



## Mr. George Stewart Lane

May 21, 1937 - May 28, 2022

With heavy hearts the family of Dr. George Stewart Lane shares the news of his passing on Saturday, May 28th, one week after celebrating his 85th birthday.

George was born in High River, Alberta on May 21st, 1937 and lived a life dedicated to public service, education, and family. George earned a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta, paying for his studies by teaching at the Krauss School, one of Alberta's last one-room schoolhouses.

George went on to earn a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Washington before taking a post at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia), in Montreal. It was there that George would meet and marry his wife of 45 years, Marcia Eliasoph Lane. George and Marcia started a family in Montreal before returning to Alberta where he would teach in the Faculty of Management (now the Haskayne School of Business) at the University of Calgary for 19 years including serving 6 years as Dean (1975-1981). During his tenure, George was responsible for the initiatives which led to the funding and construction of Scurfield Hall and helped establish the MBA and Ph.D. programs.

George's "retirement" included a business venture building townhomes in the downtown core with Marcia, then in 2004, George was elected to be a Trustee

for the Calgary Board of Education Wards 6 and 7, where he would serve for nine years.

George's roots in Alberta ran strong and deep. On his mother's side of the family, George counted several generations of teachers including his grandmother and mother who retired from Brentwood Elementary, a Calgary Ward 7 school. His grandfather, George Lane, worked his way up from foreman of the Bar U Ranch in Longview, eventually owning and operating the ranch which is now a Canadian National Historic Site. He was also one of the Big Four, instrumental in the beginnings of the Calgary Stampede. In 2016, when George Lane became the first Canadian inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, George was on hand to represent his grandfather, and delivered a speech on behalf of the family. Throughout his life George became the unofficial spokesperson of the extended Lane family's history in Alberta, often serving as the representative at ceremonial events where the family was recognized. He even had a short stint as an actor, portraying Grandfather Lane in a community play.

George deeply loved the community of Calgary, supporting arts and culture and serving on many community boards including the Banff Centre, Imagine Calgary, the MS Society of Alberta, and the Developmental Disabilities Resources Center (DDRC).

George was predeceased by his wife Marcia and sister Patricia. He is deeply missed by his brother Thomas, children David and Michael (Jill Aske), and grandchildren Sophie and Hannah Lane, and Inga and Freya Aske-Lane. Prior to his death, George had found companionship later in life with his partner, Betty Rak and her family.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated staff of Garrison Green Integrated

Living Community.

A Celebration of George's life will be held on Friday, June 24th at 11:00am, at the Ranchmen's Club, 710-13th Ave. SW, after which George will be interred in High River at the Highwood Cemetery in the Lane family plot.

Condolences may be forwarded through Lyle Reeves Funerals, [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation [www.childrenshospital.ab.ca](http://www.childrenshospital.ab.ca), 28 Oki Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 6A8.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **24.** 11:00 AM (MT)

The Ranchmen's Club  
710 13 Avenue SW  
Calgary , AB T2R 0K9 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ George played a pivotal role in establishing our Business School at the University of Calgary. He was a thoughtful, diligent, caring person to all he met and worked with. Additionally he was a willing generous, contributor to the School board and the Calgary community. He will be missed.

*Our Sincere Sympathy to his Family.*

*Mike & Illa Maher*

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**mike & Illa Maher** - June 11, 2022 at 12:02 PM

GS

“ George was a man who was generous with his time and advice. Unlike many professors, he projected the aura of a modest man. It was fun digging around to find more about him from other sources so that I could ask him for more about the details of his life and accomplishments. He definitely under-sold himself!

*His career at the Faculty of Management was winding down as mine started, but I enjoyed the overlap. I was happy to be successful in persuading him to join the Board of the Calgary Association for the Mentally Handicapped (CAMH, now the Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre, DDRC), at a time when the organization had gone through some significant governance problems and was in need of the authoritative and credible presence of people like George.*

*Gordon Sick*

*Emeritus Professor of Finance, Haskayne School of Business*

*Past President of the CAMH/DDRC*

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**Gordon Sick** - June 10, 2022 at 06:12 PM

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“ George was systematic in his management approach and tenacious at pursuing his and the faculty’s objectives. His tenure as dean brought many positive changes to the Faculty of Management. He was also able to build a strong relationship and linkage to the business community by establishing the Management Advisory Group comprised of Calgary business leaders. Ralph Scurfield was a member of the group who went on to provide the major funding for what would become Scurfield Hall. George deserves credit for stimulating this achievement. Our prayers go out to George’s family in this time of mourning,

Wayne A. Long  
Professor Emeritus &  
Former Associate Dean,  
Faculty Of Management

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Wayne A. Long - June 10, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ George proudly served as a governor on EducationMatters board and a Trustee at CBE, and I am honoured to have had the privilege of working alongside him to help Calgary students succeed. George dedicated his life to many community causes and needs. He was a true pillar of our community and will be deeply missed. My condolences to his family and all those who hold him dear to their hearts.

