



Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer

December 18, 1937 - February 15, 2016

Our favourite sailor has set sail for his final journey.

On Monday, February 15, 2016, Gerry Greer of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully with family by his side in the High River Hospital at the age of 78 years.

Gerry is survived by his loving wife, Wyn, of 57 years and three daughters, Carla (Todd) Kratchmer of Lethbridge, Kendra (Murray) Wegener of High River, and Leslie (Don) Wutzke of Edmonton. He was known as Papa to his ten grandchildren, Shelly, Sherri, Mitchell, Dan, Brett, Sean, Karly, Erin, Courtney, Josh; and his nine great grandchildren. As well, he was beloved by numerous other relatives and many friends. Gerry was predeceased by his daughter, Kim, and her two daughters, Adriane and Alison.

Gerry was born December 18, 1937 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. At age 17, this prairie boy heard the call of the ocean. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy and headed out to Cornwallis Nova Scotia for basic training. Little did he know, this would become one of the most memorable times of his life. His Navy career would always be something he cherished.

While stationed in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Gerry was known to attend the local community dances held at the Legion. It was at one of these dances that

he would meet a beautiful, young, gal named Wyn. She stole his heart and shortly after that they tied the knot. This love story continued for the next 57 years, right up to the day he passed.

While living in Nova Scotia Gerry and Wyn were blessed with the birth of two daughters, Kim and Carla. Their journey out west made a brief stop in Hamilton, ON where Kendra was born. But the prairies kept calling and in 1967 they made the move to Alberta where Leslie was born. When asked about having four girls and no sons he always responded with, "The boys will come soon enough." And they certainly did. Gerry had a fabulous relationship with his son-in-laws and considered them his sons. He was also the best Papa that 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren could ask for.

Once settled in Alberta, Gerry had a successful career as a journeyman plumber. In 1979, the family moved to High River, AB where Gerry was the superintendent of mechanical for the construction of the High River Hospital. He then went on to start his own construction company, Greer Contracting Ltd .He completed many projects for the Town of High River as well as numerous other projects around southern Alberta. He had a strong sense of pride for his community.

Gerry loved his family and considered them his greatest accomplishment. His memory lives on through his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 71 located at 25-8th Avenue SE in High River.

If friends so desire, donations in Gerry's memory may be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation 560-9th Avenue SW, High River, Alberta T1V 1B3 or online at www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca

To send condolences and view Gerry's Tribute Page, please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (MT)

High River Royal Canadian Legion #71
25 - 8th Ave. SE
High River, AB T1V 1E8 (CA)
(403) 652-3770

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - March 23, 2016 at 10:26 PM

SF

“ *Condolences to the Greer family. Great memories were had at Rosen Lake. Cherish all the great times.*

Scott Forbes - March 16, 2016 at 10:20 AM

DH

“ *Wyn and family; Ruth and I send our condolences on Gerry's passing but we also know he 'fought the good fight' and God bless him for that. Our many conversations on the driveway will be missed and he earned more and more of my respect each time we talked. We didn't solve all the problems that we chewed over but we came darn close.*

Wyn, God bless 'you' for your love and care during his struggles. I will certainly miss my friend! In Gods Love Don and Ruth Henry.

Don Henry - March 14, 2016 at 12:43 AM

PE

“ Dear Wyn and family; We met Gerry less than two years ago but it didn't take us long to know we had met someone special. His smile told us how much he was enjoying life and that was contagious. The world is a better place for having had Gerry in it and we are glad to count ourselves as his friends. God bless you and your family. With love, John and Peggy Emslie.

Peggy and John Emslie - March 12, 2016 at 10:44 AM

FR

“ To our dear friend Wyn, we would like to express our most sincere condolences. What a delight it has been getting to know you and Gerry, and your beautiful family, over the years. We will remember him fondly.
Love and prayers to you all.
Fred and Jan

Fred and Jan Richardson - March 11, 2016 at 07:18 PM

SM

“ So sad to hear the news of Gerry. You are all in our hearts, sending you love Wyn in this difficult time. xx

Sarah Smyth-the Smyth's

Sarah Millan - March 06, 2016 at 01:17 PM

HA

“ Our condolences to you Wyn, and to all of your families. We always looked forward to meeting up with Gerry in the neighbourhood, and when you saw that twinkle in his eye you knew there was a great story to follow. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.



