



Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton

September 6, 1937 - December 10, 2024

She was born into the farming family of EJ and Alma Berg as the youngest of five children. Gladys married AJ Cameron in 1956 and had three children with him. Clayton (Edna) Cameron, Colleen (Michael) McLaren and Sheila (Warren) Clendining. She was divorced in 1980 and remarried to Les Kirton in 1984. Gladys and Les were happily married until his passing in 2001.

After many years living alone, Gladys met John Farber in 2011 and they shared a wonderful friendship, travelling to the Dominican Republic, Alaska and the East coast with him and other family members. She was very sad to lose him in 2017.

Gladys is predeceased by her brothers Eilef and George, and her sister Marie. Mourned by her oldest sister Mabel.

Gladys lived and worked in High River from 1968 to the present. She worked at the High River Meat Market for many years, and then went on to get her Registered Nursing Assistant and worked at the High River Hospital until she retired. Gladys lived in her own home until the end. She was never alone during her last years. Her granddaughter Rachael Gomez lived with her or came in to look after her along with her son Clayton and his wife Edna -who took turns to stay with her. Her granddaughter Addi McLaren took a few weeks every summer to stay with GG, as did her daughter Colleen.

Granddaughter Kyle McLaren came once a week to do GG's hair and visit or would stay if anyone had other places they had to be. These people made it possible for Gladys to live in her own home until the very end, which was her most fervent wish.

She will be missed terribly by her three children, 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

A Funeral Service will be held at the High River United Church on Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. with interment to follow at the Highwood Cemetery.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 14, 2024 at 04:27 AM

JU

I will always cherish the memories I had with Great-Grandma. As a child, I remember sitting on her front yard swing and seeing Wheel of Fortune always on her TV, her hair always perfectly done. As I got older, we grew so close, and I'm so grateful for the time we spent together. I'll never forget our drives through Turner Valley, Okotoks, and High River in my old Honda Fit, laughing as she tried to hold down the AC button before handing it back to me. She had such a kind and loving heart, especially when it came to her dogs and her cows—she cared for them so deeply. Her strength, humor, and love were unmatched, and her couch was always the perfect place to rest after a long day. I only wish I had more time with her. She was such a special woman, and she will always hold a place in my heart.

Julia - December 17, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JU

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Julia - December 18, 2024 at 11:14 PM

BM

“ Clayton, Edna and family,

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom, grandma and great-grandma. Graham has lots of fun memories from when he lived with Gladys, Les and Clayton. His favorites are the big breakfasts on Sunday mornings and your mom wanting his dirty laundry before he barely had his jeans off. We're thinking of all of you at this sad time.

Brenda and Graham McCredie

Brenda McCredie - December 17, 2024 at 12:13 AM

LE

“ Gladys was a long time neighbor of our family. I grew up playing in her beautiful row of spruce trees and riding my bike around her "cool" circle driveway!! When visiting my parents I would always see her tending to something outside or hear her call over the fence to catch up. Deepest condolences to her family. Rest well Mrs. K
Sincerely, Leah Langenhoff (Collins)

Leah - December 15, 2024 at 01:12 PM

NM

I'm so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. I worked with your mom for five years on 2nd floor at hospital. She was a lovely lady. Ran into her at grocery store and chatted. She will be missed.

Nicole Mclean - December 18, 2024 at 06:25 AM

LE

“ Gladys was my neighbor for many years and she will be sadly missed. Her and her family will be in my prayers. Mary Langenhoff and family

Leah - December 15, 2024 at 12:42 PM

ES

“ Ellen Stinn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



ellen stinn - December 15, 2024 at 10:56 AM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Eunice Schmuland - December 14, 2024 at 10:38 AM

KP

“ *Our Deepest Condolences. Gladys was a good friend and a special lady. Always easy to talk and understanding. She always said wat was on her mind and did what she wanted...we loved her and will miss her. Rest in Peace.*



Ken and Holly Poley - December 13, 2024 at 06:22 PM

MW

“ *Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Murray and Kendra Wegener - December 13, 2024 at 12:04 PM

RZ

“ *Ziggy and I moved in across the street from Gladys in 2003. Whenever I couldn't find Ziggy I would just have to check across the street as he would visit with Gladys for many hours.*



Rhonda & Ziggy - December 13, 2024 at 11:57 AM

CM

“ Carolyn McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Carolyn McLean - December 12, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MK

“ Mike & Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Mike & Cathy Kendal - December 12, 2024 at 05:21 PM

KF

“ Gladys was a joy to have as a neighbor. Going past her house, she was often found sitting in the sun on the front porch. She always beckoned us in (my dog Spring) and while she investigated every inch in the trees, we would have a great chats.

Being so loved and cherished by her family and friends will keep her memory in their hearts.

Sincere condolences for your loss.

