



Mr. Gerrit Jacobus Swanepoel

March 24, 1961 - January 10, 2024

Mr. Gerrit Swanepoel of High River, Alberta passed away on his farm at Ensign, Alberta on January 10, 2024 at the age of 62 years.

A Celebration of Gerrit's Life will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the High River United Church.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“Gerrit was a wonderful man and I am grateful for the few years I got to know him in High River. Helping him in his shop, gave us time to have many conversations about South Africa, Canada, family and everything else in between. I remember this time with him with great fondness. Gerrit was a special one of a kind man. Condolences to you and your children.. Your faith will surely give you strength during this difficult time. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Diana Jacobs - January 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

FC

“Gerrit was a man of many talents, which I learned last August when I led a church service on immigration. Anna had kindly provided photos, but was sick that Sunday, so, unexpectedly to him, I asked that he lead us through the photos. In his quiet way, he gave us a true picture of their life in South Africa and in Alberta. He was, and the family are a people of great integrity, great faith, and quiet strength. We did not know him well, but had and have the greatest respect for this wonderful man.

Fran Cowley - January 15, 2024 at 09:07 PM

SH

“ Oom Gerrit!

*Oom was n yster, n wyse man met baie lesse om een te leer.
n Man met trots en van eer. n Man wat Onse Hemelse Vader voluit
gedien het.*

*Dankie dat ons kom opkyk na Oom. Dat oom so mooi na Tannie
Ansie gekyk het en my awesome niggies en en n neefie gegee wie
ons kan lief hê*

Die Here kies werklik sy bestes eerste!

Hoekom moet Kanada so ver wees?!

*Oom sal altyd in ons harte bly en sal altyd my Peet Pa bly
Al my Liefde ❤️*

Sharon - January 15, 2024 at 02:23 PM

AN

Andre

*My Ouboet jy het ons vooruitgegaan, vir ons wat agterbly is dit te vroeg
en te skielik, maar jy het hierdie tydelike tentwoning hier op aarde
verlaat vir n permanente hemelse woning, aan die voete van Abba
Vader*

*Dit was n voorreg om jou broer te wees, van ons kinderdag op die plaas
tot nou toe, het ek opgekyk na jou. Jy was n voorbeeld en n rots vir
almal wat naby jou was, en jou geken het.*

*Ansie, Gerrit jnr, Rene en Anneke dankie vir julle wat hom ook n vol
lewe gegee het*

Rus sag Ouboet

Andre - January 15, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CJ

“ To Anna and all of Gerrit's family and friends. Not knowing you well, but so happy to have welcomed you into the "family" at High River United Church, my heart is very saddened on the news of Gerrit's death. Please know Anna that we are there for you whenever you need us. Blessings to you all.

Connie Lorraine Jewell - January 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CL

“ I was quite young but i remember visiting you all in jefferys, we went on a puting to this aquariem and you explained almost everything to me you where even one of the people who convinced me to touch the stingray by touching it first. You have always been a pillar of support and a bundle of fun in our younger years of life ill always remember the moment i got to spend with you

Claudia - January 15, 2024 at 02:26 AM

BM

I remember the times when we visited Gerrit in vryhied day I said to my self this man knows his farming always got a plan b he know exactly how and good at it just very sad and so young will always be in my mind and hart

Billy morton - January 15, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ I was still at uni when I went to visit you guys in Jeffreys. I had one long conversation with Oom Gerrit that always stuck with me. He asked me questions about my studies and listened so intently. For a you girl who is still unsure about herself, it means a lot when a man listens to you like you matter. And at the end of that conversation he said “I’m proud of you”. I’ll never forget that. He was a true example to all of us of a high value dad, husband and human being.



Anél Marais - January 14, 2024 at 11:11 PM

DM

“ Gerrit, 'n lieflike, vriedellike skoonseun, sal jou met liefde en respek onthou.

Drienie marais - January 14, 2024 at 10:59 PM

KT

“ Our deepest condolences to the Swanepoel family. Gerrit senior had a significant impact in Cody's life over the last 7 years. He took Cody in and treated him like one of the family during a really challenging time in his life. He taught Cody so many life skills and lessons. I am grateful to Gerrit senior and the Swanepoel family for all of the mentorship and support they provided Cody over the years. He will be deeply missed but always fondly remembered.

