



Mr. G. Barry Odell

June 1, 1925 - May 23, 2014

Mr. Barry Odell of Turner Valley, Alberta passed away at the Oilfields Hospital in Black Diamond on May 23, 2014 at the age of 88 years. Barry was predeceased by his loving wife Norma in 2008. Barry is survived by his loving children: Patricia Odell, Toronto, Ont; Terry (Jeannie) Odell, Trenton, Ont; Lynn (Mark) Munson, High River, AB; Paul (Audrey) Odell, Cold Lake, AB; his grandchildren Bryce, Carley, Angela, Adrian; his great grandchildren Emily and Evan; his sister Dorothy Robinson, High River and several nieces and nephews.

Barry was born in Montreal on June 1, 1925. He joined the RCAF in 1942, serving until his retirement in 1975. Barry married Norma in 1949 in Toronto. They lived in Goose Bay, Labrador, Germany & Cold Lake, AB prior to coming to Turner Valley in 1975. After retirement Barry worked seasonally at the Alberta Forestry station in Turner Valley as fire boss on summer fire suppression crews and later as bird dogger with the airborne fire suppression crews. In later years Barry served as Justice of the Peace and as a guard at the Turner Valley RCMP detachment.

If desired in memory of Barry, the donor is asked to make a donation to their local food bank. A Celebration of Barry's Life was held on Wednesday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Lewis Memorial United Church in Turner Valley. To send condolences and view Barry's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com .

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

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 28. 1:00 PM (MT)

Lewis Memorial United Church
125 Royal Avenue NW
Turner Valley, AB T0L 2A0 (CA)

Tribute Wall

AT

“ *I just heard pf Barry's passing and all of the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Such a big part of my life!* ”

annabelle thieboux - September 15, 2014 at 09:42 PM

TC

“ I first met Barry and Norma when I was transferred to the Turner Valley RCMP detachment in 2003 and I quickly learned what marvellous people they were. When they would come into work to do their guarding I revelled in their wonderful stories and there was not a person in town they did not know. We had many late night laughfests and they looked after and cared about the RCMP Members whom they worked with AND the prisoners whom they guarded.

In later years,they assisted the International Police Association when they played Mr and Mrs. Santa at the Christine Meikle school for the mentally handicapped in Calgary. Barry commented to me that all of the volunteer Santa work he and Norma did was important but they took special satisfaction in the annual party at that school where the children, who were so very mentally challenged, would smile and hug them when Barry presented them with their Christmas gift.

When the troubles of Police work seemed to overwhelm us, as they often did, Barry and Norma always had a sympathetic ear. They did not rush to judgement or have quick answers. They did what nobody seems to do in this digital age. They listened to us. Barry's years in the Airforce allowed him to understand the complexities of public service. Barry and Norma (it is so difficult to mention one name without mentioning the other) were dedicated employees of the RCMP for thirty years and were there promptly to work whether we called them at three in the afternoon or three in the morning. When I mentioned to them that one of our sons was interested in star gazing and telescopes, they gave him a telescope that was at their home.

I remember their cat Nutmeg who was the worlds fattest cat and not very friendly either. Barry somehow got the cat to lose weight.

Knowing how stubborn cats are, I am not sure how he did that.

Barry loved his family, his children and his grandchildren. Today, the world is a sadder place and when I first heard of Barry's passing I too was sad. But then I smiled when I thought of the wonderful life he lived and the beautiful legacy he and Norma have left for their children and grandchildren. May they both go with God.

Tom Christie

Tom Christie - May 31, 2014 at 10:49 AM

BP

“ *To the Odell family,
I send my sincere sympathy . It was a wonderful time spent at the
Odell house in Turner Valley for our pre race suppers for the K100.
Barry did have a great sense of humor and it was fun sitting down
and listening to his stories.May he rest in peace with his dear wife
Norma.*

Bruce Parsons

Bruce Parsons - May 28, 2014 at 07:31 AM

RW

“ *Dear Terry,Jeannie & family*

*We send our sincere sympathy and you are all in our thoughts and
prayers during this difficult time.*

Rick & Sherry Walraven

Rick & Sherry Walraven - May 27, 2014 at 07:54 PM

FC

“ Dear Pat, Terry, Lyne, Paul, Meg and families ,
As you journey through this trying time please accept our sincere sympathy. It has been an honour to have known both of your parents, Barry and Norma, and it is comforting that they are now back together again. I know I am a better person because of them. We can not be with you for Barry's celebration of his wonderful life but know that he is in our prayers and thoughts.

Fern and Ian Currie

Fern Currie - May 26, 2014 at 11:01 PM

ML

“ I've known Barry and the entire Odell family for many many years. Barry possessed a wicked sense of humor and a sharp wit and I will always remember him for that.

Maureen Loven - May 25, 2014 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ Santa left lots of wonderful memories for many, many children. May he rest in peace with his Norma.
Donna and Ferg Downey

Donna Downey - May 24, 2014 at 05:28 PM

TM

Though its been many many years since we all used to congregate at Barry & Norma Odell's for the annual Turkey Shoot i still carry fond memories of the wonderful hospitality they showed me, Sending my heartfelt sympathy to all the family

Tami Moir - May 24, 2014 at 11:37 PM