



Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler

June 8, 1946 - October 1, 2024

OBITUARY Douglas Leslie Sadler June 8, 1946-October 1, 2024 Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler of High River, Alberta passed away at his home on October 1, 2024 at the age of 78 years after a brief and courageous battle with leukemia.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Paulette. His daughter through marriage to Sonja Sadler is (Dana) Chris Horn, and grandchildren, Genevieve, Justin and Samantha Horn, brother Mel (Carol) Sadler, niece Brandy (Shane) Sadler, nephew Jason (Aliasha) Simms, and aunt Marjorie June Harrison. Douglas is also survived by Joan (Boekhoff) Allwarden and her children (Petrina Boekhoff) Tyler Clingman and (Pieter) Lynn Boekhoff. Doug is also survived by Paulette's children Tammy Mather, (Michelle) Mather and Saj Shapiro, and (Ward) Ryan Mather, and Paulette's 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Douglas is pre-deceased by his son Shawn Sadler, mother Florence (nee Facey) Sadler, father Lorne Sadler, and sister Noreen (nee Sadler) Simms.

Douglas Leslie Sadler was born on June 8th, 1946 to Lorne and Florence (nee Facey) Sadler in Souris, Manitoba. Douglas was raised on a farm near Fairfax, Manitoba and finished his High School in Nepawa, Manitoba. In his teens he joined the Cadet Militia Reserve and was very proud of the fact that he could drive a battalion tank. Another talent he acquired was playing the

tuba in the school band. He excelled in his studies and was an overachiever.

In 1964 Doug's family moved to Calgary in where he attended SAIT and graduated as a Research Technologist. Edmonton was his next home as he was employed by Chemcell where he was a laboratory technician. He needed more challenge in his career, so he decided to move on and enrolled at the University of Alberta and graduated with a degree from the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Doug and Sonja (Kalinocka) married in 1968 in Edmonton and upon Doug's graduation moved to Calgary where Shawn was born in 1972 then Dana was born in 1974 in Red Deer.

Doug's career beginnings were with Jack Austen Drugs, a company who leased the pharmacy departments in Woolco stores. In 1977 he was made Regional Manager for all their stores in British Columbia. After living in Delta, B.C the family moved to Alberta to set up roots in High River, Alberta to establish Sadler Pharmacy.

Doug became involved with community and resumed his involvement with the Kinsmen Club and then the Rotary Club of High River. He was a supporter of local hockey teams, contributed to the development of business plans in High River and spent hours volunteering. He was an avid member of the Highwood Golf and Country Club, skied regularly, played hockey and was involved with his children's extracurricular activities.

Douglas was also supportive of Pieter and Petrina in their growth and development as he was a father figure to them for many years beginning in 1995. Joan Boekhoff and Doug had 2 Hallmark businesses.

In 2011 Douglas and Paulette married and enjoyed retirement together. They shared activities such as a love for painting, skiing, travelling, golfing, hiking

and adventure seeking (white water rafting, zip lining, skydiving). They were avid fans of the sport events and extracurricular activities of their grandchildren. Douglas loved to lift weights, run with Paulette at his side biking alongside him, and the couple enjoyed yoga together. During these years Doug enjoyed the role of Captain of his golf team called “the Old Boys”. Douglas was the best dad and grandpa. His sense of humour, gentle demeanour, big loving hugs and golf tips will be dearly missed. He has touched many lives with a presence in the community, years of volunteer work and a devotion to family and friends that is unparalleled.

Enjoy a cold brew on the beach and endless rounds of golf in heaven Doug. You have left a hole in one in our hearts that will be filled with the many wonderful memories we have shared with you.

A Celebration of Doug’s Life will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River United Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to the High River & District Health Care Foundation – www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca or to the Rotary Club of High River – www.rotaryclubofhighriver.com - Box 5152, High River, Alberta, T1V 1M4.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

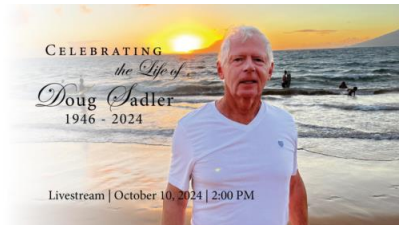
OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - October 10, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JG

*Paulette, Sonja and Dana
I was so saddened to hear about Doug's passing. My heart is breaking for you and your families, I wish I could've been there with you that day, but I did just watch the service and it was lovely, brought back a lot of good memories and a lot of smiles.
Janet Gaskell*

Janet Gaskell - October 19, 2024 at 04:16 PM

CW

“ *Craig Way lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



craig way - October 15, 2024 at 12:06 AM

LK

“ I was lucky enough to get to know Doug as the most friendly and personable Pharmacist in High River. Plus the most handsome. 😊
Doug always greeted us all as friends and that is how I felt about him. Sending my deepest condolences to his wonderful and extended family. Lee-Ann King



Lee-Ann King - October 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ Joyce Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Joyce Barton - October 13, 2024 at 01:40 PM

GA

“ So sad to hear that my great friend has passed. When Doug and family moved to Neepawa, he became not only my best friend, but a true friend to all that met him through school and the community. I spent as much time at his parents home as he did at our home. The many times and activities we spent together are too many to mention here, but I will never forget them. We surprised each other 8 years ago showing up at each of our 70 th birthdays.
Gaynor

Gaynor - October 13, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KF

“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Karen Foley - October 12, 2024 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ Les And Penny Hajdu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Les and Penny Hajdu - October 11, 2024 at 11:04 PM

RH

“ Dougie was one of the first "locals" I met, moving to High River, over 40 years ago. He always, ALWAYS made time for even a quick "how's it going?", since then. Adieu mon ami!!

