

## Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas

April 25, 1938 - November 26, 2023

Donald Alfred Tannas “Don”, born April 25, 1938 at Marwayne, Alberta. Passed away at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta on November 26, 2023. He died peacefully surrounded by his family – He was 85.

Don is survived by his wife, of 62 years, Christine Tannas as well as his children including oldest son Senator Scott Tannas his wife Taryn, their children Mary, Emily, Zach, and Alex. Second son Bruce Tannas and his wife Lora and their children Kirsten and Bryan. Don is also survived by his sister Dorren Busch as well as his 4 great grandchildren.

Don was the second child and only son of Alfred and Mildred Tannas. He grew up in several Alberta towns and villages as his father and uncles moved around the province opening and operating several retail grocery and hardware stores.

Don obtained an education degree from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where he met and married Christine Mason, a nurse who recently emigrated from Scotland. The newlyweds moved to High River and took up jobs in their respective professions. Don taught in Cayley and Blackie Schools before stepping into administration as Principal at Blackie School. Over the next three decades Don’s career was focused on education and administration, including being Principal at Longview School and finally Joe

Clark School. He also continued his own professional development and education, earning two postgraduate degrees.

In 1969, Don and Chris along with their two young sons embarked on a two-year adventure in Uganda while working for CIDA. Don taught in a teacher training college and Chris provided local villagers with medical care from a small makeshift clinic on the college grounds. Their African adventure brought many friendships and spurred a lifelong passion for international travel. When they returned from Africa, in addition to their day jobs, the couple opened a successful travel agency in High River. They became their own best customers by continuing to travel the world.

In 1989, Don decided on a new career entering provincial politics, where he was elected MLA for constituency of Highwood. For the next 14 years Don proudly served in the Getty and then the Klein governments, much of the time as Deputy Speaker of the Alberta Legislature.

Community service and the friendships that came from working together were an important part of Don's life. He was an active member of Rotary International, serving in the High River Club, over a span of seven decades.

Don lived an active and interesting life. He did his best to be of value to his students, his community, and his province. But nothing was more important to him than his wife and family. He and Chris were best friends and loving partners, raising sons Scott and Bruce, supporting them in their lives and careers and being loving grandparents and great grandparents.

For all he accomplished, he was a quiet and gentle man. Thoughtful and trusting and he was trusted in return. His loving sons strive every day to live up to his example. He will be missed by family, friends, and the many people he touched in his life.

A Celebration of Don's Life will be held at the High River United Church (123 Mcleod Trail) at 2:00 pm on December 9, 2023, with a reception to follow. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on Don's Tribute Page.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

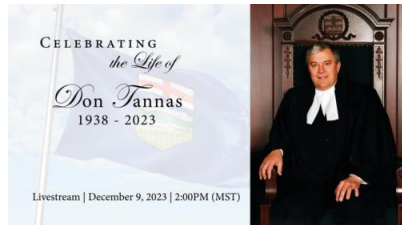
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - November 29, 2023 at 11:33 AM

BR

*Wonderful tribute to Don well earned and deserved being watched from Maui  
Jody and Bob Roddie*

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**Bob and Jody Roddie** - December 09, 2023 at 10:01 PM

NS

*Don was a dear and special person in my life. He was a fixture in my childhood; where he and Chris were members of the 'gourmet club' - a quarterly feast rotated between the Tannas, Cople, Burton and Pope homes. When we were very little, my brother Jon and I would get all dressed up when it was 'Jacquie & Peter's turn' in the hope of joining the party! Sometimes we would serve the hors d'oeuvres and Don always took extra with a sly wink! Following my completion of my BA in Political Science (Don was delighted!), I turned down a brilliant entry level policy role with the Alberta government because I "didn't want to move so far away from my [then] boyfriend" (Don was aghast!). I recall him looking thoughtfully in my direction and saying "Mmmmm, I expect this is something you'll reflect on later in life". Indeed! Some years later, Don wrote a personal letter of reference in support of my migration to Australia... and I was glad to see him & Chris each time I returned home (at first solo, and then with my husband and children) to Canada for Christmas and other events. And it was Don that reassured his own son when it was time for young Emily to 'backpack' in Australia. She stayed with us (and not some grubby hostel!), which I took as a sign of trust built over, well... my whole lifetime! Together with Chris, Don offered our family (and especially my dad) a soft place to land when my mom passed away. There will always a space where Don was. Heartfelt condolences from our home in Brisbane. Much love, Nicole, Shane, Issy & Jack Stephensen*

