



## Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres

December 10, 1945 - May 9, 2021

Gayelle Ruth Geres of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully on May 9th, 2021 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada at the age of 75 years. Gayelle was born on December 10, 1945 in Earl Grey, Saskatchewan to Doris and Ernie Foster. The farm is where she spent her early years until she finished high school at Bryn Mawr School. It was here that she met the love of her life, Wally. They were married in July 1966. She worked as a medical receptionist in Regina, and then she and Wally decided to head west to Alberta where he would take a teaching job in Rocky Mountain House. After one year, they moved and settled in High River to start and raise their family. Jason was born in April 1970, followed by Tyson in 1973 and Christy in 1975. Gayelle was a stay-at-home mom, teaching her kids about gardening and music and how to be kind to animals and people.

After seeing her three children off to school, Gayelle returned to the work force in 1981 to work at Winds Casual Wear. She caught the retail bug and moved to Petticoat Lane, which she managed and later owned. She enjoyed her time visiting and catching up with friends, new and old.

Gayelle was passionate about the Town of High River. She was all about 'shopping local' and spent countless hours on the board of the Chamber of Commerce planning events for the town, Little Beaches Day was one of her favourites! She was a Beaver leader for the Boy Scouts and was an active

member of the Lutheran Church. She generously gave where she could, to help others in need and was regarded as a kind, loyal and encouraging friend. She always looked on the bright side and was ready for a hug anytime.

She was a sports girl at heart, you could always find her cheering on the Calgary Flames, Saskatchewan Roughriders or Toronto Blue Jays. Grandma would always make time for her grandchildren, always supportive and loving, hoping to do a craft or plant some flowers with them. There wasn't a time that there wasn't a kitty in the house, whether a stray or her own, she loved them all! Gayelle enjoyed travelling, whether it was back to Saskatchewan to check on the crops and to see family or around the world to Australia, a trip she made numerous times. She treasured her time with all her family and friends.

Gayelle was dearly loved and will be missed by her sons Jason (Kylie) and Tyson and her daughter Christy (Trent), as well as her grandchildren Delaney, Stella, Kinley and Clayton. She is survived by her sister Gloria (Stu) Clifford; Brother-in-Law Archie Macdonald; Sister-in-Law Myrna Foster; as well as numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and close friends.

Gayelle was predeceased by her husband Albert Walter Geres, grandson Carter Gray, sister Doreen MacDonald, brother Donald Foster and her mother and father, Doris and Ernie Foster.

Memorial Donations can be made to Heaven Can Wait.

A Celebration of Gayelle's life will be held at a later date and time.

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

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ I miss my dear friend Gayelle every day. The world is a sadder place without her. She put her whole heart into everything she did, every conversation was meaningful. Jason, Tyson, Kristy and your families, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope that you are managing without her.

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**Karen Angell** - September 22, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ Steve and I just found out about Gayelle's passing a short time ago. We send our heart-felt condolences to you: Jason, Tyson, Kristy and your families. We remember Gayelle as a sweet soul, with a kind and generous heart. What a loss of such a special person. We hope that your fond and fun memories of her will help you in your loss. Love, Joanne and Steve Hall

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**Joanne Hall** - September 09, 2021 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ Jason, Tyson, and Christy, my thoughts are with you all at such a hard time. I have so many wonderful memories of your mom. The one that sticks out the most though are her hugs. She always greeted me with a hug from the time I was a little girl right up until I last saw her about a year ago. She always smiled, hugged and made each person feel special. The world got a little sadder and less friendly with her passing. I will miss her. Much Love Janice Storch

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**Janice Storch** - May 28, 2021 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ My heart is so sad and I am sending love and prayers to all of you. Your Mom was such an amazing person and I was honoured to be her friend. We shared our Saskatchewan roots, Australian adventures, laughter and tears. There is a new rose in God's garden and a beautiful angel to tend it. She loved you all so passionately and will continue to watch over you. Hugs and support always, Joyce

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**Joyce Barton** - May 27, 2021 at 12:22 PM

 Sandra Locken

“ I have such lovely memories of Gayelle, with her love of family and great resolve top of the list.