Ron Honch - October 11, 2024 at 08:20 PM

RM

“ Ronna MacCara lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Ronna MacCara - October 11, 2024 at 07:14 AM

DK

“ Dwight Koster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Dwight Koster - October 10, 2024 at 09:50 PM

CS

“ Chloe Schonberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Chloe Schonberg - October 10, 2024 at 10:11 AM

A(

“ My condolences to his family and friends.



Anna-Marie Plante (Aune) - October 09, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ Lorna Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler




Lorna Schultz - October 09, 2024 at 09:23 PM

BE

“ *Such sad news. Doug was a pillar of the community, friendly to all and a respected businessman. He will be missed. Dana, I'm so sorry for your loss. Petrina, Pieter and Joan, my thoughts are with you as well. Brian Erickson.*

Brian Erickson - October 09, 2024 at 03:49 PM

 Rosey Goss

“ *Rosey Goss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Rosey Goss - October 09, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for the loss of your wonderful Dad, Dana. Thinking about and praying for you and your family at this time. God Bless. Justine*

Justine Turner - October 08, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ *Our condolences to Paulette and the Sadler family. Doug was not only a great neighbor but became a good friend over the years. Rest in Peace Dougie! Tim and Elaine Whitford*

Tim Whitford - October 08, 2024 at 02:54 PM

TB

“ *Terri Bass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Terri Bass - October 08, 2024 at 10:34 AM

TC

“ *So many good memories with Doug and his family over the years... will miss seeing him and his great smile and laugh. Thinking of Doug's family and friends...*

Todd Coakwell - October 07, 2024 at 09:12 PM

MB

“ *Mike Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Mike Brown - October 07, 2024 at 08:11 PM

LC

“ *Laurinda And Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Laurinda and Cornelius - October 07, 2024 at 08:07 PM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Murray and Kendra Wegener - October 07, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MR

“ Paulette and the rest of the Sadler family, Doug was always so good to my Dad as a pharmacist, and has been a good neighbor here in the hood. He will be missed by many I'm sure....especially his golf buddies. My sincerest condolences 🙏📧

Merridell Richardson - October 07, 2024 at 01:46 PM

LS

“ Linda Schafer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Linda Schafer - October 07, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DW

“ Doug was a very beloved and respected member of the Highwood Golf community. Mr. Sadler, you were one of the kindest members at the club and we will all miss you!

Dan Warwaruk - October 07, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Cathy Couey - October 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ *Maureen Macleod*



Maureen Macleod - October 07, 2024 at 12:55 AM

MM

Lit a candle in memory of Douglas Sadler

Maureen Macleod - October 07, 2024 at 01:01 AM

DE

“ *Doug was a Kinsmen when I first joined and was one of a group who inspired me and I learned so much from. I always enjoyed our visits whenever we crossed paths since then. I will miss our annual visits at George Lane Park Lights project.*

Denton Eaglesham - October 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

MO

“ Margaret Olson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Margaret Olson - October 05, 2024 at 03:32 PM

MO

“ Margaret & Butch Olson

Margaret Olson - October 05, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MO

*Will always remember the days of our boys playing hockey together.
So sorry for your loss*

Margaret Olson - October 05, 2024 at 03:31 PM

BB

“ Dear Paulette, Dana and family, and Sonja,
We are very saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one, Doug.
He was a valuable member of the community, and a trusted and loyal friend to so many. We shall always remember his big smile and bear hugs whenever we met up with him. We hope the love and caring of family and friends will offer some comfort to you all. Rest in peace, Doug....we shall miss you!
Love....Bob & Brenda Baker

Bob & Brenda Baker - October 05, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JC

“ Jo-Anne Chipchase lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Jo-Anne Chipchase - October 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM

BP

“ Doug was a good friend and he always had time to chat. He was a member of our High River Bulls hockey team and enjoyed a cool down beer after the game 🍺. His gentle manner and wit will be missed. Dana, your dad was one of the good ones and will be missed 💕💕

Brian Popowitch - October 05, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JQ

“ Our heart goes out to Paulette and family. We were so fortunate to spend time with Doug and Paulette over the yearsgreat memories from our Panama Cruise. As they say “he truly was one of the good ones”.