**Nicole Stephensen** - December 10, 2023 at 04:12 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to all the family. Mr Don Tannas you were one of my favorite school teachers. May you rest in peace.*



**Denise Ney (nee) Bolton** - January 26, 2024 at 02:39 AM

LW

“ *Linda Walsh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Linda Walsh** - December 13, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Thank you for sharing the link to this beautiful service . A very appropriate tribute to a lovely gentleman who made such an impact on so many people’s lives. Thinking of you all & sending lots of love.*

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**Paula Callaghan** - December 13, 2023 at 07:03 AM

LP

“ *It is with great sadness that we recently learned of Don's passing on November 26th and extend our heartfelt condolences to you Chris and your family. We have many positive and grateful memories of connecting with Don during his time as an MLA, with him being positive and supportive of advancing critical care air ambulance service in our province. We were all the beneficiaries of his wisdom, grounding words, experience, and compassion - and always a welcoming smile. His impact and influence has been felt in many sectors, and that legacy continues today. A life truly celebrated and we hope your memories will hold you softly into the future. Greg and Linda Powell*

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**Linda and Greg Powell** - December 11, 2023 at 09:34 PM

CC

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Tannas family. Don touch so many aspects of our community starting with its youth and far beyond. He was a gentlemen and a proud community supporter and champion. I recall he shared in the Legislature, when referencing the community's success in raising funds and establishing a Cataract Surgery program here at our Hospital, "this is an example of a community who didn't wait for the boat to come in, they rowed out to meet it." Don was often one of those who was rowing the boat.  
Cathy

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**Cathy Couey** - December 11, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KM

My deepest condolences to the family of such an extraordinary man. Mr. Tannas was always such a joy to see in our Western office. Always a smile on his face and a kind word to speak. I will never forget one bitterly cold day in March of 2014 I came out of the office to find Mr. Tannas and another Western employee on their knees looking into the wheel well of a car! When I asked what they were up to - they told me there was a kitten hiding there. Somehow in the bitter cold they retrieved that lucky little kitten - Mr. Tannas put him in my arms, we wrapped him up in a blanket and off to the shelter I went. Actions such as this are the actions of a great man whose compassion touched so many - including a lucky little kitten.

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**K Malek** - December 11, 2023 at 04:57 PM

RT

“ A very nice service today and a wonderfully deserving tribute to Cousin Don. My only regret being that we could not attend in person as had been planned.

Our thoughts are with you, Chris, Scott, Bruce and your families. It was very apparent that he had a big impact on his grandchildren's lives.

Please take care as well Doreen I know you and Don were close.

The High River community and the province have lost a very special and faithful servant

*Ron & Judy Tannas*

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**Ron & Judy Tannas** - December 09, 2023 at 06:54 PM

DP

“ Caring thoughts are with you Chris, Scott, Bruce and families in this time of sorrow. We will remember Don as a true family man, professional and community minded individual who had integrity, was thoughtful and kind.

Rest in peace Don, and thank you for your contributions towards making a difference! Gerald and Sandra Porter



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**Dr. Gerald & Sandra Porter** - December 09, 2023 at 06:00 PM

DK

“ Thank you so much for the Webcast. Heart felt condolences from Tom and Danelle Kuntz

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**Danelle Kuntzz** - December 09, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SG