*Dale and I send you all much love and sympathy during this difficult time.*

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**Sandra Locken** - May 24, 2021 at 11:41 AM

RW

“ Ron And Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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**Ron and Ann Weston** - May 23, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JG

“ A lady of great resolve and a thoughtful and diligent person. I look forward to seeing your smiling face in heaven.

*Jim and Kathy Graham*

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**Jim Graham** - May 22, 2021 at 09:48 PM

SE

“ *Sandra And Tony Ewanishin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Sandra and Tony Ewanishin** - May 22, 2021 at 02:21 PM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Karen Foley** - May 22, 2021 at 10:32 AM

VS

“ *Vida Styra lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Vida Styra** - May 21, 2021 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ *Gayelle was a very sweet caring person and will be missed! May she Rest In Peace ! Her job is done . She did far more than her share.*

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**Marilyn Baker** - May 21, 2021 at 08:07 PM

JH

“ *Jill Henheffer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Jill Henheffer** - May 21, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LB

“ *Louise Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Louise Barlow** - May 21, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Debbie Schmuland** - May 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM

SG

“ *We have such fond memories of Gayelle, always happy to greet you with a warm smile, sincere care and kindness. We send our condolences to all her family and friends.*

*Sue and Chris Goode*

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**Sue Goode** - May 20, 2021 at 06:08 PM

JE

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you Jason, Tyson, Christy and families. Gayelle was such a sweet person and we enjoyed many wonderful conversations and I am really missing her as I'm sure you are. She loved all of you so much and appreciated everyday she had with you. Her gardening knowledge, her plant slips, her cooking tips, her bible verses she loved sharing in such a generous way. I am so blessed that her life touched mine as she was so kind inside and out.

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**Joanne Erickson** - May 20, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MB



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**Marilyn Baker** - May 21, 2021 at 08:24 PM

TS

“ Sympathies from the Storch Family to the Geres Family. A very sad loss. Our kids were close in age and spent my good times together. My the fond memories of Gayelle sustain Jason, Tyson and Christy at this time.

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**Terry Storch** - May 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LM

“ I'm thinking of all the Geres family at this time. Your Mom will always be remembered for her kindness and gentle spirit. I hope time will help you in the grieving process and know that others are caring and supporting you through this sad loss. Hugs from a distance, Lorna McLean (Mrs. Way) and Family.

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**Lorna McLean** - May 20, 2021 at 01:15 PM

KN

“ *My condolences to Jason, Tyson and Christy... I loved your Mom! Just talked to her the other day, we had a good chat outside of Sobies. I first met her when I rented from her above Petticoat Lane. We had some good times visiting back and forth. She was so special, I'll miss our little visits. Love to all the family. Kathy Niemans.*

Kathy Niemans - May 19, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LM

“ *Lana Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



Lana Malmberg - May 19, 2021 at 08:42 PM

GL

“ *Dear Geres family. I am so sorry for your sudden loss of Gayelle. I did not personally know her, but she took great care of my dad, Rae Lunn for many years. He was so grateful for her help and friendship over the years. Please accept our condolences.*

Garry Lunn - May 19, 2021 at 02:57 PM

GL

“ *Garry Lunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



Garry Lunn - May 19, 2021 at 02:55 PM

ME

“ Jason, Tyson and Christy, I am so sorry for your loss. It is my loss too, your mom was such a loving, giving and kind person, years passed and we had conversations like it was only yesterday we saw each other. Jason I remember when she gave you her Ag Society pass so we could be on the stage with the Violent Femmes at Infest... that great memory is always tied to her! I was lucky to have her as a second mom.

