



Mr. Flores John Groeneveld

December 26, 1933 - August 4, 2021

Mr. Flores Groeneveld of Blackie, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the Southwood Hospice in Calgary on August 4, 2021 at the age of 87 years.

Flores is survived by his children Toni Groeneveld, Glenn (Sharmayne), Jeff (Susan), Jay (Angela); his loving grandchildren Brittany (Connor), Clinton (Kate), Brooklyn, Curtis (Jennah), Reid (Christina), Kyle, Chase, Tanner, Tessa and Elle; great grandchildren Julianna and Grayson; brother George (Judy) Groeneveld. Flores was predeceased by his loving wife, Margaret, their two sons Chris and Tim, and his first wife, Marilyn.

“FJ” was devoted to his family and friends. He was a supporter and defender of the community he was born and raised in and where he and his wife, Margaret, made their living as farmers. He was active in church work, the Ag Society, parades, theatre group, coaching, Masonic Lodge as well as a Councilor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve with the Foothills MD. He supported youth, people and families.

A Celebration of Flores’ Life was held at the Highwood Memorial Centre in High River on Saturday, August 14th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. For those unable to attend - Live Streaming of the service will begin at 12:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made to the Southwood Care

Centre Hospice (211 Heritage Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2H 1M9) or the Calgary Prostate Cancer Centre (prostatecancercentre.ca).

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Service begins at the 18:00 minute mark. in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - August 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM

UA

Udo and I express our deepest condolences tot he family of Flores. He was a true icon - businessman, councillor, community supporter. A life well lived - may he rest in peace. May the family be comforted and blessed \.

Udo and Wendy Adam

Udo and Wendy Adam - August 12, 2021 at 02:52 PM

ML

*Thank you so much for sharing this most beautiful service for Flore. I am so sorry I couldn't attend.
I had the utmost respect and adoration for both Flore and Margaret, meeting them both while performing in Blackie Gladys Players years ago. I got to know them on a more personal side while Chris was sick, as I was one of his nurses in the hospital....what an amazing family❤️.
My heartfelt condolences go out to all the Groeneveld family with the loss of such a great man❤️*

MaryLou Littler - August 15, 2021 at 02:29 PM

LG

“ *He had an amazing life, and even though a year has gone by he will never be forgotten* ”



Lisa Groeneveld - August 03, 2022 at 06:09 AM

SS

“ *Susan Sibley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld* ”



Susan Sibley - July 16, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MV

“ To all of Flores family,
I am writing to express my sincere condolences on the passing of Flores, who I know was a treasured member of your family. I will always remember him as a straight shooting yet thoughtful, kind, generous, sensitive, funny and fun-loving person and also a mentor. I worked with Flores on the Foothills council. It was he that I looked to as an example and for advice. He gave me advice when I asked (and only rarely when I did not), and it was always solid advice. Despite being decades younger than he (and most of council), he treated me with respect and sincerely listened to my opinions. He was also generations ahead of his peers when it came to how to behave toward the only female on Council. He was an invaluable role model, mentor, and colleague. I feel very fortunate to have spent a few years working with him and will always treasure those memories.
I send you all many warm thoughts and a toast to Flores,
Michele Moore Veldhoen

Michele Moore Veldhoen - August 20, 2021 at 03:09 PM

SW

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of such a kind and wonderful man. A quiet and gentle leader of the community, he loved and was loved in return. I only had occasional interaction and conversation with Flores but every one was heartfelt and left a lasting impression on me. Hugs and love to Toni and families.

susan winters - August 19, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DR

“ *Toni and Groeneveld Family,
Watched to beautiful celebration of Flores life.
Deryl and I are so sorry for your loss. Flores
was such a wonderful person and a true
gentlemen.
Deryl and Sandy Rowland*



Deryl and Sandy Rowland - August 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

IF

“ *Irene Milton & Family lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Irene Milton & family - August 15, 2021 at 04:42 PM

IM

Watched the beautiful celebration of life for Flores. He will be missed.

Irene Milton - August 15, 2021 at 04:44 PM

LI

“ Flores touched the community so much especially Westwinds Communities (formerly Foothills Foundation) at all levels of the organization. My first introduction to Flores was in 2010 when he hired me as the Chief Administrative Officer. I later learned he “volun- told” his families for our fundraising casinos for at least 15 years. I experienced at his retirement from the board in 2011 how dedicated he was to Westwinds, the community and his family. He graciously served Westwinds for 17 years as a board member and was well respected.