Hans & Brenda Abild

Hans & Brenda Abild - March 03, 2016 at 10:08 AM

JN

“ We are sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

John & Sharon Niven

John & Sharon Niven - March 01, 2016 at 04:07 PM

LK

“ a man who was larger than life and i remember him always having a good laugh. My first neighbor and first Canadian I had ever met and he was livelier and funnier than any Canadian i have met since. It wasn't until later that i realized he was a maritimer and a great example of one. He had wonderful wife and and the coolest set of kids ever. I will never forget him.

linda kerr - March 01, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *My first meeting with Gerry was at my niece's wedding in Alberta where he teased me about finally getting to eat real meat not fish from the east coast. He was such a jolly person and made me smile.*

*When he and Wyn came to Shelburne, Karl and I would get a chance to see them. He told stories of his early shenanigans with my brother Boyd. We have many fond memories of Gerry even though we hadn't seen him in years. Condolences to his family.
Karen and Karl Harris, Middle Ohio, Shelburne Co., NS*

Karen Harris - February 28, 2016 at 09:59 AM

NW

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Gerry's passing this week. He will forever be fondly remembered by my family during our visits to Alberta and BC to attend weddings of the Wamback nieces. Also the summers he and Wyn spent in Gunning Cove at the Doane house by the shore. It was always a pleasure to meet up with him in the village or in our little town. He was such an awesome guy. Thinking of his family in the difficult days ahead. Sincere condolences to you all. Nancy (Goulden) Wamback and Family.*

Nancy Wamback - February 27, 2016 at 07:11 PM

BW

“ I first met Gerry in the fall of 1960, when I was posted to HMCS Bonaventure (aircraft carrier) in St. John N.B. during a refit. Gerry had been onboard as a Signaller which is part of the crew who were the first to know about the Ship's future operations.

After getting to know and talking with Gerry, we decided we would drive from St. John to Shelburne on weekends, where both of our families lived. We would leave the ship at 1200 Friday, arriving in Shelburne 10 hours later, and returning to the ship again by 1200 on Monday.

Later, after the ship returned to Halifax, Gerry and I (in uniform) would hitchhike 150 miles to Shelburne, and return by car early the next morning (short visit).

After the Navy days, I lost contact with Gerry until 1976, when my family and I moved to Alberta. We contacted Gerry and family in Calgary and we soon were invited to visit, which turned into many enjoyable visits over the years. There is so much to say of what Gerry did for us as a family; it would be hard to put it all down on paper.

I will miss Gerry, he was a close friend; but will have many great memories when thinking of him.

T. Boyd Wamback, LT (N) Retired

Boyd Wamback - February 27, 2016 at 04:09 PM

FT

“ *Faye Thurber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Faye Thurber - February 25, 2016 at 01:45 PM

BG

“ *Dear Murray, Kendra and family,*

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in the support of your family and friends.

Brenda, Graham, Mallory, Leah and Paige McCredie

Brenda and Graham - February 24, 2016 at 03:04 PM

BH

“ *We have been honoured to be part of Gerry's life. His exploits and stories are so wide and varied and his skills as an artist are amazing. If he wanted to do something, you could be darn sure that it was going to get done. We are sure going to miss you but your love and strength will live on through your children and grandchildren, all still under the watchful eye of your very, very patient wife, Wyn. We'll see you on the other shore some day, Gerry! Love from the Holmes Family*

Bill Holmes - February 23, 2016 at 08:58 PM

CH

“ I will always remember all the people who rode your Harley 45 and all of the outcomes. Especially Bob Bower who hit your oil tank while riding around the house. It was the first bike that I ever rode even though you didn't know (stole it). I didn't know how to stop so I drove up the Ohio Rd to home and idled it up the hill until it stalled then waited to get enough nerve to take it back.

Sorry to hear the news. Smooth sailing Greer.

Clark Harris - February 22, 2016 at 12:30 PM

SM

“ Dear Wyn, Carla, Kendra, Lelsie and Families

We are so saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. We have many fond memories with Gerry and his amazing family. Dad was very sad to share the passing of a special friend he has known since 1960. Gerry will hold a special place in the hearts of the Wamback family.