Marilyn Field

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Marilyn Field - June 10, 2022 at 10:50 AM

CL

“ I worked with George for many years. For a while as his Administrative Assistant, then as Director of the CDO. We had many fun times together. My condolences to his family. He will be missed.

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**Carol Long** - June 09, 2022 at 01:55 PM

GD

“ I had the privilege of serving as a Calgary Board of Education School Trustee with George Lane for almost a decade and am saddened to hear of his passing. George impressed me with his passion for education, his devotion to Calgary and western culture, and his deep love of family. He richly enjoyed the company of others and always had a warm spirit about him. George's enthusiasm for life and service was irrepressible, and his contributions to civil society are many. Calgary has lost an exemplary man. My sincere condolences to his family, many friends, and former colleagues.

*Gordon Dirks*

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**Gordon Dirks** - June 08, 2022 at 10:35 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathies to the Lane family on the loss of Dr. George Lane.

*Dean Lane was one of the most important leaders in the history of the Haskayne School of Business. George was Interim Dean of our school in 1975, before being appointed Dean for a term from 1976 to 1981. His time as Dean was relatively short, but his impact was truly transformative. A proud Albertan, he was a Certified Management Accountant with Master and PhD degrees from the University of Washington. Dr. Lane took immediate action as Dean to introduce a new strategy for the school, convert the BComm program to a 'two plus two', established the school in graduate programming, rejected the notion of departments to establish Areas, and firmly positioned the school for the future by co-conspiring with business leaders to fund and launch the Scurfield Hall building program. The faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the Haskayne School of Business owe a deep debt of gratitude for his visionary leadership that positioned the school to be a global force,*

*George kept close relations with many in the Haskayne community, and we are all sadden to see his passing as a marker for an important era in our history. He will be missed by all.*

*On behalf of the staff, faculty, students, alumni, and community supporters of the Haskayne School of Business, i wish to express our deepest sympathies to the children, grandchildren and all who loved George Lane. A compassionate and transformational leader who put us on the path for success.*

*Jim Dewald*

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**Jim Dewald** - June 08, 2022 at 10:20 PM

MT

“ George Lane was an excellent Professor and Dean at what is now the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary (previously the Faculty of Management).

George had a thoughtful and positive perspective on business and on life, and he had a wonderful sense of humour. He invariably seemed to be happy.

George was very well-liked by students (including me), the faculty and the business community. He will be remembered fondly.

My sincere condolences to George's family.

Sincerely,

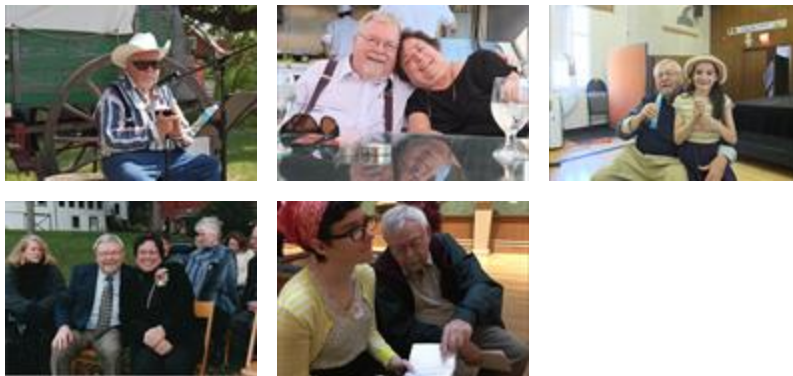
Michael J. Tims, C.M., LL.D. (Hon.), CBV

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Michael J. Tims - June 07, 2022 at 03:15 PM

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David Lane - June 06, 2022 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Our Deepest Sympathies and Condolences to the immediate families of George. We also extend them to the wide circle of the Lanes. We have a long history here in Alberta and George was an integral part in keeping the rest of us informed of the events related to the Family. Take care of each other as you grieve and know he'll never be forgotten. Ron and Sharon(Lane) Chmielewski 🙏*

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**Sharon (Lane) Chmielewski** - June 06, 2022 at 02:04 PM