



## Mr. Garth Whitford

November 10, 1935 - July 12, 2021

Garth Whitford of High River passed away peacefully on July 12th with family by his side.

Garth was born at Shipman, Saskatchewan on the family farm on November 10, 1935. He was the sixth of eleven children.

Garth (also known as “Bullet” or “Nav”) started trucking at age 18 and in 1963 started a successful business known as Navajo Trucking. He was an extremely hard working, well respected entrepreneur and was a great mentor to many people. Garth never lost interest of the daily activities in the trucking industry. His passion for trucking was evident to all.

Garth will be missed by his family. He is survived by his daughter Tami (John) Cartwright, son Darcy (Bonny) Whitford, daughters Sherry Whitford and Shelley Lippert; grandchildren Victoria (Michael), Chantel (Lauren), Sam, Piper, Cooper, Megan, Sean and Mikayla; great-grandchildren Benton, Adilyn and Thea; niece Tracey (Ryan) Wilson, nephew Keith (Marilyn) Whitford and Cindy’s Bill Dobra; sisters Marge (Lorne), Yvonne, Helen (Eric), Louise (Len); brothers Ivan (Ann), and Marcel, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Garth will be especially missed by his long time companion Bev Van Dine and his long time friend Bill Earl who would stop by for his daily visit and was

always there to lend a hand.

Garth was predeceased by his wife Pat; daughter Cindy; parents Duncan and Florence; brothers Stan and Reg and sisters Dorothy and Edna.

The family would like to thank the ambulance service and fire department for their many code "Garth" calls to transport him to the hospital. Thank you to his doctors and all the staff at High River Hospital, and South Calgary Health Campus for your wonderful care. You kept him going for many years. Also, a big thank you to home care for all services.

Thank you to everyone who visited Garth. He loved visiting with you all.

A Celebration of Garth's Life was held at the Cayley IOOF Hall on August 28th at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to High River Health Care Foundation (Ambulance Services).

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

AUG **28**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Cayley IOOF Hall  
122 Hammond Street  
Cayley, AB T0L 0P0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Belated condolences to the family of Garth Whitford  
Bob & Carolyn Kuziw*

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**Bob & Carolyn Kuziw** - August 13, 2021 at 03:29 PM

BH

“ *We were so sorry to hear the news of Mr. Whitford's passing. So many memories of him at the rink, busy with his trucking company and seeing him with family at the house on 2nd Ave. Always with a twinkle in his eye. He will be missed. We are thinking of you all. Bill & Cheryl*

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**Bill Holmes** - August 05, 2021 at 10:18 AM

RR

“ *Please accept our Sincere Sympathy on the loss of Garth. He was a Spark in everyone's day for sure. Lots of fun... and lots of Wisdom. A BIG Hug to each and every one of you. xxoo*

*Ross and Roberta*

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**Ross and Roberta** - July 31, 2021 at 02:53 PM

LC

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Whitford's passing. Your in my thoughts at this difficult time.*

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**Leah (Langenhoff) Collins** - July 25, 2021 at 11:17 PM

JA

“ *My sincere condolences to the Whitford family.  
Living in the same neighborhood growing up for so many years  
makes the loss closer to home.  
Hold your memories close to your hearts.*

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**Julie Allan** - July 25, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BB

“ *As a young man Garth was a huge influence in my life, his lessons,  
patience, guidance and generosity will never be forgotten. His family  
was his highest priority and my heartfelt condolences go out to you  
all. I will miss him.  
Bob Braid*

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**Bob Braid** - July 24, 2021 at 08:36 PM

QC

“ *I always loved catching up with Navvy and talking trucks. All the  
years I trucked with him I was always amazed at how he could stay  
clean! I was always covered in grease and he looked like a million  
bucks!  
He would just tell me “you just got to do it right, Rand.”  
Our condolences to his family. He was one of a kind.*

*Randy Campbell and family*

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**Quinn Campbell** - July 24, 2021 at 04:52 PM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Garth Whitford*



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**Karen Foley** - July 23, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DD

“ Wonderful tributes, keep the memories. Donna Downey

Donna Downey - July 23, 2021 at 07:12 PM

MM

“ Maureen & Ray Moncrieff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Maureen & Ray Moncrieff - July 22, 2021 at 07:16 PM

MA

Our Condolences go out to Garth's Family. My kids phoned and told me that "Uncle Garth" had passed. He was a fixture in our lives.