Raegan and Kathy Tyshkewich



Kathy Tyshkewich - January 14, 2024 at 07:29 PM

HG

“ Family Swanepoel, my sincerest condolences, may Mr Gerrit rest in peace 🙏, it was a pleasure working together, you were a respectable colleague



Haydee Garcia-Ley - January 14, 2024 at 06:52 PM

AA

“ Thank you Gerrit for everything you did for my sister , your kids and our family over the years. You were always a rock and ready to support or give advise when needed. You and Ansie And Lanie and Gerhard stepped in when Pa Jan passed away and helped raise me like one of your own. My best memories are growing up on the farm in SA at Bloedrivier. You taught me to drive a bakkie, dose a sheep and fishing at the farm dam. Braaing mielies next to the silage pit were the best. The family gatherings over a whole weekend when it was time to work the meat. Netting the barbel in the Blood river. Teaching me to shoot. Fireside kuiers with oupa se wyn and biltong in the Winter. Sneaking some pienk sweets into church on Sundays. You always had a sweet tooth and we always knew we could find some sweets in your bakkies cubby hole. I remember your comics of Kaspas the baboon you were so talented at drawing, and you were always ready with a joke. Your work ethic and dedication was a wonderful example and you taught me that a person is never to good to do any job, no matter the task wether you were knitting a baby jacket or building a cattle dip you did it with dedication. All the wonderful music times we spent together as a family playing instrumentms and singing. Your place on this earth will be empty and you will be greatly missed. Till we meet again Kokkewiet.



Adri Atkinson - January 14, 2024 at 02:19 AM

JD

“ My deepest condolences to all of the Swanepoel family. You are all in my prayers.



Janice Danyluk - January 13, 2024 at 11:37 PM

LI

“ My condolences to the Swanepoel family, Gerrit senior was one of the best guys to work with he always made it fun and easy going with his tricks. He always had something funny to say even doing some of the worst jobs, he always had a smile on his face and when you were around him you did too.

liam - January 13, 2024 at 11:14 PM

GM

I met Gerrit in the late eighties when we were both in our twenties. The farmers in his district in SA always respected him as a farmer and a person. He gave me guidance when I made a career change from agricultural financing to seed marketing for which I will always be grateful for. His family lost a man who always had their best interests at heart, a disciplined hard worker and a man who was respected by all. I feel your pain. Let us honour his example with the rest of our days. Gerhard Marais (Pioneer Seed RSA).

Gerhard Marais - January 14, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JJ

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Swanopoels in your loss. May God's peace and comfort be with you and family in your journey of healing.

Blessings in Christ, our hope in our grief.
Jason&Jana Johnson.

Jason Johnson - January 13, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Swanepoel family and anyone else affected by this loss I worked with Gerrit for a short time my favourite guy to work with he was always smiling and in a good mood. Love the stories he told me while we would work*

Zach Bevans - January 13, 2024 at 10:27 PM

SS

“ *We send our sincerest condolences to Gerrit, Cody and family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Hugs to you all*

Sandy and Randy Smoke - January 13, 2024 at 09:30 PM

KP

“ *We met Gerrit and Anna shortly after they moved here and were impressed by how warm and genuine they were. Over time, we saw their love for family and community. Gerrit loved to engage in conversation, and he never failed to amaze me with his interest and knowledge of just about any topic. He had experienced an incredibly colorful life before moving his family to High River, and I enjoyed every chance we had to trade jokes or stories. Gerrit was just so comfortable to be around. We will have no trouble remembering him the rest of our days. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Anna and their family. Their anguish must be devastating. Gerrit was loved, as he loved, and will be greatly missed. God called him home much too soon.*

*with much sorrow,
Ken & Kathy Pelland*

Ken and Kathy Pelland - January 13, 2024 at 07:25 PM

BK

“Gerrit was truly a gem, taken from us far too soon. He was an enthusiastic entrepreneur & welcomed challenges with a happy heart. We were truly blessed for the opportunity to have met & visited with Gerrit & Anna. Our heartfelt condolences to Anna & Family. We're only a phone call away if we can assist you. May God's love, light, comfort & support sustain you. Sincere Sympathy,
Beverley & Everett Kennedy



Beverley & Everett Kennedy - January 13, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“We are absolutely crushed and heartbroken to hear of Gerrit's sudden passing. Anyone who knew Gerrit, knew what a truly wonderful human he was. He was always there to help anyone in anyway. Gerrit was an exemplary father, husband and friend. He loved his wife Anna and 3 children so much and was always so proud of his South African heritage. Bob and I will miss you beyond words. See you on the other side
Gerrit ❤️💔
Jess and Bob Izyk

Jessie Izyk - January 12, 2024 at 08:44 PM