Sherri and Wayne McAllister

Sherri McAllister - February 22, 2016 at 09:43 AM

JB

“ Dear Wyn, Carla, Kendra, Leslie and Families

Dave and I want to express our deepest sympathy for your very great loss of a truly great man. He fought a brave battle and amazingly won for such a long time. We want to thank you and your family for the friendship and kindness you have shown to my parents, Harris and Shirley over the years. They always had so much fun when they were with you. Gerry was Dad's best friend, and I know how much he will miss his weekly chats. I hope you can stay connected with Mom and Dad. Gerry was such a strong force that I know he can never be replaced. Take comfort in the fact that he touched many lives.

Sincerely

Janet and Dave Bryanton

Janet Bryanton - February 21, 2016 at 11:10 AM

PW

“ Dear Wyn, Carla, Kendra, Leslie & family. Bill & I are deeply saddened at this news, we have enjoyed spending time with you both since moving to High River only four years ago but it feels like we have been friends much longer. We will miss his sharp wit and the twinkle in his eyes when he laughed, mostly we will miss him....stay strong love to all. Phyllis & Captain Bill (as The Old Salt used to say)



Phyllis Wilson - February 20, 2016 at 10:49 PM

RB

“ *Raymond & Elizabeth Bouillet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Raymond & Elizabeth Bouillet - February 20, 2016 at 01:33 PM

RA

*Our condolences to Wynn and Family in the loss of Gerry. We treasured his friendship was a great inspiration to us.
Ray & Eliz*

Raymond - February 20, 2016 at 01:35 PM

FR

“ *Wyn and the Greer family,
Our most sincere sympathy is sent your way. How we are going to miss Gerry as a neighbor, and friend. His never ending stories of life, politics, and overall outlook of High River and Alberta were always so interesting. He lived a great life and we are sure that he is in great company- maybe teaching carving and sharing his navy days.
A noticeable will be evident in our community.
Bill and Frieda Rogers*

Frieda Rogers - February 19, 2016 at 04:20 PM

WG

“ Wyn, Kendra, and Murray we are so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He was a true gentleman, family man and fellow golfer. We played many a game together and would reminisce about our time in the Armed Forces. His passing will bring to light many more of the things he did in his lifetime.
He will be dearly missed.
Anne and Wayne Gilchrist

Wayne Gilchrist - February 19, 2016 at 11:58 AM

KC

“ Very fond memories of the Greer pride of being a father to 4 lovely daughters. A giver, and community supporter, Gerry will be remembered for his integrity and caring ways. Prayers to all his lovely family.

karen crawford - February 19, 2016 at 10:31 AM

HE

“ Wyn, girls and families we were so grateful to have known Gerry, he influenced a great many lives of so many people. We were so lucky to have spent some time with you and Gerry in the last couple of months playing cards and visiting . Thanks for those precious moments and all the fond memories we have , you can't take them away. Thanks for all you have done for our family and we will sure miss you Dear Friend RIP and Wyn and families cherish those fond memories at this difficult time . He was A GREAT MAN and will be missed by so many Heather and Flo New Brunswick



Heather - February 19, 2016 at 09:28 AM

FG

“ *Farrah Gaidosch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Farrah Gaidosch - February 18, 2016 at 10:02 PM

DF

“ *Don & Marian Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Don & Marian Fisher - February 18, 2016 at 09:54 PM

LW

“ *18 files added to the album New Album Name*



Leslie Wutzke - February 18, 2016 at 05:41 PM

VG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear Gerry has sailed on. I will miss him dearly.*

Volker Gruschow - February 18, 2016 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ Jean & Bill Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer



Jean & Bill Buchanan - February 18, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JB

“ Wyn & Family...Gerry was a great supporter of the Calgary Naval Veterans Association .and in particular the annual Golf Classic at Douglasdale Course which he and Wyn handled for several years creating a lot of fun and good fellowship. You could always count of him as a volunteer in the Calgary Naval community to serve in any fashion with a smile. Shipmate Gerry you have been a wonderful friend to many but especially us. God Bless Jean and Bill Buchanan

Jean & Bill Buchanan - February 18, 2016 at 12:43 PM

SF

“ My most sincere condolences to the Greer family. When I think of Gerry I immediately think of his twinkling eyes, hospitality, kindness, and awesome wood carvings at Rosen Lake. Hang on to all the wonderful memories of you have of him!

