



Mr. Douglas James Gardner

December 25, 1942 - December 14, 2019

Doug Gardner of High River passed away peacefully on December 14, 2019 at the High River Hospital in High River at the age of 76 years after a courageous battle with cancer. Doug is survived by his loving wife Janet; daughters Debra and Susan (Jamie Curran); granddaughters Kayleigh, and Kennedy; Janet's daughter Christyann (John Darwent, Hugh & Neal); mother-in-law Marion Bennett; brother and sister-in-law Gord and Sharon Leigh; niece Jennifer (Jonathan and Charleigh), and nephew James (Tara and Cedar). Doug was predeceased by his mom Laura (1996) and dad Harry (2014).

Doug was a wonderful husband, dad, papa, uncle, and friend to all who knew him. He was always positive and tried to see both sides to situations. His gentle kindness will be treasured. Family was always very important to Doug – especially his two granddaughters. Doug took pride in his teaching and coaching career, his time as a school board trustee, as well as being involved in numerous community organizations, and in the business community.

Memorial Donations can be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation, www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca.

A Memorial Service took place on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Ecole Senator Riley gym, 338 - 1st Avenue S.E., High River, Alberta.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (MT)

Senator Riley School
338 1st Ave SE
High River, AB T1V 1H6 (CA)

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Condolences to you, Janet, and your family on your loss of Doug. My name is Shirley Branton, and from 1960-1966 my husband, Rev. John Branton and I lived in Canora, Saskatchewan where Doug was a member of our very active youth group at Canora United Church. We knew Doug, his Mom and Dad and the family well. It is well over 50 years since I would have seen your special husband and dad but from his picture I can see that he became someone with whom people would like to associate.

Shirley Branton - January 11, 2020 at 03:03 PM

SU

“ A kind and decent man who always knew and lived the truth. A good friend.

Sunny - January 09, 2020 at 09:27 AM

IK

“ Very sad to hear about Doug's passing. Our sincere condolences to Janet and his family and friends. He was such a kind man, and I truly appreciate and will never forget all that he did for us at the museum in very trying times. I was always happy to see him - the best smile!
Hugs to you Janet.
Irene Kerr

Irene Kerr - January 04, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MQ

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Doug's passing. My heart felt condolences to Doug's family. I will never forget his kindness.

Marsi Quarin-Wright - January 04, 2020 at 01:45 PM

AL

“ My name is Alvin Law and if you weren't aware, I was born without arms in 1960 and at five days of age, given up by my birth family. A week later, I was introduced to Hilda and Jack Law of Yorkton, Saskatchewan and they were 55 and 53 years old and occasionally took in foster children. I was very blessed to become a permanent member of the Law clan and their Canadian roots were thirty minutes up the road in Canora. I credit my success in life on many factors but a big one was my parent's friends.

Two of those friends were Harry and Laura Gardner and I can feel their imprint on my life to this day. They had a son, Doug. I spent more time with his parents than I ever did with Doug when I was growing up and in retrospect, our lives never converged as much as I would have hoped. But my wife Darlene and I spent short visits at our beloved Crystal Lake very Summer for the past 15 years and loved to reminisce about our lives and the benefits of the incredible people who loved us.

You will be missed but your impact while on earth will be felt by countless people forever.

All our love to Janet, Susan and Debra and the extended families.

Alvin, Darlene and Vance Law
Calgary

Alvin Law - January 04, 2020 at 01:32 PM



Wow what a wonderful memory, thanks for sharing.

Cathy Shawley - January 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM

DS

“*Doug was a great teacher and always had a pleasant smile! My condolences to Janet, Deborah and Susan.*
Diane Smyth

Diane Smyth - January 03, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SV

“*Janet and family, we were sorry to hear of Doug's passing.*
Whenever we saw him he always had a big smile .
He truly will be missed here in High River.