Mark Ewanishin - May 19, 2021 at 12:57 PM

ES

“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Eunice Schmuland - May 19, 2021 at 10:12 AM

KK

“ Kerri Kabeary lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Kerri Kabeary - May 18, 2021 at 10:45 PM

LS

“ Lorna Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



lorna schultz - May 18, 2021 at 10:01 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear of Gramma Gayelle's passing. So happy you had so many great fun years with her. xo Patsy Montgomery

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**Patsy Montgomery** - May 18, 2021 at 09:42 PM

BV

“ Jason, Tyson and Christy. So sorry to hear of you loss. We enjoyed our visits with your mom over the years. She was a very warm and compassionate lady.

*Doug and Betty Veitch*

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**Betty Veitch** - May 18, 2021 at 08:39 PM

CN

“ Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - May 18, 2021 at 08:23 PM

MW

“ Jqaon, Tyson and Christy our heartfelt condolences to you. Gayelle was a dear friend who loved life , her children and Lord. Sharing many happy moments with her and the family at Church or just a visit she always talked about God's goodness to her. The last time we were back in High River we spent time on her deck with friends she had invited

To come and visit with us. She was an institution in High River and never had a bad word to say about anyone. We love you Galle and will miss you.

Terry and Mary West

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mary West - May 18, 2021 at 06:40 PM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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lynda Cowling - May 18, 2021 at 04:42 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Bakaluk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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Stephanie Bakaluk - May 18, 2021 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ My sincere condolences to Jason, Tyson and Christy. Your mom was a very special person. I always thought of her as an absolute saint, such a wonderful attitude, so great to have a visit with whenever our paths would cross. You were blessed to have her as your mother. Sympathy to you all, Karen Snodgrass.

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**Karen Snodgrass** - May 18, 2021 at 04:09 PM

PJ

“ Jason, Tyson and Christy- I am so very sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was such a kind, friendly woman. She was one of my first employers when I would babysit you all. I know you all have loving memories of her and I hope they will help carry you through your days ahead. You were her pride & joy. Rest peacefully Gayelle. You will be missed by so many. ❤️🌸

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**Peggy (Crosby) Jackson** - May 18, 2021 at 02:09 PM

HN

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Gayelle's family who she always spoke about with such love. I will miss my dear friend who I was in contact with almost daily. Her light, faith and encouraging ways will be greatly missed. I can envision her dancing in heaven today.

*Heather Nelson*

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**Heather Nelson** - May 18, 2021 at 01:04 PM

BC

“ Our sincere condolences to Jason, Tyson, Christy and families. We first met Gayelle and Wally in Rocky Mountain House and became fast friends through the teaching community. We moved to High River together in the fall of 1969. Memories of camping trips and ski vacations will always remain with us.  
Gayelle was a positive and caring person. She always had a smile on her face and loved to hug. Her passing left us with sadness.

**Bryan Clark** - May 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM

RD

“ Renee Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



**Renee Derbecker** - May 18, 2021 at 12:21 PM

ES

“ Eric & Lea Sorkilmo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



**Eric & Lea Sorkilmo** - May 18, 2021 at 12:16 PM

GP

“ Geri And Al Polanchek lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



**Geri and Al Polanchek** - May 18, 2021 at 11:54 AM

NM

“ *Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Nancy MacKillop** - May 18, 2021 at 11:26 AM

DC

“ *Dear Jason, Tyson, Christy and families  
Sending our deepest sympathies on the passing of your mum and grandmother. Our paths crossed in many ways for over forty years. Her smiles and chats will be missed.  
Dr. Dan and Trudy*

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**Dan & Trudy Campbell** - May 18, 2021 at 11:22 AM

PZ

“ *Our sincere sympathy. I always loved chatting with Gayelle when we ran into one another on the street or in a store. Cherish all the great memories that you have, they will help you get through the tough days ahead.  
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee*



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**Pat Zebedee** - May 18, 2021 at 11:16 AM

EW

“ *Ed & Leslie Wendt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Ed & Leslie Wendt** - May 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM

LW

“ *Linda Walsh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Linda Walsh** - May 18, 2021 at 10:33 AM

