



Mr. Douglas Valgardson

October 8, 1930 - August 3, 2016

Douglas (Doug) Leo Valgardson, fondly known as "Grampa Geezer" or "Trouble" passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital on August 3rd, 2016 after a short illness.

Doug was born October 8, 1930 in Taber, Alberta to John Peter and Vigdis Valgardson. A proud son of Icelandic immigrants, Doug and his 5 siblings grew up on the home farm at Taber. Doug met his wife Phyllis at a dance in Taber and they were married October 18, 1952. They had 4 children: Karyle, Colin, Chris and Sandra, and cared for Phyllis's siblings, Richard, Shirley, and Marjorie. Doug graduated from SAIT with his Auto Body certificate and went on to pursue a career in the oil patch that took the family across much of Western Canada. The family later returned to the farm in Taber, where Doug owned and operated "Doug's Auto Body," and eventually they made High River their home in 1972. Doug worked for Central Motors in High River and then opened "Spitzee Auto Body," which operated from 1976 - 1994.

After Phyllis passed away, Doug retired in High River and continued to be active in the community, especially as a member of the Friendship Centre where he was President for 2 terms. Doug was well known for his friendly disposition, funny sayings, and for being "everybody's Grampa." He also had a love for Disney and Mickey Mouse, and this passion was shared with his children and grandchildren.

Doug is predeceased by his wife Phyllis, father and mother John Peter and Vigdis Valgardson, siblings Tilde Valgardson, Marvin Valgardson and Ralph Valgardson, brothers-in-law Richard White and Richard Sanderson, and granddaughter Krista.

Doug is survived by his children Karyle (Bill) Young, Colin (Dana) Valgardson, Chris (Lynn)Valgardson, and Sandra Valgardson, siblings Arlene (Ed)Flickinger, and Arnie (Dorothy)Valgardson, sisters-in-law Shirley (Bill) Marshall, Deb Sanderson, Marjorie White, Theresa Valgardson and Christina Valgardson, grandchildren Natasha (Reid) Habing, Amanda (Roger) Young, Matthew (Christa)Valgardson, Glenn Valgardson, Kaylee (Greg) Bellegarde, James Reil, Caitland (Spencer) Asmundson, Paige (Josh) Valgardson, and Mikaela Valgardson, great-grandchildren Austin, Kieran, and Jenna Habing, and Sisika, Aiyannah and Odina Bellegarde, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the High River Hospital for providing care to Doug in his last days. Doug will be laid to rest during a private family burial at the Highwood Cemetery. Friends and family celebrated Doug's life Saturday August 6 at the High River Friendship Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Doug's name to the High River Food Bank or the ALS Society of Alberta.

Previous Events

Reception Gathering

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

High River Friendship Centre
504 - 7 Street SW
High River, AB T1V 1B7 (CA)

Tribute Wall

DE

“ So many great memories of Doug! I still can't believe I let him paint my 1960 Chevy Impala rally green! Gosh! LOL Might have had something to do with the fact I was dating Karyle, LOL

You will be missed for sure!

Devon

Devon Ell - February 20, 2021 at 05:21 PM

DM

“ Dana & Colin
So sorry to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed your dad's sense of humor and he was one of my regular concert goers....he will be missed.

Sincerely

Delilah Miller

Delilah Miller - August 10, 2016 at 11:17 AM

ML

“ Our condolences to your family. We always enjoyed Doug's friendship.

Mary Langenhoff

Mary Langenhoff - August 10, 2016 at 11:15 AM

CC

“ *Crib Players Friendship Centre lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson*



Crib players Friendship Centre - August 09, 2016 at 08:16 PM

EC

“ *My sympathy to the family in the loss of Doug and especially to Dana, Colin and family. I am sorry to have been unable to attend the memorial as I was out of town. Edgar and I enjoyed seeing Doug at the Legion and occasionally in years past we volunteered together at the Wednesday night Seniors Suppers. He loved to joke around and tease. Love and prayers, Evelyn Craig*

Evelyn Craig - August 08, 2016 at 01:04 AM

FW

“ *Colin, Dana & family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Keep your memories close to your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Fran & Rusty Wong - August 07, 2016 at 12:29 PM

ES

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



Eunice Schmuland - August 05, 2016 at 11:44 PM

RF

“ My memories of Uncle Doug are like a soft warm kind soul. He was a very gentle giant.

Uncle Doug taught me how to whistle. I just did not just want to whistle a little I wanted to be as loud as his whistle. Every time we went to the farm out in Purple Springs he would ask me if I could whistle yet. I would try and he would say not loud enough, keep practicing. Took awhile but I got it. My child would be in the back 40 and I could whistle for her to come home and she could hear me. Always every time I whistle I think of Uncle Doug.

Roxanne Enns - Fudge

Roxanne Enns Fudge - August 05, 2016 at 04:54 PM

JG

“ It never failed that whenever we saw Doug, he asked if Herb's 1977 Chev was still running. He took great pride in the work he did on it. He was always pleased to hear it was not only running but was still being used to pull the fifth-wheel trailer. He thought it was 'a keeper'. We will miss this gentle man. He always left us with a smile on our faces.