“ Dear Chris, Scott, Taryn, Bruce, Lora and families,  
I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I send you all a hug from New Zealand. I feel incredibly sad. Don was my first host Dad when I arrived in High River as a 17 year old Rotary Exchange Student in 1983. Don was a kind and thoughtful man and took me on many trips exploring Alberta and sharing his knowledge of Alberta's history. Don and Chris, along with Bruce, took me on many memorable ski trips, all the way up and down the Rockies and down to Whitefish Montana. We had so much fun!  
Don and Chris have had short trips to New Zealand over the years, while stopping in port on their many cruises. On one trip we had lunch with my parents Rex and Angela on their farm in Pukeatua. It was special for them to meet Don and Chris. Rex and Angela send their condolences.  
I have been back to Canada three times. My husband Paul and I stayed on our honeymoon in 2018 and Don and Paul enjoyed some flying related visits. Paul's thoughts are with you Chris.  
I visited with Don and Chris when I came to Canada in July this year for the 40th reunion of Senator Riley High School. Don and Chris were again generous in having me stay with them. Don stayed up every night, no matter how late I got in, to make sure I got home safely. It was just like being a teenager again!! They got to meet my daughter Gabby and her boyfriend Ryan. Gabby and Ryan send their love to you Chris (and thank you for folding all their washing!)  
Don was a great communicator and I am so grateful that he took the time to stay in touch over the past 40 years, sending many emails and letters and Xmas cards. I will miss Don and this connection with High River so much.  
Love Sara and Paul xx

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Sara Grayson - December 09, 2023 at 03:40 PM

SG

“ We send our condolences to Chris and family at this sad time. Don shall remain in our hearts and fond memories of Joe Clark School days. Sue and Chris Goode

Sue Goode - December 09, 2023 at 03:17 PM

BB

“ Our Condolences to Chris, Scott and Bruce and your families.

*I always looked to Don as a mentor and a sincere friend that I learned so much from. He was a Gentleman that proudly represented our community to Alberta and the world, always putting his constituents first.*

*We will miss not seeing Don,*

*Sincerely, Ronald & Barbara Barkley, Blair Barkley*

Blair Barkley - December 09, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Joyce Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Joyce Barton - December 09, 2023 at 02:08 PM

EE

“ Dear Chris and Family - we were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. As time goes by, we hope that cherished memories will help bring you inner peace. May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart. and make the loss of Don seem like he is still very close to you.



*With love and sincere condolences, Elizabeth Ellis and Herman Poliakov (Lora's Aunt and Uncle)*

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**Elizabeth Ellis** - December 09, 2023 at 01:58 PM

CD

“ Dear Chris, Scott, Bruce, Taryn, Lora and all the family, We will always remember the holidays we spent with Don and Christine in Canada, Britain and parts of Europe and all orchestrated by Don. Don was a wonderful, close friend to us and a talented tour guide. He was an excellent ambassador for Canada. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Chris, and all the family. Much love from Margaret and Clark.

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**Clark & Margaret Donaldson** - December 09, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DM

“ Heartfelt condolences to Chris, Scott, Bruce and families. Don was a very kind and considerate gentleman, who will be missed by many. We were very saddened to hear of his passing. Deborah & Michael Melnyk

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**Deborah Melnyk** - December 09, 2023 at 09:27 AM

CT

“ I was very sorry to hear of the passing of cousin Don. Don was a source of inspiration, he accomplished so much in his life. Don gave me my first job off the farm helping to landscape his first home in High River. My condolences to Chris, Scott and Bruce and their families. I pray for comfort to his family at this time of loss.

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**Clare Tannas** - December 09, 2023 at 12:14 AM

RK

“ We were extremely shocked and saddened at news of the passing of cousin Don. He was a kind, remarkable gentleman who lived a wonderful life. Our heartfelt sympathies to Chris, Scott, Bruce and families. Our thoughts are with all of you.  
Russ and Angela Kimmett

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**Russ Kimmett** - December 08, 2023 at 03:01 PM

PW

“ I so enjoyed visiting with Don in my shop while he worked on rebuilding his library of local history books that had been lost in the flood. We had many great conversations and he was always so appreciative of a phone call saying a few more that might interest him come in to the used book corner. Thinking of Don's family and all who will miss him.