Sherry and Ed Visosky - January 03, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MH

“*I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I have good memories of Doug at the FSD office. He was always so friendly and kind. My deepest sympathy.*
Marie Hoffmann

Marie Hoffmann - January 01, 2020 at 11:16 PM

ST

“*Coach RIP was the best mentor. Got me going on football with Colts and stay with university.*
Such a great Man.
Rag Moppe Mustang guys will know.

steve - December 30, 2019 at 09:22 PM

AC

“ My deepest condolences to all of Doug's family and friends. He was a great man always ready with a smile! Not only was he my accounting teacher in High School but sold me my home. An amazing man for sure!

Angela Caldwell - December 30, 2019 at 07:37 PM

BS

“ My thoughts are with you, Janet, at this time.
Bev Smith

Bev Smith - December 28, 2019 at 01:05 PM

FT

“ Janet and family, so sorry for the loss of Doug. We will always treasure our memories of spending social outings and supper parties with you and Doug. One that comes to mind, was the evening we were going up to see a concert in Calgary and had thought of renting a limo but decided it was pretty pricey . Doug being the kind thoughtful man he was got his van all detailed and drove us up. He truly was a gem, we share in your loss , he will truly be missed. Sorry we won't be home for his service but you will be in our thoughts. Hugs Wayne and Faye Thurber.

faye thurber - December 27, 2019 at 08:43 PM

PZ

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Gardner family. Treasure your memories!
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee and family

Pat Zebedee - December 27, 2019 at 03:20 PM

JW

“ Jim and Kathy Walker sending our sincere sympathy and deepest condolences to the Gardner family.



Jim Walker - December 27, 2019 at 03:53 AM

CH

“ Chuck & Linda Hurl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Chuck & Linda Hurl - December 26, 2019 at 10:23 PM

LM

“ Happy Birthday Doug, your Christmas birthday was always special as was your family. Harry and Laura, your parents, always greeted us warmly.
We are sending Janet , Debra, Susan and Jamie, grand daughters, Marion and all your family ,our sincere condolences. We admired your perseverance over the last while to keep positive and "fight" the cancer battle. You will be missed and memories of early times in your teaching career and when the families were young will be shared with smiles, tears and laughter. We appreciated your friendship and caring personality. Thanks for teaching my kids and for serving on the school board!
Sincerely, Lorna McLean and Tom Poole, Shauna, Adam and Kyla Way and families.

Lorna McLean - December 24, 2019 at 05:50 PM

JM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to your family. From the Staff at G.M. Mechanical.*



Joe McCormick - December 23, 2019 at 02:59 PM

MM

“ *Our sincere sympathy
Maureen, Dean, Cory and Holly Macleod*



Maureen Macleod - December 23, 2019 at 02:32 AM

RD

“ *Please accept my deepest and heartfelt condolences on Doug's passing. I was privileged to be able to work with him on the school board and learned to appreciate his warmth and sincerity and I know how much he loved his family and the community. This wonderful man will be truly missed. May God ease this painful period for you.*

Rita Janzen Driedger - December 21, 2019 at 12:29 AM

LF

“ *Was privileged to know Doug while was on the school council association. He was a dedicated hard working man who believed in making education better for all students. My deepest condolences to his family.*



Lorraine Forsen - December 20, 2019 at 10:17 PM

TG

“ Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Toni Groeneveld - December 20, 2019 at 07:55 PM

RW

“ Russ And Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Russ and Sharon Watkins - December 20, 2019 at 06:12 PM

WY

“ William Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



William Young - December 20, 2019 at 01:37 PM

KF

“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Karen Foley - December 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM

IM

“ *Irene Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Irene Montgomery - December 20, 2019 at 11:37 AM

KA

“ *Kimberley (Zuehlke) Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Kimberley (Zuehlke) Anderson - December 20, 2019 at 10:05 AM

BM

“ *Brenda And Graham McCredie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Brenda and Graham McCredie - December 20, 2019 at 09:37 AM

GW

“ *My sympathy to you Janet and family. Doug was such a fine man! I shall always remember his kind and gentle demeanor. Keeping you in my prayers over this Christmas season. Rev Gerry Watkins*



Gerry Watkins - December 20, 2019 at 07:51 AM

LW

“ Janet, you and your family are in our thoughts at such a sad time. Doug was always a delight to visit with and always had a smile. He loved his family deeply. He will be missed by many.