Sharon Forbes

Sharon Forbes - February 18, 2016 at 12:08 PM

CA

“ *Kendra and Leslie,*

My deepest condolences to you both and your mom for the loss of your dad. Thinking of you with love and a big hug.

Sincerely, Connie Anderson

Connie Anderson - February 18, 2016 at 11:32 AM

CG

“ *Cynthia & Glen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Cynthia & Glen - February 18, 2016 at 08:47 AM

SC

“ *Steve & Ruth Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Steve & Ruth Callahan - February 18, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DT

“ *Dave & Cinda Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Dave & Cinda Thorne - February 18, 2016 at 01:56 AM

AM

“ To all the family of Gerald Greer, our deepest sympathy to all of you. May the great memories, get you through this trying time. May your family bond give you the strength you need to get through your grief. Thinking of all of you? ?

Roger & Angie McCormick & Family

Angie McCormick - February 18, 2016 at 12:50 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to you all. One of the kindest and most sincere gentleman that I had the pleasure of knowing, and what a talent when it came to wood carving. May the lord bless and keep you all.

Jim Morgan - February 18, 2016 at 12:25 AM



MA

“ Wyn & family, I am so sorry to hear our loveable Gerry has passed away. Our condolences to you all. All our love. Maria & Gordon Sanderson.

maria - February 17, 2016 at 10:46 PM



HJ

“ GERRY...You got the "Big Draft" to the Big Ship, in the Sky. I know you are on the Bridge with the GREATEST "CAPTAIN" of all. I am sure you have everything under control for this your "FINAL CRUISE", SMOOTH SAILING OLD FRIEND.

You were a great friend, and it was a pleasure knowing you. I will drop by some day and we will share a "TOT",and shoot the breeze again.

WYN & FAMILY...Please accept our sincere condolences, at this time for your great loss.

HARRIS & SHIRLEY

HARRIS & SHIRLEY JOHNSTON - February 17, 2016 at 04:36 PM

CC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Wyn and family. I have always admired your family and so enjoy being around them as I always know that the room will be filled with laughter. May your many wonderful memories help to ease some of the pain going forward. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Cathy

Cathy Couey - February 17, 2016 at 04:23 PM

DD

“ Sailor, wood carver, ice rink clearer, golfer, great visitor, good neighbour - we will miss Gerry and his scooters and his stories on Highview Point. A life well lived. Donna Downey

Donna Downey - February 17, 2016 at 03:24 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer*



Pat and Colleen Mastel - February 17, 2016 at 03:00 PM

CL

“ *Wyn and Family: sending my condolences at this difficult time. You and Gerry were a big part of my childhood growing up, hanging out with the girls and listening to his stories. He will be missed by everyone he knew as he had a heart of gold.*



Crystal

Crystal LaPierre - February 17, 2016 at 02:33 PM

DM

“ *Dear Wyn and Family: we send heartfelt condolences & sympathies. Gerry was a generous neighbour & Father of a wonderful Family. Blessings to each of you at this time of profound loss.*
Don, Joanne, Brad & Dan McCuaig.

Don & Joanne McCuaig - February 17, 2016 at 11:39 AM

PE

“ You meet very few people in life who you count as a true friend and touch your very soul. Gerry was that very kind of person .God bless you Gerry..

You friendship and spirt will be with me forever. I am sure you will be golfing every day in heaven. Wyn and family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.

Peter and Florence



Peter - February 17, 2016 at 11:20 AM

LL

“ Lila Laprairie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer



Lila Laprairie - February 17, 2016 at 06:50 AM

DW

“ Debbie Walde lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer



Debbie Walde - February 16, 2016 at 10:17 PM

SW

“ Sharon And Bill Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer



Sharon and Bill Wegener - February 16, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Eugene Greer



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - February 16, 2016 at 06:06 PM

AH

“ So sorry that we have lost such a beautiful heart. Thank you for coming to High River so long ago and allowing me to share my life with Leslie, Kendra and your family. You will always be part of our happy childhood memories.

Ann "Wallflower" Holmes - February 16, 2016 at 12:27 PM