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**Pam Woodall** - December 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

BS

“ Still can fondly remember well playing the board game "Battle of the Atoms" for many hours with Don nearly 3/4 of a century ago.  
Barrett Sleeman

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**Barrett Sleeman** - December 04, 2023 at 02:38 PM

KB

“ Kelly Baskin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Kelly Baskin** - December 04, 2023 at 10:34 AM

LM

“ Don was such a lovely man, always so involved in the improvement of the community and great support of the school Division. I remember working with Don at the Foothills School Division he was such a caring and diligent teacher. Our thoughts and prayers at with Don family. Lenore McLean

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**Lenore McLean** - December 03, 2023 at 12:02 PM

JG

Don was principle at Longview school when we moved to Pekisko. The atmosphere on the school was warm, inviting, invigorating and kind. Don was tough when he needed to be. Accepting to all he brought the best out in students, teachers, and parents. School work was done and most special including students families and the local communities. It is an honour to have met Don and so very grateful my son started his education with this warm, caring and exceptional man.

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**Jean Gallup** - December 06, 2023 at 01:14 AM

UA

“ We met Don Tannas thru political activities. as Board members and as campaign troopers we learned so much about politics and the issues he was passionate about. He passed onto many people his wisdom, his laughter, his fun. What a gentleman and teacher. To Chris and family - our deepest condolences. He was truly a remarkable, memorable man

*Udo and Wendy Adam*

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**Udo and Wendy Adam** - December 02, 2023 at 06:15 PM

ES

“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Eunice Schmuland** - December 02, 2023 at 09:34 AM

MM

“ Maureen Macleod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Maureen Macleod** - December 01, 2023 at 02:56 PM

EB

*Our deepest sympathy to Chris and family in the loss of Don.*

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**Elizabeth Bouillet** - December 01, 2023 at 07:06 PM

JN

“ Don had so many exemplary qualities as evident in his service to the High River community and beyond. The quality that stands out the most for us was his kindness. Condolences to Chris, Scott and Bruce and families.



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**Jacqueline Nelson** - December 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM

GL

“ RIP cousin Don. I have such fond memories of you. Always fun to be around and always a twinkle in your eye when you were teasing someone. I remember when all the families would gather at Grandma Tannas and Gunners place for Xmas and all the adults would be chatting and making Xmas dinner and you would be holding court around the monopoly board with all the cousins. Yours and Chris's wedding was the first wedding I ever attended. We got to stay in a motel and all the cousins were going crazy in the rooms. Such fun. Our sympathies to you Chris, Scott and Bruce and families. A gentleman he was.

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**Garry Wayne Lunn** - December 01, 2023 at 11:28 AM

KN

“ Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Kathy Niemans** - December 01, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MW

“ *Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Murray and Kendra Wegener** - December 01, 2023 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ *Joan & Mike Blades lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Joan & Mike Blades** - December 01, 2023 at 06:38 AM

KB

“ *I am truly grateful that Donald Alfred Tannas was born into this world as my mother’s younger brother. UNCLE DON was the most important adult male in my life from adolescence onwards – albeit he was so from a distance. When asked he responded, he listened and when appropriate spoke with wisdom. I loved, trusted and respected my uncle. He lived a stellar life; his obituary documents that in so so many ways. For my part I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to Auntie Chris, cousins Scott and Bruce, their respective wives Taryn and Laura as well as their children and grandchildren.*  
*Kelly Busch*

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**Kelly Lorne Busch** - November 30, 2023 at 06:41 PM

RD

“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Rosemary Derbecker - November 30, 2023 at 08:25 AM

GM

“ Gail Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Gail Matthews - November 30, 2023 at 08:23 AM

KB

“ Kevin Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Kevin Bews - November 30, 2023 at 05:17 AM

“ Dear Chris, Scott, Taryn, Bruce, Lora and family we are so very sorry for your loss. Words seem so very inadequate when summing up what Don meant to the Cutforths. First and probably most importantly, he was our children’s grade seven teacher and principal at Joe Clark School. Grade seven was such a formative important year in the lives of the students he shepherded. Thank you, Mr. Tannas for inspiring our children.



