being Grand Knight in High River.

Predeceased by his wives Diane Corns (1979) and Avalon Corns (2013), Keith and David (Joan) Larson, granddaughter Emily, his brother Herbert and wife Betty, sister Marie and husband Garey Cameron, sister-in-laws Sue and husband John Higgins, Eve Leitch and brother-in-law and Dale Hari.

Prayer services for Don will be held on Thursday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in High River. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. The family welcomes you to the parish hall for refreshments after the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Operation Smile, [https://operation smile.ca](https://operation.smile.ca).

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

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

JUL **29**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church  
206 - 9th Ave. W.  
High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)  
(403) 652-2203  
francisdesales@shaw.ca  
<http://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com>

## Memorial Mass

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie And Craig Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Joseph Corns*



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**Debbie and Craig Schmuland** - August 12, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Peter Lambert** - July 31, 2021 at 12:46 PM



*Singing with the choir, Don.*

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**Peter Lambert** - July 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MW

“ My deepest condolences to Don's family. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Don when we were all in Saddlebrook after the 2013 flood. Full of laughter and mischief, he really kept us all going with all of his jokes, bursting into song without provocation and being just generally jolly. You will be well missed my friend by all that knew you. Sorry I couldn't attend his service, but we did have a Saddlebrook memorial luncheon in his honour. Rest in peace my friend.

*Moe Wood*

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**Moe Wood** - July 29, 2021 at 02:41 PM

LM

“ It was a big loss losing Don, He was a big part of of our lives. Don was always a happy go lucky guy .He sure new how to throw a great BBQ . Always had a good story to tell. I've known Don for about 9 years we became very good friends.. and im going to miss that .u are at peace now Don. My condolences to the family..



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**Lynn McClelland** - July 29, 2021 at 03:31 AM

BF

“ Although I was never a resident at Saddlebrook, I met Don through other members of his Saddlebrook gang when I first moved to High River in 2016. As an added bonus, I discovered that we both were members of Saint Francis de Sales parish. I did not know him well - or long - but always think of him as a kind and gentle man with such a lovely smile. He will be sorely missed by all of his many friends and family. My condolences to you all. Rest in peace Don - it was my good fortune to have met you.

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**Barbara Forster** - July 27, 2021 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ We knew Don mainly in Okotoks. He became friends with Don Barnes and hung around his violin shop. Always easygoing, friendly and fun to listen to and enjoy his jokes and laughter. Where I began relearning the fiddle, Don watched Mr. Barnes building them and that became his hobby for some years. He also tried playing too. Over some years we saw him regularly in Okotoks, and then when we moved to High River we reconnected again and spent time with him. Even in the hospice he was the same easygoing friendly guy and had all the aides there responding. We will miss seeing him but will remember his easygoing ways and friendship. Much respect to all his family.

*Jerry and Linda Blake,*

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**Jerry Blake** - July 26, 2021 at 07:10 PM

IT

“ Sending our sincere sympathy to all of Don's family. We have so many wonderful memories of him while we were all in nurses training. He was a very special member of our class & always brought much joy & laughter to our get together.

*Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you*

*Leon & Irene Thomas*

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**irene thomas** - July 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM

GL

“ My words cannot do justice in expressing my sympathies to the family. Don and I shared so many great times. The Sunday diners, men's night at rio vista and our trip to the Grey Cup in Vancouver.

*There were so many other wonderful times. Your whole family treated me as the unofficial son. GOD bless all of you. Rest In Peace Popcorn*

*All my love Grant*

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**Grant Lee** - July 25, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JR

“ I was a classmate of Diane (Do) as well as a close friend of Dos as were all of our Holy Cross Class of September 1958. Don was always close to the class and most of us considered him one of the class. My husband Bob was a close friend and neighbor to Avalon during their youth in High River and we were both pleased that they found each other and had so many great years together. Our sincere condolences to the family.  
Joyce (Jody) and Bob Roddie

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**Joyce Roddie** - July 25, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JA

“ My sincere condolences to all of Don's family. I met Don when my husband and I operated the Rio Vista golf Course. He was such a great person. Always smiling, laughing and telling us a good story or joke. Right before my husband passed we joined him for dinner at Smitty's and as always enjoyed his company and humor.  
Rest in peace Don.

