



Mr. Donald George Melvin

December 30, 1933 - November 28, 2018

Don Melvin, aka Papa, 84 years old passed away bravely on November 28th, 2018. He was surrounded by the generations of cowboys and cowgirls he created.

Don is survived by his soulmate of 63 years Betty; daughter Joani Robertson; sons-in-law; Graham Robertson & Keith Griffith; grandchildren Jolynn & Trygve Pugh, Kacey & Shaina Griffith, Raven & Cole Robertson and his great grand-babies Keely & Tryp Pugh, Rexstin & Klyde Griffith and his grandpup Pepper. He is also survived by his sister Sharon Carlson and her family.

Don was greeted at Heavens gate by his loving daughter Donna, parents George and Verda, Grandpa Curt and countless friends and horses.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall (58 Elizabeth Street) in Okotoks. Memorial donations can be made to the Alberta Lung Association- www.ab.lung.ca

To send condolences and view Don's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeve.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (MT)

Okotoks Elks Hall
58 Elizabeth Street
Okotoks, AB T1S 1B1 (CA)

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Betty!*
So sorry to hear about your loss! I have such fond memories of you 2, always coming to visit me at Lammles, so many years ago!! You and I would always chat, and Don would smile and listen!! You always embraced me like one of your kids!!! The best part was when we would part, the never ending hugs 🤗 from the both of you!! May blessings of peace surround you at this difficult time!!
Love 💕 you tons Betty,
Cheryl Halwa xoxoxo

Cheryl Halwa - December 10, 2018 at 06:53 PM

UA

“ *Dear Betty and family:*
Our deepest condolences on the loss of Don. we remember our haying team which Don was a part of. Chasing the hay swaths!
Good memories. hold your memories close in your heart
Udo and Wendy Adam

Udo Adam - December 08, 2018 at 12:32 PM

HH

“ *Dear Betty, Joani and family,*
We were saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was a fine man and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.
Julian, Phyllis, Holly, Lee and Chris Hardman

Holly hardman - December 06, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.
Chantal Gai, Daunté & Dymond



Chantal Carlson - December 06, 2018 at 03:21 AM

BG

“ Dear Betty and Joani,
*We are so sorry for the passing of Don. You have some wonderful memories
To cherish and hopefully it will help in the days to come.*

Gene and Bonnie Gawreletz

Bonnie and Gene Gawreletz - December 05, 2018 at 10:37 PM

DD

“ Dear Betty and Family. Don will be missed for sure! Enjoyed seeing you guys at the B.D. Parade! We only heard about Don passing away tonight! Otherwise we would have come to Don's memorial! Our thoughts and prayers to your families! Condolences from Darrell and Julie! Don will be that cowboy angel in heaven watching over you all!

Darrell and Julie Donaldson - December 05, 2018 at 10:09 PM

LD

“ Our sincere condolences Betty, Joani, and all of your family. We send our prayers and love.
Les and Terri

Les Dammann - December 05, 2018 at 08:35 PM

MB

“ *Betty & Joani.*

My heart goes out to you in the loss of your husband and father. What a privilege it was for me to get to know and work with Don over the years.

The sentiments expressed by many as to his character are so fitting.

May God's presence and comfort be with you Betty and you & your family Joani during this most difficult time.

- Marvin Baird, Okotoks

Marvin Baird - December 05, 2018 at 06:43 PM

MG

“ *Dear Betty ,Joani and all of your family,
So very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He fought a long hard battle and carried on so gallantly. He had you and family to support him throughout.*

We thought of you many times and about the many memories we shared when you lived closer.

Now he will be with his dear Donna - but we will miss them both always.

Sending our love and prayers during this difficult time . We wish we could be with you.

*Johnny, Maxine, Shelly and Candice
Spruce Grove*

Maxine J. Gratton - December 04, 2018 at 08:14 PM

KA

“ I'm so sorry to hear the loss of Don, Betty. I have very fond memories of you and Don. My sincere condolences to you and your family.



Karen Anderson - December 04, 2018 at 07:55 PM

PM

“ P.S., Google the song, "Well Done" by The Afters, for a taste of Heaven, where Don is...

Paula & Mac McRae - December 04, 2018 at 05:17 PM

PM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to your family Betty. You & Don, (Our next door neighbors in Yuma), made a difference in our lives by your welcoming kindness & generosity. His legacy of love will love on.