Brian and Jean



Jean quigley - October 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM

SS

“ Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Sheila Storoschuk - October 05, 2024 at 07:54 AM

DT

“It is very sad news to hear of Doug's passing. Our condolences to Paulette and the rest of the Sadler family. We fondly remember golf outings with Doug here and in California. There were lots of good times and laughs over the years. Doug & Shannon Tannas”

Douglas Tannas - October 05, 2024 at 07:39 AM

RW

“ Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Russ & Sharon Watkins - October 05, 2024 at 12:04 AM

JE

“ Jody & Shane Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Jody & Shane Edwards - October 04, 2024 at 11:01 PM

DD

“ Neighbours, customers, Rotarions, .. my condolences Sonia and Dana

Donna Downey - October 04, 2024 at 08:32 PM

DO

“ Don lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Don - October 04, 2024 at 07:29 PM

RC

“ Robert/JoAnne Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Robert/JoAnne Corbett - October 04, 2024 at 04:07 PM

GC

“ Paulette, Dana, Chris and family, we were so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Shortly after Doug and Sonja moved to High River and opened their Pharmacy, we received a notice from the Red Deer Kinsmen Club that Doug Sadler was transferring to the High River Kinsmen Club. (No cell phones in those days - just snail mail.). Gerry's office was in Calgary at the time, so he asked if I could please call him and that he would gladly pick him up and introduce him to the High River Kin for his first meeting, which he did. The rest became history. Doug fit right in as a High River Kinsmen becoming a valued member, working and chairing projects like the Kinsmen Trade Fair. We hope that in your grief you are able to find comfort in all the wonderful memories and stories that people share with you. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace, Doug.



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - October 04, 2024 at 03:24 PM

LC

“ Lynda Ciwling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Lynda Ciwling - October 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Sharon Doll - October 04, 2024 at 02:25 PM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Marcia Ayrey - October 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM

LH

“ Linda Hurl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler



Linda Hurl - October 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM

RC

“ *Paulette, Dana, Chris and family,
Rotary members were very sad to learn of Doug's passing.
Doug was a Rotarian in our community for 33 years. During those
years he served many roles on the executive including President.
He was very involved in chairing and supporting many of the club
projects and was always there when asked, or intuition told him,
other members needed his help.
He was an avid supporter of our community both through Rotary,
personally and his businesses.
Doug was a proud Rotarian and proud of the service the club
provides to make our community and humanity at large better off.
Rest in Peace Doug.
Blessings from your fellow Rotarians.*

Rotarian Gerry Coakwell - October 04, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JB

“ *June-Marie Body lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Douglas Leslie Sadler*



June-Marie Body - October 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM

WP

“ *Wayne Pakenham lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Wayne Pakenham - October 04, 2024 at 10:51 AM

RM

“ *Ray & Sandra Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Ray & Sandra Murray - October 04, 2024 at 10:15 AM

CA

“ *Connie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Connie Anderson - October 04, 2024 at 09:50 AM

SL

“ *Steve And Shannon Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Leslie Sadler*



Steve and Shannon Laycraft - October 03, 2024 at 10:43 PM

CJ

“ *Paulette, Dana and family and Sonya. When Doug and Sonya first came to High River to set up their Sadler Pharmacy, I had the pleasure of being their first employee.*

After being an At Home Wife and Mother for almost 14 years, my introduction back into the "working world" was a big step and Doug and Sonya were great bosses. It was then I learned that "Christmas Shopping" actually began in March or April when the gift shows came around, and working my first Christmas season in their lovely Pharmacy - boy, I was so tired I didn't care if it was Christmas or not, but I learned so much from them both.

Doug was a gentle man, a great pharmacist and a very good boss and I am grateful for my time working with him.

I am so very sorry for your loss Paulette and Dana and want you to know that Doug was a good person and will be missed by many.

Blessings to you all at this difficult time.

Connie Lorraine Jewell - October 03, 2024 at 10:40 PM

GC

“ *Paulette, Dana, Chris and Family,*
We are so sorry for the loss of Doug from your lives.
Doug exemplified what we think of as gentle soul. Pleasant, kind,
understanding with a positive attitude, a continuous smile and great
sense of humor.
Doug contributed to his profession and community in so many
positive ways both personally and through his pharmacy business
and Hallmark stores.
He was ready to help whenever and wherever he could.
Our families travelled many times together for holidays, fun times
and sporting events, along with many family gatherings and dinners
being shared.
Doug and I travelled and shared many miles of life together, some
sad times but mostly good times. We had each others back. He was
a special guy.
Doug was a great friend of the Coakwell family.

Remember the good times with Doug as you grieve his passing.
Love and Blessings to all of you

Rest In Peace Dougie.
Gerry, Barb, Todd, Tim and families

Gerry and Barb Coakwell - October 03, 2024 at 05:05 PM

BD

Sincere condolences to Paulette and Dougs family on the sad occasion
of his passing. Wally and I will miss his friendly smile and visits on the
golf course as he passed by on Mountain View 4. A true gentleman
always.
Brenda and Wally Dick

Brenda Dick - October 04, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JF

Paulette and all your family our sincere condolences,so sorry to hear of Doug's passing.Our thoughts and prayers are with you....Peggy and Jim Findlater

Jim Findlater - October 16, 2024 at 09:44 AM