In 1989 Don decided to try his hand in politics, we were in attendance the night he was elected as the Conservative Candidate for Highwood. We helped out campaigning door to door and to our delight, he won! I decided to try my hand in politics the same year as one of the High River Town Councillors. We were all green at our newly elected positions but Don was our go to MLA for 14 of the 18 years I served. Don was a very hard working Member of the Legislature. Deputy Speaker, means you are respected by your peers, and highly respected he was. Thank you, for the days and late nights you served Highwood on behalf of all our citizens, Don. Lastly, my association with Don was through my employer, Western Financial Group. Don capably managed our Western Foundation for years after his retirement from the Legislature. Many may not know this but Western Foundation donates thousands of dollars annually to the communities they have offices in and serve across Canada. Don’s experience made him the perfect person for the job and a fabulous job he did, supporting the communities. Every employee was proud of the projects that were funded through the Western Foundation.

But, you know what, I think, Don’s greatest quality was? It was his ability to stop and chat with people he knew wherever he was, Canadian Tire or downtown. Yes, he might want to have a little chat about politics but he had an ability to make everyone feel for those few moments you spoke to him that you and what you had to say were important to him. Now, that is a true art of a great politician. Thank you, Don for your years of service. You really did make a difference. Rest In Peace, our dear friend.

**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - November 29, 2023 at 11:17 PM

BH

“ *It is with heartfelt sadness that Cheryl and I heard about the passing of Mr Tannas. He was always a great person to visit with and his legacy in the Foothills School Division and in our community will continue on. We are so sorry for your loss.*

**Bill & Cheryl Holmes** - November 29, 2023 at 05:47 PM

RM

“ *Roxanna Milley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



**Roxanna Milley** - November 29, 2023 at 05:28 PM

PH

“ *Don, you were a prince among men. "O Lord, glorify his station, shelter him under the pavilion of Thy supreme mercy, cause him to enter Thy glorious paradise, and perpetuate his existence in Thine exalted rose garden, that he may plunge into the sea of light in the world of mysteries." Abdu'l Bahá*

**Penny and Les Hajdu** - November 29, 2023 at 04:35 PM

MW

“ *Marnie Webb*  
*We are saddened by the news of cousin Don's passing. Don lived a remarkable life. Our condolences to Chris, Scott, Bruce, and Families*

**Marnie Webb** - November 29, 2023 at 03:25 PM

DF

“ Dan And Bev Fox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Dan and Bev Fox - November 29, 2023 at 02:33 PM

BW

“ Bill And Sharon Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Bill and Sharon Wegener - November 29, 2023 at 11:16 AM

L(

“ Lorie Howe (Dayment) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Lorie Howe (Dayment) - November 29, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DP

“ Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Diane Porter - November 29, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DM

“ Dear Chris, Scott, Bruce and all Family members. For many years, Don was a valued and contributing member of the Foothills School Division's Administrator's Association. He was articulate, valuable and humorous making numerous contributions to our Division. All of us who worked with Don will have fond memories surfacing during this heartfelt time. Our school division was better for his contributions to it. May time soften the impact of your profound loss...Peace be with each of you.  
Donald M. McCuaig.

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**Donald M. McCuaig** - November 29, 2023 at 08:15 AM

EM

“ Don will be missed. I valued his support, friendship, his genuine care of students, teachers and his friends. He always worked to make High River and his Riding a better place. He was someone you could always turn to for advice and who cannot smile, just thinking of his puns !

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**Elaine Mason** - November 29, 2023 at 12:06 AM

SM

“ Dear Chris and family, my deepest sympathy to all. Wayne and I enjoyed the many memories of your visits to Palm Desert when we were there. I still have his books and lots of visitors have read them. He was such an interesting gentle man. Keep all the memories close to you. Sylvia Moore

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**Sylvia Moore** - November 29, 2023 at 12:01 AM

MA

“ Sincere condolences to the Tannas families, on the loss of your husband, father grandpa and great grandpa Don. Always took the time for friendly conversation always with a smile. He will be fondly remembered and missed by many. A true High Riverite. My thoughts are with you all in your time of sorrow. R.I.P. 🙏

Marcia Ayrey - November 28, 2023 at 10:59 PM

LS

“ Linda M Schafer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Linda M Schafer - November 28, 2023 at 10:54 PM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Marcia Ayrey - November 28, 2023 at 10:52 PM

NG

“ Scott- so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I will remember him for his kindness to others through the work he did for the Western Communities Foundation. He was a good man. Sending thoughts and prayers to you, Taryn and the family.