Jim and Darlene Goodwin - August 05, 2016 at 12:39 PM

AN

“ Carol, Colin, Chris and Sandy. Our thoughts are with you on the passing of your dad.

Annella, Arlene, Gene and families

Annella - August 05, 2016 at 08:46 AM



Jazmine
Rose

“ I don't know very much about him or his family... but I do have quite a few fond memories of him. When I was a little girl (about 20years ago) my best friend lived a few trailers down from his, I don't exactly remember how we befriended him but I do remember all the days we would run over and sit and visit and listen to him talk. Eventually, all of us were calling him "Grampa"... he always had the kindest eyes, he was a very sweet soul. I'm sorry to hear he has passed on. Rest Easy, I'll remember you always ~~♡

Jazmine Rose - August 05, 2016 at 08:20 AM

CH

“ Thinking of all of you and how much Doug was loved and how he loved all of you! Share some good stories, lots of hugs and know that he is at peace. Take care!
Cheryl Howell



Cheryl Howell - August 05, 2016 at 12:49 AM

KW

“ Colin, Dana & the Valgardson family,
May your many precious memories help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Kim & Chris Wells

Kim Wells - August 05, 2016 at 12:06 AM

DL

“ Uncle Doug was always a great man to share a laugh with. We all enjoyed his visits and these memories will last forever. Thoughts and prayers

Dustin Lehmann - August 04, 2016 at 11:46 PM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. Remember all the good times and the memories will last for ever.💕💕
Joe and Marcia Ayrey.

marcia ayrey - August 04, 2016 at 11:15 PM

VM

“ So much love to Grampa Geezer, he's done a wonderful job inspiring a beautiful, wonderful family. All my love and heartfelt condolences to you Sandy, Kaylee, Greg and your sweet girls. He will never be forgotten...a candle is alive on my stoop for you all tonight.

Vicki McKay - August 04, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of a father, grandfather and a friend.



Stacey Morasch - August 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

RE

“ Rita & Eugene Elke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson



Rita & Eugene Elke - August 04, 2016 at 09:26 PM

MC

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



Mary Chadney - August 04, 2016 at 08:54 PM

BH

“ *I remember when we told Doug that our bell choir was going to perform at the Friendship Centre. He showed up to introduce us carrying a huge ship's bell from the Queen Mary and wanted to join our choir. He never ceased to bring the gift laughter to all who crossed his path. Bless him. Bless him.*

Bill and Dorothy Holmes - August 04, 2016 at 07:20 PM

ME

“ *Always such a character, with a big smile and a bigger hug. Enjoyed a visit with him last fall at the senior centre. A little older, but he hadn't changed a bit. Condolences to the Valgardson Family.*

Merridell 🥺💔

Merridell - August 04, 2016 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ *Judy Culp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson*



judy Culp - August 04, 2016 at 04:38 PM

SW

“ Sharon & Bill Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson



Sharon & Bill Wegener - August 04, 2016 at 03:58 PM

PE

“ Colin & Dana - Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and all your family.

*Don & Carol Petlak
Claresholm, AB*

petlakcd - August 04, 2016 at 02:54 PM

TV

“ Uncle Doug always made things more fun. He was always so upbeat and funny. I am going to miss his mischievous smile.

Theresa Valgardson-Miller - August 04, 2016 at 02:13 PM

JJ

“ I have many fond memories of Great Uncle Doug. What I remember most is that he always made me laugh and feel special. I always looked forward to seeing him. Jamie Johnson

Jamie Johnson - August 04, 2016 at 02:00 PM

DG

“ For your love of baseball...I'll miss you so, so much.



Deanne Guest - August 04, 2016 at 01:59 PM

SD

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



Sharon Doll - August 04, 2016 at 01:39 PM

AL

“ Andrea Labash lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson



Andrea Labash - August 04, 2016 at 01:38 PM

DD

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



Donna Downey - August 04, 2016 at 10:58 AM

DD

My condolences. Doug was always such a great visitor.

Donna Downey - August 04, 2016 at 10:59 AM

DO

We're going to miss Doug doing his rounds of the park and stopping to talk to people that were outside. We miss him coming by several times a day - either one way or another, he was always on the path around here.

People in Homestead Acres.

Doris - August 05, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ *praying for your family and missing grandpa geezers kisses already ♡*



Cortney Faubert - August 04, 2016 at 10:19 AM

VC

“ *Our deepest sympathy, thinking of you all at this difficult time*



Vern and Lynda Coate - August 04, 2016 at 09:51 AM



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



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - August 04, 2016 at 09:06 AM

LZ

“ *Leonard Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Valgardson*



Leonard Zebedee - August 04, 2016 at 08:34 AM

CC

“ *You could never have a visit with Doug and not get a hug and I enjoyed each visit we had. May your many fond memories help ease your pain. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

Cathy Couey - August 03, 2016 at 09:31 PM