Maureen - July 22, 2021 at 07:18 PM

HB

“ My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. My sincere condolences.

Heather Bianchini

Heather Bianchini - July 22, 2021 at 12:18 PM

CM

“ Sincere condolences to the Whitford family. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

Carolyn Metcalfe

Carolyn Metcalfe - July 22, 2021 at 12:15 PM

AM

“ Our deepest condolences to the entirety of the Whitford family, may your fond memories get you through this trying time 🙏🥰

*Roger & Angie McCormick*

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**Angie McCormick** - July 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM

BP

“ My thought and prayers go out to Garth and his family. He was a great man who raised a great family. It was a pleasure knowing him. Our deepest condolences to the Whitford family.

*Ben Pilon and family*

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**Ben Pilon** - July 19, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CC

“ To Tammy, Darcy, Sherry, Shelley and family, Garth was one of those High River characters that will be missed. My dad always enjoyed a visit with "Nav" and I know that they shared a lot of laughs and probably some really good stories that shouldn't be shared. My deepest sympathy to the Whitford family. Cathy

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**Cathy Couey** - July 19, 2021 at 10:30 AM

BD

“ Here lies a great man who has left a wonderful legacy behind. He was larger than life and he lived it to the fullest. Now that he has gone may all the beautiful memories be a blessing to each of you. Tami, Darcy, Sherry and Shelly, please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your dad.

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**Bob & Donna Dobra** - July 18, 2021 at 05:29 PM

SM

“ *May the memories help you at this time. My sincere condolences.*  
*Sylvia Moore*

Sylvia Moore - July 18, 2021 at 01:39 PM

EM

“ *Tami, Darcy, Sherry and Shelley -I have many memories of your Dad, especially when you were children. The tough outside often melted for you four. Treasure the memories*

Elaine Mason - July 18, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LW

“ *Linda Walsh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



Linda Walsh - July 18, 2021 at 12:13 AM

EL

“ *Sympathy to the family from Eldon and Barb Lyall. Eldon always enjoyed his time and has many good memories of trucking with Garth*

Eldon and Barb Lyall - July 17, 2021 at 08:22 PM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



Eunice Schmuland - July 17, 2021 at 06:55 PM

BW

“ When I think of my Uncle Garth I think of many bottles of orange pop, chocolate bars and cattle liners. ❤️

Brandy Gregor ( Whitford) - July 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MR

“ Condolences to the Whitford families. Garth was an icon for sure 🙏

Merridell Richardson - July 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM

CS

“ Tami, Darcy, Sherry, Shelley and your families  
So sorry for the loss of your beloved Dad!  
He was a character but also a very kind man  
who loved his family dearly.  
It's going to feel lonely now when I drive by  
his house. Deepest condolences to all of you.



Craig and Debbie Schmuland - July 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM

KB

“ To the Whitord families. Deepest sympathies  
in the loss of your dad. I remember always  
laughing when he would come to the store.  
Always a story or a memory of the time with  
my dad. Big hugs to all. May your memories  
feel like hugs and bring a smile to your heart.



Kelly Bakken - July 17, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JF

“ Deepest condolences to the Whitford family, I have many fond  
memories of Garth. He will be missed. Rest In Peace.