Charlie and Lynda Wheeler

Lynda wheeler - December 19, 2019 at 10:32 PM

JN

“ So very sorry for your loss Janet, Debra, Susan and family. I will always remember Doug's infectious laugh and the way he could find humor in more serious conversations. He loved his family and was so proud of his Grandchildren. May you find peace in the many great memories you created together.

Judy and Harvie

Judy Nielsen - December 19, 2019 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ Dear Janet, Susan, Debra and family.
There are no words that convey our sympathy. What a wonderful man Doug was. It truly was our pleasure to have had the opportunity to get to know him these past few years. He will be missed by many. This was a man that walked softly but was larger than life.
Love to you all at this difficult time.
Jeff and Jeanette

Jeff and Jeanette Colman - December 19, 2019 at 08:40 PM

EC

“ Ed Soderberg, Heather Colbow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Ed Soderberg, Heather Colbow - December 19, 2019 at 08:38 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jeanette Colman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Jeff and Jeanette Colman - December 19, 2019 at 08:34 PM

DO

“ I have great memories of Doug and Bryan Clark when they showed up in High River as new school teachers, the start of the Mustangs Football, they were so positive and motivated all us young guys, I say young guys, I am only 10 years back, but back then 10 years was a lot. So sorry to Janet and family. Remember all the good times with your husband and Dad. Thoughts are with you.
Douglas Tannas

douglas - December 19, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ Cathy Shawley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Cathy Shawley - December 19, 2019 at 07:56 PM



I just always remember Doug with his big smile and always so kind and caring. So blessed to call him family. He loved my cousin Janet and family deeply and so cared about his community. I hate that cancer has taken another amazing soul too soon, Thinking of Janet, Debra, Susan and family at this very difficult time and sending big hugs to you all!

Cathy Shawley - December 19, 2019 at 08:01 PM

JD

“ *Janice Danyluk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Janice Danyluk - December 19, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JD

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time. He was a wonderful man and great teacher. He will be missed

Janice Danyluk - December 19, 2019 at 07:03 PM

RP

“ *Reta Pickering lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Reta Pickering - December 19, 2019 at 06:09 PM

LM

“ Dear Janet and family. I am so sad to hear of Doug's passing. He was a kind and caring man. A great teacher and was always there to help at the rodeos with such great community spirit.

Lynette McCracken

Lynette McCracken - December 19, 2019 at 04:25 PM

LM

“ Lynette McCracken lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Lynette McCracken - December 19, 2019 at 04:22 PM

MC

“ Michele Connors lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Michele Connors - December 19, 2019 at 02:46 PM

KM

“ I was so very saddened to learn of Doug's passing. My deepest condolences to all of Doug's family and friends.



Karla Mitchell-Calvert - December 19, 2019 at 02:44 PM

MD

“ *Melanie Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Melanie Dale - December 19, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Jim Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Jim Morgan - December 19, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Connie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Connie Anderson - December 19, 2019 at 01:36 PM

SM

“ *Our deepest condolences , Scott McIntyre and family.*



Scott McIntyre - December 19, 2019 at 01:35 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Clement Blouin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Sharon Clement Blouin - December 19, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Doug's passing.*



Kerri Kabeary - December 19, 2019 at 11:37 AM

DM

“ *Dorine Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Dorine Moore - December 19, 2019 at 11:14 AM

AP

“ *Amanda Pawlitzki lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Amanda Pawlitzki - December 19, 2019 at 10:31 AM

ES

“ *Eric And Lea Sorkilmo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Eric and Lea Sorkilmo - December 19, 2019 at 10:04 AM

KS

“ *Karen Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Karen Snodgrass - December 19, 2019 at 09:45 AM