*Love to you and your family,
Mac & Paula*

Paula & Mac McRae - December 04, 2018 at 05:10 PM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing, Betty. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. How blessed you were to have 63 years together. I always enjoyed his warm, gentle voice, and beautiful smile and laugh. I am so glad I got to see you both this summer. May God give you comfort as you walk this very difficult journey. Hugs and prayers,
Linda (and Paul) Kappus

Linda Kappus - December 03, 2018 at 08:03 PM

LK

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was always kind and a gentleman. He reminded me so much of Uncle George. May God give your family strength during this very difficult time.

*Love and hugs,
Lorna (and Jay) Kee*


Lorna Kee - December 03, 2018 at 08:31 PM

GV

“ *So sorry to hear of Dons passing. Condolences to you all. Grant and Helen Venno.*

Grant and Helen Venno - December 03, 2018 at 07:11 PM

MG

“ *Our sincere sympathy Betty and family so many fond memories of time spent with you two so many years of friendship sad to say goodbye to another special “cowboy”.Hugs from us at Czar 🙏🎱🎱🎱*


Miriam Grocock - December 03, 2018 at 12:24 PM

CP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss Betty. I was looking forward to meeting and getting together with you and Don. Mine and Susan's condolences*

Candido Pooli - December 02, 2018 at 11:18 PM

 Cody Carr

“ *Sorry for your loss. Don was an inspiration to many. He will be greatly missed.*

Cody Carr - December 02, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ Sorry for your loss of Don.....all will miss him terrible....hugs and prayers for you Betty and Joni and family, and Keith and family.....may your happy memories warm your hearts these difficult days..... Geraldine Griffith.....

Geraldine Griffith - December 02, 2018 at 04:14 PM

JK

“ Thinking of you Betty and family.

Julie Walker & Loretta Keller - December 02, 2018 at 11:59 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family. For many years I would meet and visit with Don and Betty at the Yuma rodeo.



Janice Sherman - December 02, 2018 at 11:56 AM

JT

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Send alot of love and prayers for you all.💕

Joy Tamura - December 02, 2018 at 04:35 PM

LD

Don will be missed by all who knew him, we are glad to have met him in Yuma. Our thoughts are with you Betty and your family💕

Larry and Shirley Dehnke - December 04, 2018 at 06:38 PM

LI

“ So sorry to hear this Betty, we know how much it hurts. Linda Edge

Linda - December 02, 2018 at 10:30 AM

BR

“ *Bryan & Marg Roemmele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald George Melvin*



Bryan & Marg Roemmele - December 02, 2018 at 12:11 AM

BK

“ *Don died as he lived everyone's friend. Don was one of the best. We love you.*



Brenda and Don Knight - December 01, 2018 at 09:20 PM

MV

“ *Our world has lost a true gentleman, a true cowboy and most importantly a true family man. Our deepest sympathy to Betty and her family. A large hole in the family but his memories will fill that hole. Hugs from the Hills.*

Marilyn Vredegoor - December 01, 2018 at 07:43 PM

BF

“ *BeaAnn & Wendell Friesen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald George Melvin*



BeaAnn & Wendell Friesen - December 01, 2018 at 04:56 PM

CM

“ *Poppa Don - a true cowboy who lived the code, kindness and respect to all. Always a tireless cheerleader, a voice of reason, a gentlemen and a gentle man. Many years spent hearing his voice cheering for the kids at high school rodeos and roping's. Always most welcoming smile, a good joke, and just an all around great person who championed the success of others in and out of the arena. We've lost a great cowboy. Our thoughts are prayers surround you all at this most difficult time*

Darcy Roy & Chrissy Mosby

Chrissy Mosby - December 01, 2018 at 11:53 AM

KM

“ *Our sincere condolences to Betty and family - Bill & Karen McFarlane*



Karen McFarlane - December 01, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MK

“ *Mike & Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald George Melvin*



Mike & Cathy Kendal - November 30, 2018 at 07:08 PM

MF

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



Morley & Jean Copeland and Family - November 30, 2018 at 02:18 PM

MW

“ *Maureen Wasend lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Donald George Melvin*



Maureen Wasend - November 30, 2018 at 12:26 PM

LO

“ *Lonny And Sharon Olson lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Donald George Melvin*



Lonny and Sharon Olson - November 30, 2018 at 11:44 AM