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**Julie Allan** - July 25, 2021 at 02:16 PM

AM

“ My deepest condolences to all of Don's family. I had the opportunity of working with Don at Okotoks Walmart for 5 years. Couldn't ask for a better guy to be a greeter, always happy always a smile on his face and always time for a chat. I always loved running into him when I was out and about in High River and having the chance for a hug and a quick chat or chuckle. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. May your fond memories keep you strong through this very trying time, and bring you peace in years to come.

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**Angie McCormick** - July 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

CC

“ Cathy Corns

3 hours ago

*Thank you for waiting for me Dad. My mind is flooded with numerous joyful memories you brought me throughout my life. Those who truly know our family reminisce on those memories every day. Always the life of the party, that's who you are. Never far from our hearts and minds. "Breaker 13 puddle duck to Kernel corn, got your ears on?" "CB radio silence... puddle duck to Kernel corn "Rest well good buddy 10 4. Love you Dad. Please watch over us.*

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**Cathy Corns** - July 24, 2021 at 11:33 PM

HC

“ *I remember when uncle Don flew out to California for Christmas he arrived at the airport before Grandma arrived and surprised all of us at the airport and spent Christmas with us. And the day after barbecuing on the back deck he was amazed that it could be over 70 degrees the day after Christmas he got so sunburned and had to fly back to Calgary during a blizzard*

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**Herb Cornd** - July 24, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JG

“ *I first met Don at an acting class where the instructor commented that the two of us had an obvious connection and trust in each other. During the next few Windmill Theatre Players shows, that connection and trust definitely deepened. I can still picture us playing brothers, Jonathan and Mortimer, in Arsenic and Old Lace. Over the years, whenever we happened to see one another, we would have a great visit. I admired how Don handled the difficulties life gave him, with strength, his faith and of course his wonderful sense of humour. Our condolences to all of his family.*  
*Jim and Darlene Goodwin*

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**Jim and Darlene Goodwin** - July 24, 2021 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ *Carmen Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Joseph Corns*



Carmen Hodges - July 24, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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Cathy Corns - July 24, 2021 at 07:59 PM

RD

“ *Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Joseph Corns*



Rosemary Derbecker - July 24, 2021 at 08:15 AM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Joseph Corns*



Karen Foley - July 23, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BM

“ Dear Professor Higgins, your Eliza is so sad to learn of your passing. I'm remembering Don and all the fun times (and hard work) we had during Windmill Theatre Players productions, especially My Fair Lady in 1976. We formed a bond then that has lasted all these years. In the intervening years, whenever our paths crossed, we were always aware of that bond. I always enjoyed catching up with Don and was happy to know that he never lost the quirky sense of humour that was so endearing. Thank you Don, my friend for so many happy memories.  
Barbara McInerney

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Barbara McInerney - July 23, 2021 at 10:37 AM

CC

“ To Corns Family, My first memories of Mr. Corns are from Hyslop Drive and of my Auntie Flossie and Uncle Gerald's neighbor, a gentle giant with a big grin. There was something about him that stuck with and I knew him right away when I ran into him in High River. My deepest sympathy to you all. Cathy

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Cathy Couey - July 22, 2021 at 03:17 PM

GF

“ Thanks It was a pleasure to coincide with you in this life, memories with you many ... thank you for so many smiles, so many jokes and many hugs, we love you very much, thank you for being a friend, for being my patient for being an incredible human being. The GOMEZ Family



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Gomez Family - July 20, 2021 at 04:56 PM

GB

*My sincere condolences to you And your family!*

**Gordon Bullivant** - July 24, 2021 at 11:32 PM

MC

“ *Mary Chadney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Joseph Corns*



**Mary Chadney** - July 19, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MC

*Marie and family; very sorry for your loss. We really enjoyed your Dad when he came into see us. He is at peace and pain free now.*

**Mary Chadney** - July 19, 2021 at 09:42 PM

CW

*Dear Chris, Cathy, Marie, Roger and Michael,  
I am so sorry for your great loss. Your dad was a very special person, my cousin, my friend and an inspiration. Underneath his ready sense of humour was a very deep and spiritual man with a wonderful attitude to life. He had a very strong faith and often said "God has been good to me." God has been good to all of us who knew and loved your dad. Now we can honour him by trying to be a little bit like him. My deepest sympathy to all of you and your families.  
Love Carol White*

**Carol White** - July 22, 2021 at 10:17 AM