Nancy Green-Bolton - November 28, 2023 at 10:52 PM

BP

“ *Rest in peace Don.*

**Brian Popowitch** - November 28, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LC

“ *Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



**lynda Cowling** - November 28, 2023 at 10:26 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



**Cathy Bradley** - November 28, 2023 at 09:54 PM

GB

“ *Grant & Debbie Braaten sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



**Grant & Debbie Braaten** - November 28, 2023 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ Donna Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Donna Hopkins - November 28, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Christine and family. Thinking of you.



Joann Tylke McMillan - November 28, 2023 at 07:38 PM

DM

“ DJ McFadden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



DJ McFadden - November 28, 2023 at 07:01 PM

AN

“ Anitazarn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



anitazarn - November 28, 2023 at 06:01 PM

AN

*So sorry to hear of Don's passing Chris.*

**anitazarn** - November 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM

CL

“ *Sorry to hear of Don passing sincere condolences to all the family.*



**Carol Lyall** - November 28, 2023 at 05:38 PM

TR

“ *We are shocked and saddened by Dons sudden passing as we were were looking forward to meeting Don and Chris in Maui again this winter. Bob has known the Tannas family since they moved to High River and was a school class mate of his sister Doreen, Jody has played bridge with Chris for many years. Don been a valued friend for many years and will be sorely missed. Our sincere sympathy to Chris, Scott, Bruce and their families.  
Jody and Bob Roddie*

**The Roddies** - November 28, 2023 at 05:19 PM

DT

“ *I am so sorry to hear of cousin Don's passing—condolences to Chris, Scott, Bruce, and the rest of the family. I always enjoyed a conversation with Don. He was a great schoolteacher and politician. Shannon and I have your family in our prayers.*

**Douglas Tannas** - November 28, 2023 at 05:16 PM

CJ

“ My sincere wishes to all of Don's family on his death. My heart is sad for your loss for I have known Don for over 74 years. Don was my closest neighbour when we first moved to High River, my student teacher while in Grade 12, principal when my Children were at Joe Clark school and a faithful member of the High River United Church, where always he greeted me with a warm smile and often a hug. I will miss knowing he is on the same realm as I am, but happy to know to that he is singing with the angels and likely keeping everyone in line. Truly, truly I will miss your presence and send only good wishes to all family members as they live in their memories now. Blessings to all.

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**Connie Lorraine Jewell** - November 28, 2023 at 04:21 PM

TS

“ Tanya Suitor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Tanya Suitor** - November 28, 2023 at 04:04 PM

SC

“ Don was a great man, he will be missed. Deepest condolences to all of the family and friends.



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**Scott Caron** - November 28, 2023 at 03:44 PM

SD

“ Don was always thoughtful, an encourager, a peacemaker. And Jesus said the peacemakers are blessed. In a very real sense Alberta was blessed to have a servant like Don Tannas. Heartfelt condolences to Christine and family. Love from Stock and Val

stockwell day - November 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

RJ

“ Ray And Margie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Ray and Margie Johnson - November 28, 2023 at 03:24 PM

JA

“ Sincere condolences to Chris and the Tannas family. I remember Don for his tireless effort supporting the Western Financial Foundation while working at WFG & a neighbour who always took the time to say hi and have a quick chat.

Julie Allan - November 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

HN

“ To the Tannas family, so very sorry for your loss. Don was always a positive and respectful man, an icon in our community.