SN

“ *Janet and family. We were sadden to hear of Doug's passing. He was a kind and caring man. A great teacher and. Always had such great community spirit . you are in our thoughts and hearts at this difficult time. Sue and John Nibourg*

Sue and John Nibourg - December 18, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - December 18, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JG

“ *Deepest sympathy to you Janet and your family at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. George and Judy Groeneveld*



Judy Groeneveld - December 18, 2019 at 06:51 PM

JH

“ *Jill Henheffer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Jill Henheffer - December 18, 2019 at 04:57 PM

RI

“ *To the family of Doug, deepest sympathies during this time. Doug serviced to the schools, the community and to those around him was exemplary. May you find comfort in his legacy and the manner in which he touched the lives of so many. Ric Morales and family.*

Ric - December 18, 2019 at 02:15 PM

LA

“ *Len And Leanne Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Len and Leanne Allan - December 18, 2019 at 01:30 PM

BP

“ *Sharing thoughts of memories that made Doug the family man, and friend to many. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

Brian Popowitch - December 18, 2019 at 11:37 AM

TB

“ *Terri Bass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Terri Bass - December 18, 2019 at 11:33 AM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Karen Foley - December 18, 2019 at 10:52 AM

BQ

“ *Janet and family,
Our thoughts are with all of you at this time.
The world has lost a great man, he gave back so much to his community. I will always be grateful for his dedication serving as a board member for the Foothills Country Hospice.*

Brian and Jean

Brian and Jean Quigley - December 18, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Dee Leigh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Dee Leigh - December 18, 2019 at 01:20 AM

BH

“ *Thinking of your family during this very sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill & Cheryl Holmes*

Bill Holmes - December 17, 2019 at 11:56 PM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Eunice Schmuland - December 17, 2019 at 10:42 PM

GC

“ *Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - December 17, 2019 at 10:13 PM

RK

“ *Ralph And Susan Keith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Ralph and Susan Keith - December 17, 2019 at 09:40 PM

AH

“ *Ann Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Ann Holmes - December 17, 2019 at 08:34 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie Bakaluk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Stephanie Bakaluk - December 17, 2019 at 07:34 PM

RW

“ *Ron & Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Ron & Ann Weston - December 17, 2019 at 06:45 PM

KN

“ *Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Kathy Niemans - December 17, 2019 at 04:38 PM

GB

“ *Janet & Family,
So sorry for all of you on Doug's passing. He was a wonderful man;
always a smile a laugh and an upbeat attitude.....even as his
health was failing.
Fond memories of my day with Doug and Wayne hunting for a tree
to transplant to our lawns. Mission accomplished!
Remembering the good times as a family will help to bring comfort.
God Bless,*

Gerry and Barb - December 17, 2019 at 03:58 PM

DP

“ *Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Diane Porter - December 17, 2019 at 02:20 PM

AP

“ *Al And Geri Polanchek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Al and Geri Polanchek - December 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM

DP

“ *Janet & family....so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Doug was a wonderful person and I was blessed to have him as a friend. His positive outlook on life was an inspiration to us all. Reflect on all the good times.....and smile. Rest easy my friend. Don.*

Don Phillips - December 17, 2019 at 01:41 PM

SD

“ *Sheri Dwernychuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Sheri Dwernychuk - December 17, 2019 at 12:59 PM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Callahan Family - December 17, 2019 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ *Joyce & Jim Morris*



Joyce & Jim Morris - December 17, 2019 at 12:16 PM

JW

“ *Janet, Debra, Susan and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Doug was a very nice man, a good husband and good father. Janine Winter*

jJanine Winter - December 17, 2019 at 11:53 AM

CB

“ *Janet and family Thoughts and prayers. Doug was a great teacher, kind man. He will be missed.*
Cathy & Doug Bradley



Cathy Bradley - December 17, 2019 at 11:49 AM

HG

“ *Sincerest sympathy Janet and girls. May your memories of a loving husband and father give you comfort now and in the future.*
So very sorry for your loss.
Greg and Heather Goode