Jeff Percival and family - July 17, 2021 at 10:38 AM

SM

“ *Sheila And Peter Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Sheila and Peter Macklin** - July 17, 2021 at 10:33 AM

RC

“ *We were so very sad to learn of Garths passing, he will be deeply missed by Kelly and I. Kelly talks often of the lessons he learned from Garth. Kelly attributes a lot of his success today to the mentoring he received from Garth. We'll all miss the many requests from Garth that were delivered as orders. "You will come to my house, you will eat duck soup, and you will like it" RIP Garth! Our deepest condolences to the whole family 💔*  
*Kelly & Robin Clark*

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**Robin Clark** - July 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ *I will so miss Garth, I had many laughs with him when I was there to clean for him, but I know he was tired and when he couldn't get out to drive and see the fields and crops he would be so frustrated. Condolences to Tami, Shelly, Sheri.and Darcy, Ill think of him often about our chats and laughs, but I know he is at peace , 💔 Kelly Martens*

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**Kelly Martens** - July 17, 2021 at 09:37 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to all of Garth’s family, Garth was a true character, & such a great spirit, & the continued reflection of hard work & determination. Many a young starry eyed trucker, took their apprenticeship through Garth, myself included, & I will be eternally grateful for his amazing mentoring & the adherence to the disciplines of getting the job done. All the very best to everyone,  
*Bert Montgomery*

**Bert Montgomery** - July 17, 2021 at 07:53 AM

MW

*Condolences to all the family-Martha Wilson*

**martha Wilson** - July 17, 2021 at 01:22 PM

JU

“ We are very sorry to hear about Garth. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
*The Goffinet’s*

**Julie** - July 16, 2021 at 10:54 PM

GC

“ Shelley and the Whitfield family we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for you.



**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - July 16, 2021 at 10:36 PM

BP

“ *Barb Pickering lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Barb Pickering** - July 16, 2021 at 08:09 PM

FS

“ *Sorry to hear about Garth he was a good part of my life growing up and will always be remembered with happy thoughts.*

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**Faye Switzer** - July 16, 2021 at 05:46 PM

RC

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Our deepest condolences to the whole family 💔  
Kelly & Robin Clark*

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**Robin Clark** - July 17, 2021 at 10:05 AM

DN

“ *Donna Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Donna Nelson** - July 16, 2021 at 03:44 PM

JM

“ Jodie Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Jodie Malmberg - July 16, 2021 at 01:26 PM

SP

“ Sue And Wally Purcell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Sue and Wally Purcell - July 16, 2021 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ Don And Jolayne Swanston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Don and Jolayne Swanston - July 16, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DO

“ Dennis Ochs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Dennis Ochs - July 16, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DP

“ *David And Barb Page lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**David and Barb Page** - July 16, 2021 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ *Sincere condolences to Garth's family from Bill & Dorothy Holmes.*

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**Bill Holmes** - July 16, 2021 at 10:33 AM

CN

“ *Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - July 16, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DS

“ *Donna Swanston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Donna Swanston** - July 16, 2021 at 09:37 AM

RW

“ Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Rusty & Fran Wong - July 16, 2021 at 09:03 AM

RD

“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Rosemary Derbecker - July 16, 2021 at 07:49 AM

LH

Condolences to the Whitford Family. Garth will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in Peace Garth

lynda howie - July 16, 2021 at 08:44 AM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford



Marcia Ayrey - July 16, 2021 at 12:38 AM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Callahan Family** - July 16, 2021 at 12:22 AM

GA

“ *Sorry to hear of garth's passing. Lewis family*

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**gail** - July 15, 2021 at 10:48 PM

MD

“ *Tammi, Shelley, Sherri and Darcy, and your families, sending heartfelt condolences your way. Rest well Garth.*

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**Michele Durand** - July 15, 2021 at 09:03 PM

SE

“ *Sorry to hear of Garth's passing. Our condolences to the Whitford families. Tony and Sandy Ewanishin.*

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**Sandy and Tony Ewanishin** - July 15, 2021 at 08:51 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Pat and Colleen Mastel** - July 15, 2021 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ *Charlene Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garth Whitford*



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**Charlene Malmberg** - July 15, 2021 at 05:37 PM

DW

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family, he will be missed* ❤️  
*Dan & Diana Florko (Walker)*

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**Diana Walker** - July 15, 2021 at 04:58 PM