Fast forward to 2017 & we welcomed Flores to Medicine Tree Manor as a resident and let him know he could run the place -lol! He kept my periodic visits entertained with stories, sharing the Cowboy prayer and insisting he was at the lodge only for the winter and going back to the farm in the spring. We had a couple discussions as his memory softened about driving, his “kids” hiding his truck keys and eventual use of a scooter - and more antics that followed with this. Flores was definitely a gentlemen, a treasure and he touched our hearts at Westwinds. We were blessed knowing him., his humour & compssion, passion for community and kind gentle nature.

Lauren Ingalls, CAO
Westwinds Communities

Lauren Ingalls - August 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

AP

“ Sending my condolences and hugs to all. Flores was such a fun and uplifting guy to be around. He always had a joke or funny story to share and his own laughter was contagious. He will truly be missed. It's been great reading these memories, Florie touched so many lives.

Alana Palmer - August 15, 2021 at 11:40 AM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



lynda cowling - August 14, 2021 at 06:18 PM

HB

“ Toni, and Groeneveld family, so sorry for your loss! Florie was such a nice man. Deepest condolences Helen Robins Bradley

Helen Robins Bradley - August 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album BPG



Margaret Speelman - August 14, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to all of Flores, family and George and Judy and family. All the beautiful tributes to Flory on this page sum up what a great guy he was. We have many fond memories of trips, especially to Mara Lake, camping, boating, water skiing and many a giggle. I especially remember Judy our trip to town with Flory for groceries, which included a little apple cider! So many memories, so much fun, just thinking of him makes our hearts smile. RIP. Hugs Wayne and Faye.

Faye Thurber - August 14, 2021 at 11:42 AM

TB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. Good memories. Wayne enjoyed being on council with as they most often were on the same page on M.D. matters.*

Theresa Berglund

Theresa Berglund - August 13, 2021 at 11:58 PM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Flores' children and their families and to George and Judy and their family. I have so many memories of times enjoyed with Flores and Marg: Gladys Hall Board, Blackie Gladys Players, camping at the river. He was a great neighbour and friend to many. He enriched so many lives and communities with his wit, smile and vast knowledge . Rest In Peace Flores. You will be missed by many but especially your family.*

Joan Willoughby and family.

Joan Willoughby - August 13, 2021 at 09:16 PM

DW

“ *Sincere sympathies to the family. We have known Flores since school days and have fond memories of his friendship.*

Dave & Marge Johnston and Joyce Willoughby.

Dave Johnston & Joyce Willoughby - August 12, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LG

“ We send our condolences to the Flores family.
Cherish the memories and be proud of his
accomplishments.
RIP Flore

Lorraine, Dean, Deanne & Rob

Lorraine Groeneveld - August 12, 2021 at 10:57 PM

DJ

“ Sincere sympathies to the family We have known Flores since
school days and have fond memories of his friendship.

Dave & Marge Johnston and Joyce Willoughby

Dave Johnston - August 12, 2021 at 10:56 PM

UA

“ Udo And Wendy Adam lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Udo and Wendy Adam - August 12, 2021 at 09:45 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Jim and Phyllis
Laycraft.

Jim and Phyllis Laycraft - August 12, 2021 at 07:42 PM

KH

“ *Keara Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Keara Holmes - August 12, 2021 at 06:02 PM

GC

“ Dear Groeneveld Family, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I first knew Flores as one of my farm clients at Hi- Alta Agencies and the funny guy who was the straight guy with his friend, the funny guy, Gerry Steiner in Blackie players. They told us their skits were different each night because they just kind of “winged it”, but together they were so funny and enjoyable to to watch.

Then in 1989 he was elected as a MD of Foothills Councillor and at the same time I was elected as a member of the Town of High River Council. This is when my respect grew for the man that was kind, gentle and above all, always honest (sometimes a rare commodity in politics!). I was appointed the the then Foothills Foundation where Flores was the Chairman of the board. Flores showed incredible compassion for the residents, staff and board members. He was so dedicated to The Foothills Foundation that when he retired as a MD Councillor he joined the board as our Member at Large. His years of dedication are still being enjoyed today by residents who call the facilities of West Winds Foundation, home. During this time is when I truly appreciated the deep love Flores had for his wife, Margaret. He once told me that he was so fortunate in life because he had been gifted two wonderful women, Marilyn and Margaret. He had the utmost love and pride for his children, their spouses and the “Groeneveld” grandchildren, too.

Flores rest well, our friend. You left big footprints in the sand while you walked this earth. You made a difference and made this community a better place to live and work in. You will be missed but your tireless work will not be forgotten.

Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - August 12, 2021 at 05:54 PM

HG

“ *Harriet Nash And Girls lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Harriet Nash and girls - August 12, 2021 at 04:28 PM

ME

“ *Mark, Susan, And Hunter Egeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Mark, Susan, and Hunter Egeland - August 12, 2021 at 02:23 PM

BH

“ *Cheryl & I want to extend our condolences to the entire Groeneveld family as you move forward and celebrate Flores' life! He was an amazing person who laughed and made you laugh. He made you feel that you were the most important person in the room when you were talking with him and he served his family, friends and the community in so many ways. May you find peace and comfort in the memories that will be shared in the days and weeks to come.*

Bill Holmes - August 12, 2021 at 10:08 AM

EG

“ *Eric Graumans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Eric Graumans - August 11, 2021 at 05:21 PM

BQ

“ *Our sympathies to Flores family. He was a great community man and gave back so much.*
Brian and Jean Quigley

Brian and Jean Quigley - August 11, 2021 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ *Don Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Don Malmberg - August 10, 2021 at 10:12 PM

AD

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all the Groeneveld family on the passing of Flores. Have known him since school days. Another of the “Good Guys” gone from our midst. A day was always better after a visit with him, always so positive and humorous, remembering events of the past, and always asked if I was doing OK. Rest In Peace old Friend.*

Arlayne Davies - August 10, 2021 at 03:56 PM

AG

“ *to the entire Groeneveld family, Dave and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to each and every one of you. Flores will be missed by all who knew him. He was a gentle and caring man. with our sympathy Dave Gillanders and Pat Steer*



A D Gillanders - August 10, 2021 at 12:29 PM

BB

“ *Bob, Karen And Joyce Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Bob, Karen and Joyce Bateman - August 09, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JG

“ *Judy & Doug Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Judy & Doug Green - August 09, 2021 at 05:07 PM

DL

“ *Sincere Sympathy to the Family. Camille and Darryl Laycraft.*

Darryl Laycraft - August 09, 2021 at 05:03 PM

WO

“ *Wendell & Fran Opheim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Wendell & Fran Opheim - August 09, 2021 at 04:58 PM

WE

We have been friends since we first met at U of A in 1957

Wendell - August 09, 2021 at 05:04 PM

KM

“ Kelly & Llana Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Kelly & Llana Malmberg - August 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - August 09, 2021 at 09:01 AM

HW

“ Heather Wilderman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Heather Wilderman - August 09, 2021 at 01:25 AM

SM

“ Steven Muth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Steven Muth - August 08, 2021 at 11:28 PM

GG

“ Sincerest sympathy to all the family at this difficult time. I always remember Flores with a smile. He always had time for a chat. He will be missed.

Gerri & Jim German



Geraldine (Egeland) German - August 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Marcia Ayrey - August 08, 2021 at 04:50 PM

AM

“ My deepest condolences go out to all the family in your time of loss. I have great memories of Flores all the way back to outdoor education in Blackie School, he had a great sense of humour and loved to tease. He always made time for a quick hello or a chat. May your fond memories get you through this trying time. 🙏🕊️

Angie McCormick & Family

Angie McCormick - August 08, 2021 at 02:32 PM

EB

“ It was indeed a privilege to have known Flores in this life. Sincere best wishes to the family in this most difficult time of life.
Edward L Bagyinka

Edward L Bagyinka - August 07, 2021 at 04:35 PM

JL

“ Jennifer, Shawn, Ellie And Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Jennifer, Shawn, Ellie and Lane - August 07, 2021 at 03:11 PM

SE

“ What a Special Man your father was. When Dad was at MTM, Flores often greeted me with that infection smile, cheerful conversation, and a little hug. I admit that not only did I look forward to seeing Dad but also was hoping to run into Florie to catch up on the news sometimes just as much.

His gentle kindness and humor always brighter everyone's day. A man who had a respect for Community and from Community. An example of what to follow, in so many respects, in this Life's Journey.

Hold all those Treasured Moments and Memories close. Remember your father's laughter, when you miss him the most. Know how Proud he was to watch you all grow into the beautiful individuals you are.

My Thoughts and Prayers are with you all, especially at this time.

With Love, Susan Eamor

Susan Eamor - August 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM

KL

“ I always remember my trip with my aunt and uncle to Windermere, this was many years ago, playing on bale stacks, hiking up a mountain, just enjoying the heck out of a summer. On the way back we got stuck in what felt like the longest traffic jam ever. I remember it fondly, as I do of all my memories of Flores and Marg. Super people I will miss.



kelly litchfield - August 07, 2021 at 11:48 AM

TW

“ Our sincere sympathy on the passing of a wonderful father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Flores will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the members of his family. Hugs from Terry & Wayne

Terry Wilderman - August 07, 2021 at 11:37 AM

HM

“ Flores has been and will continue to be one of my most favourite and cherished men I've known in my life. His gentle spirit, love for people and sense of humour when you least expected it were just some of what made him amazing. When I started at Foothills nearly 30 years ago, he made me feel part of a family. He's a true gentleman and will always hold a special part of my heart. To Toni and the entire Groeneveld family my heart goes out to you, hugs and prayers.