Harvie and Judy Nielsen - November 28, 2023 at 02:14 PM

DD

“ The obit said it all, Don is remembered by his actions. My condolences to Chris, Scott, Bruce and family. Donna Downey

Donna Downey - November 28, 2023 at 01:11 PM

DL

“ *Dianne Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Dianne Liddell** - November 28, 2023 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Chris. Also to Scott, Bruce and families.*



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**Karen Snodgrass** - November 28, 2023 at 01:08 PM

GP

“ *Geri And Al Polanchek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Geri and Al Polanchek** - November 28, 2023 at 12:58 PM

RB

“ *Sincere condolences to Chris and all the family.*

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**Rob & Cathy Bennington** - November 28, 2023 at 12:31 PM

KB

“ Kelly Bakken lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



Kelly Bakken - November 28, 2023 at 12:17 PM

KB

He was always ready to chat or share a story. I was always ready to listen. Heartfelt sympathy

Kelly Bakken - November 28, 2023 at 12:18 PM

LH

“ Don was amazing! He worked tirelessly to help the people he represented. So sorry to hear this news.

lorraine hjalte - November 28, 2023 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ Don was a sweet and awesome neighbor and we will truly miss chatting with him. Our condolences to his family and may your memories bring you comfort and peace.

Judy Carruthers - November 28, 2023 at 12:04 PM

PO

“ Scott, I am saddened to learn of your dad's passing. He was a wonderful man and I enjoyed him so much. He always had time for a chat. I hope your wonderful memories help you and your family through this difficult time. My sincere condolences to you all.

Pat Orritt - November 28, 2023 at 12:04 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Beggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Lisa Beggs** - November 28, 2023 at 11:33 AM

TG

“ *Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Toni Groeneveld** - November 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM

GL

“ *Gary And Sharon Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Gary and Sharon Liddell** - November 28, 2023 at 10:13 AM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas*



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**Callahan Family** - November 28, 2023 at 09:22 AM

CN

“ Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - November 28, 2023 at 09:21 AM

BP

“ Barbara Pickering lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Barbara Pickering** - November 28, 2023 at 08:27 AM

SS

“ Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Sheila Storoschuk** - November 28, 2023 at 07:36 AM

JR

“ Don and Corky had a treasured friendship for over 60 years. I send my love and angels to Chris and all her family.

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**Jeanette Rousseau** - November 28, 2023 at 12:11 AM

MD

“ Sending Heartfelt Condolences Mrs.Tannas, Scott, Bruce and your Families. I appreciated that Don always took the the time for a little visit and called me by name. Such a wonderful Community Man, there are not many like him. May He rest in Peace

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**Michele Durand** - November 27, 2023 at 11:37 PM

DS

“ To the Tannas family my condolences---I think Blackie was Don's first teaching position , he was my teacher and basket ball coach and was good at both. In later life I enjoyed visiting with him on the street or at the bank. Again my Condolences...David Stewart

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**DAVID STEWART** - November 27, 2023 at 10:42 PM

CK

“ To the Tannas family Pam and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you during this difficult time I enjoyed helping Don during his reelection campaign . He always made time for our conversations we had while I was driving him around during while he was preparing his next speech  
Rest in Peace Don you will be missed

*Cam & Pam Kuruliak*

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**camern Kuruliak** - November 27, 2023 at 10:30 PM

AZ

“ Condolences to the Tannas family at this difficult time. I enjoyed visiting with Mr Tannas at work and church. He was a kind and knowledgeable man. He once gave me a picture of my Grandma's house that he had and which I cherish. Peace be with you all.

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**Ann Holmes Zirk** - November 27, 2023 at 08:56 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Alfred Tannas



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**Sharon Doll** - November 27, 2023 at 08:03 PM

RC

“ Chris, Scott, Bruce and families,  
Our condolences, thoughts and prayers to all of you on Don's passing. We were shocked to hear this news.  
Don was a significant contributor to his community and province through the many hats he wore during his life. Rotarians respected Don and Chris for all he and they contributed to Rotary. He was an exemplary member.  
A quiet unassuming individual whom you could trust and rely on for support in many ways. Also an adventurous, industrial man with a big smile and friendly character. He was an example for all of us to follow.  
Rest in Peace Don.  
Your fellow Rotarians.

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**Rotarian Gerry Coakwell** - November 27, 2023 at 07:32 PM