SS

“ *Susan And Monty Stafford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Susan and Monty Stafford** - May 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM

CT

“ *Coral Timchak lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Coral Timchak** - May 18, 2021 at 10:18 AM

RW

“ *Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Russ & Sharon Watkins** - May 18, 2021 at 09:56 AM

CA

“ Jesus gave me the great privilege to know Gayelle as one of God’s most faith filled servants. Over the past 15 years we spent many hours each week praying together, singing hymns, talking about our precious Jesus and how faithful He is to His children. She is now in His very presence and in His arms she will remain for all eternity. Until we meet again dearest friend (love and hugs)

Cathrina - May 18, 2021 at 09:26 AM

RD

“ Renee Dubeau lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Renee Dubeau - May 18, 2021 at 09:25 AM

RD

“ Sending hugs (Rosie)

Rosemary Derbecker - May 18, 2021 at 09:09 AM

RD

“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Rosemary Derbecker - May 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM

RW

“ Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Rusty & Fran Wong - May 18, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Jason, Tyson, Christy, & families. Gayelle will always be remembered as that special spirit & soul, with the warm welcoming hug & smile, & a listening ear, & compassionate heart, always ready & willing to help in whatever capacity she could. Her infinite love for her family, & friends & community, will forever be felt by all who knew Gayelle. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery & family

Bert Montgomery - May 18, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CK

“ Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Cathy Kendal - May 18, 2021 at 08:07 AM

TB

“ Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



Tammy Beach - May 18, 2021 at 01:36 AM

GC

“ Dear Jason, Tyson, Christy and family you are in our thoughts and prayers for the loss of your beautiful Mother, sister and grandmother. Gayelle was a woman of deep faith and compassion. When Gayelle found out Gerry had some health problems she called every 3 weeks for months to check and see how he was doing. I thanked her every time she called for her care, concern and prayers. Little did I know when she called last month it would be my last chat with her. We served together on the Chamber of Commerce with the late Margaret Fraser and others. We had so much fun brainstorming to help make the High River businesses flourish. Little Beaches, was one of those ideas. What a successful promotion and your Mom was such a big part of that initiative. Gayelle, was pro High River, which was a quality I truly admired about her. She was someone you could go to, who could always offer such sage honest advise. Your Mom had her pulse on High River. She was deeply concerned with the growing number of homeless people living in our community. She knew their names and who cared for them. Gayelle was a community volunteer who gave of her time freely. She was an amazing woman and she will be greatly missed by so many people in our community, including us. We know Heaven gained a new angel when she passed. RIP, our friend.



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**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - May 17, 2021 at 11:27 PM

DP

“ Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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**Diane Porter** - May 17, 2021 at 10:57 PM

KB

“ It sounds like she had an amazing life, filled and surrounded by so much love. What a treasure. Sending your beautiful family all of our love.

*Jay, Keira, Kale, Blake, and CJ Bonham*



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**Keira Bonham** - May 17, 2021 at 09:23 PM

M(

“ Jason, Tyson, Christy and extended family. Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your mama. She always took the time to have a little chit chat, any time I seen her. A very positive person, with always a smile on her face. She had quite a sense of humour as well. She will be missed in the neighborhood. Take care of one another. R.I.P. Gayelle.

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**Marcia Ayrey (Webster)** - May 17, 2021 at 08:12 PM

JG

“ Joylaine Graves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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**Joylaine Graves** - May 17, 2021 at 07:51 PM

SD

“ Sharon Dale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres



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**sharon Dale** - May 17, 2021 at 07:03 PM

MD

“ *Melanie Dale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Melanie Dale** - May 17, 2021 at 06:45 PM

SD

“ *Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Sharon Doll** - May 17, 2021 at 02:17 PM

DD

“ *Donna Downey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Donna Downey** - May 17, 2021 at 02:08 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayelle Ruth Geres*



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**Sheila Storoschuk** - May 17, 2021 at 12:39 PM