Heather McInnes - August 07, 2021 at 10:37 AM

BT

“ *May your memories help you get through this difficult time. My thoughts are with you.*

Bruce Thurber.

Bruce Thurber - August 07, 2021 at 09:58 AM

GW

“ *Flores and Margaret were both fine, good people. It was a privilege to know them both. My condolences to all the family. Hugs.*

Gerry Watkins - August 07, 2021 at 01:58 AM

IK

“ *Flores was truly a kind man. I am grateful that I got to meet and visit with him. Condolences to his family.*



Irene Kerr - August 07, 2021 at 12:30 AM

DS

“ *Debbie And Craig Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Debbie and Craig Schmuland - August 07, 2021 at 12:15 AM

CB

“ *Toni and the Groeneveld family. Thoughts and prayers are with you*



Cathy Bradley - August 06, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LC

“ *Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Lynda Cowling - August 06, 2021 at 08:52 PM

LE

“ *Flores was always the life of the party at MTM. All his fellow residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed his company! He will always hold a special place in our hearts!*



Lee-Anne - August 06, 2021 at 07:53 PM

GS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Flores beloved family. He could always bring a smile and a chuckle into your day.*

George and Colleen Smith - August 06, 2021 at 06:26 PM

SM

“ *Sheila Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Sheila Macklin - August 06, 2021 at 06:14 PM

DJ

“ *We are sorry to hear of Flores passing and pass on our sincere condolences to his most loved family. Flores was always such a kind and caring man who loved to share a joke and a laugh. Being on stage with him in Blackie/Gladys Players was always so fun. A friendly neighbor and a generous community member, he will be missed by many.*

Doug & Peggy Jackson - August 06, 2021 at 06:12 PM

DL

“ *Dianne Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Dianne Liddell - August 06, 2021 at 05:09 PM

DG

“ *My condolences to you all from my home to all of your. I loved Florrie's laugh and that chuckle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Darrell Groeneveld - August 06, 2021 at 02:45 PM

WP

“ Wayne Pakenham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



wayne pakenham - August 06, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Sharon Doll - August 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM

AZ

“ Ann Holmes Zirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Ann Holmes Zirk - August 06, 2021 at 01:50 PM

IM

“ I was sorry to hear of Flores passing. My condolences to all of his family. Flores was a great guy. I always enjoyed his company. May he rest in peace . Ira

Ira B. McKeage - August 06, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ *Janine Winter*



janine winter - August 06, 2021 at 11:14 AM

GB

“ *Flores would bring laughter when I needed it most. I was the cranky Musketeer, Roy was the impeccable gentleman in word and deed. Dearest Flores was the heart and humor of our team. It was a honor to know and work with two of the finest, most honest and truly loyal men that I have ever met in my lifetime. Condolences to all of his family - he always spoke of you with love and joy. I am grateful for the blessing of having Flores for a friend. Rest in peace and laughter where ever you are.*

Gwen Blatz - August 06, 2021 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Flores's family. Flores will always be remembered for his endless love of his family, & of his community. Truly a great friend of everyone he knew, & he always brought great wisdom to the conversations at hand. All the best to everyone, Bert Montgomery*

Bert Montgomery - August 06, 2021 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ Condolences to all of your family. Always enjoys my political conversations with Flores. He was such a gentleman always. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sadness. Delilah Miller



Delilah Miller - August 06, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JR

“ Jane And Joe Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Jane and Joe Russell - August 06, 2021 at 10:07 AM

CF

“ Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Callahan Family - August 06, 2021 at 09:05 AM

FW

“ Fran & Rusty Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Fran & Rusty Wong - August 06, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - August 06, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld*



Mike and Cathy Kendal - August 06, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *John and Ro Montgomery hold you all in our hearts at this time. So many wonderful memories of a wonderful man.*



John Montgomery - August 06, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the family. Flores was a lovely friend. Rhoda*

Rhoda Fairfield - August 06, 2021 at 07:31 AM

PM

“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Pat and Colleen Mastel - August 05, 2021 at 10:36 PM

MD

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to your entire family❤️ Flores was such a lovely man and was so proud of his family

Michele and Richard Durand - August 05, 2021 at 07:00 PM

RB

“ Rhonda & Jack Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Rhonda & Jack Bews - August 05, 2021 at 06:04 PM

SD

“ Sheri Dwernychuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Sheri Dwernychuk - August 05, 2021 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ Sincere sympathy to the family...we will all miss florrie..rest well old friend

Marlene herriman - August 05, 2021 at 05:01 PM

RH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Flores passing. Our deepest condolences to the Groenveld family. He will be deeply missed.

Rick & Judy Harty - August 05, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MS

“ Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Flores John Groeneveld



Monty Southgate - August 05, 2021 at 03:48 PM