Heather Goode - December 17, 2019 at 11:31 AM

JE

“*Doug was always kind, caring and made you feel welcome. He will leave a big hole that I hope all your wonderful memories will fill. Hugs to you and your family!*
Joanne Erickson



Joanne Erickson - December 17, 2019 at 11:20 AM

HW

“*Heather And Walter Wilderman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Heather and Walter Wilderman - December 17, 2019 at 11:17 AM

MH

“*Prayers to your family.*



Marilyn Howe - December 17, 2019 at 10:54 AM

JR

“*Jane Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Jane Russell - December 17, 2019 at 10:44 AM

RM

“ Janet, Deb, Susan and families,

Doug was a very special man and the community mourns his loss with you. We will miss his warm smile and infectious chuckle! I hope memories of happier times provide you some comfort.

Andrew and Rachel Moore and family

Rachel Moore - December 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM

TM

“ Tammy McGonigle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Tammy McGonigle - December 17, 2019 at 10:04 AM

CN

“ Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Cyril and Bev Norrie



Cyril and Bev Norrie - December 17, 2019 at 09:58 AM

SM

“ Susan McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Susan McPherson - December 17, 2019 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ *Jill Henheffer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Jill Henheffer - December 17, 2019 at 09:47 AM

RM

“ *Ray & Sandra Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Ray & Sandra Murray - December 17, 2019 at 09:02 AM

CJ

“ *So very sorry Janet and family. Doug was a pretty special guy to many.*

Cathy Justinick - December 17, 2019 at 08:49 AM

AZ

“ *Anita Zarn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Anita Zarn - December 17, 2019 at 08:47 AM

SC

“ Shirley Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Shirley Crawford - December 16, 2019 at 11:37 PM

SC

Janet, Susan and Deb I am sad to hear of your loss. I hope that your treasured memories will give you comfort even if they don't take away the ache.
Doug was such a positive influence to education in Foothills and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Shirley Crawford - December 16, 2019 at 11:46 PM

BJ

“ Doug always greeted people with a smile & warm hello. He will be missed by all who knew him.
Shelley & Boyd Jamison

Boyd & Shelley Jamison - December 16, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JM

“ So very sorry to hear the news of Doug's death. Janet please know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jess and Hamish Mackenzie

jess mackenzie - December 16, 2019 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ *Mary Chadney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Mary Chadney - December 16, 2019 at 09:54 PM

MC

Janet, Deb & Susan, I am so sad to learn of Doug's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers

Mary Chadney - December 16, 2019 at 09:55 PM

MA

“ *Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Marcia Ayrey - December 16, 2019 at 09:52 PM

DT

“ *Donna Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner*



Donna Tanner - December 16, 2019 at 09:13 PM

DD

“ Donna Downey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Donna Downey - December 16, 2019 at 08:45 PM

DL

“ Dianne Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Dianne Liddell - December 16, 2019 at 08:08 PM

TB

“ May your memories serve you comfort in the days ahead. He'll be greatly missed by so many - please accept my most heartfelt condolences. 💕💕

Tammy Beach - December 16, 2019 at 07:15 PM

CA

“ Janet, Debbie and Susan words fail to express our sorrow for your loss of Doug a great husband, father and friend. Please know you are in our thoughts, and in our hearts.

Carol and Dennis Ewchuk

Carol - December 16, 2019 at 07:07 PM

ML

“ Janet, Susan and Deb: I am so very sorry to hear of Doug's passing. My thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time ❤️

MaryLou Littler - December 16, 2019 at 07:02 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Sharon Doll - December 16, 2019 at 06:45 PM

RW

“ Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas James Gardner



Rusty & Fran Wong - December 16, 2019 at 06:32 PM

TS

“ My deepest sympathies to Janet, Deb and Susan and family. My your memories of Doug give you comfort in these difficult days.

Terry Storch - December 16, 2019 at 06:10 PM

CJ

“ Janet and family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband, father and friend. You are gently in my heart and thoughts at this time. Blessings to you all.

Connie Jewell - December 16, 2019 at 05:55 PM