Karen Fraser

Karen Fraser - December 12, 2024 at 02:53 PM

TW

“ Tracey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Tracey Wilson - December 12, 2024 at 02:40 PM

BP

“ Barb Pickering And Les Pickering lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Barb Pickering and Les Pickering - December 12, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JP

“ Our condolences to Gladys family. my husband and i moved here in 2002 just after Gladys lost Les. It took a few months to know who actually lived across the road from us as it was a steady stream of people coming and going all day. it didn't take long to become a part to become a part of Gladys life she loved to talk and the coffee pot was always ready. Diane and i enjoyed Gladys company many times on our shopping trips, and of course we had to do lunch. try keeping Gladys out of a thrift store! Gladys had a big heart to go with her personality and will be greatly missed by us. May you rest in peace. Jean and Norman



jean peters - December 12, 2024 at 12:28 PM

KS

I will miss Gladys very much, she became a very dear friend to me, I have been cleaning for Gladys since 2016, she would always tell me to sit and visit, just do a quick vacuum in the living room, no big deal nobody will even notice if the rest isn't done, we would have long visits about our family's, things that happened in the past, and what we hoped for the future.

I would go help her in the spring and plant flowers as well.

Or I would go pick her up and go get a Berger at Wendy's, the to the thrift store, she loved the second hand stores. Gladys did have a very big heart, and always ready to visit.

Rest in peace my friend, I will miss you dearly.

Kathy Stanley

Kathy Stanley - December 12, 2024 at 07:37 PM

GC

*“ Cameron, Edna and family,
Gladys was a favourite customer of mine at Hi-Alta/Western Financial Group. The more I got to know Gladys, the more respect I had for her. She was a strong woman and very much a businesswoman. I appreciated and admired her willingness to help others. She had a great sense of humour and wonderful smile that I am sure will be missed by many who knew her. RIP Gladys.*



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - December 12, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LH

“ LaVerne Hankins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



LaVerne Hankins - December 12, 2024 at 10:28 AM

LH

“ I became friends with Gladys when my daughter was just an infant back in the 70s. We would drive down from Calgary for a Sunday visit. Clayton, Sheila, & Colleen were young teenagers then. The girls would give my daughter, Kathy, a shampoo, and play with her. Gladys gave Kathy beautiful outfits to wear. Over the years we remained friends. When I returned from living in Nova Scotia, I always enjoyed visiting Gladys. Condolences to the family. Gladys was a true friend.



LaVerne Hankins - December 12, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RB

“ Clayton, Edna and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Gladys's passing. Whenever I would see her she always wanted to know what was going on in our neighborhood (6 Corners area) and how the crops were doing. Hope all your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.

Rhonda & Jack Bews and Family



Rhonda Bews - December 12, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SS

“ Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton



Sheila Storoschuk - December 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM

RD

“ *Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Rosemary Derbecker - December 12, 2024 at 08:50 AM

LG

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to your families on the loss of your beloved matriarch. So many beautiful memories to treasure. Rest in peace Gladys.*

Laura Gardener - December 12, 2024 at 06:54 AM

DO

“ First of all, thank you to the High River Hospital - Emergency staff and Dr Powell. Pam the social worker and Darrin the Chaplin. Also to Unit 300 staff for all the amazing care you provided in her last couple of days with us. You are all special people for the work you do is thankless and so meaningful.

*Well whoop Dee doo! Nobody can be perfect except you and me!
And calling us Big Shots.*

Grandma had a number of sayings, never asked where they came from. I think they were more silly than serious. She had a good sense of humour and loved to tease us.

Grandma was generous. Always giving to anyone in need. She was always bringing us groceries, clothes, toys, furniture. Her first thoughts were for others.

Or maybe her cows came first! She named every one of them. They were all so special. She spent a lot of her time sitting in her truck watching them or out and about in the pasture/coral with grandpa Les caring for them.

Family was so important to her. We always had family dinners with her. Her kids with their kids and we would eat altogether. We spent so much time at her house that it felt like our home. The door was always open.

She made the most amazing chocolate chip cookies. And her suppers in the electric frying pan were so delicious. I will forever remember her scalloped potatoes and mushroom gravy meatballs with cream corn.

Easter was fun at her house. She would hide baskets filled with goodies in her trees. We had so much fun searching for them then eating the treats!

Grandma was a social butterfly! Always on the go, visiting either family or friends.

She taught me how to iron clothes. How to shave grandpa Les's

face and help care for him when he got sick. She taught me how to work hard. She was a care taker in her work and home life, it was just who she was.

Grandma was a strong woman. She had been through a lot and I wish I had asked her more about herself.

Donita - December 12, 2024 at 03:22 AM

GA

Mom Cameron was always so kind, generous and welcoming to be around. She was an amazing lady. Gladys will be greatly missed! Sending our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Gina Anderson - December 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM

LW

“*Leslie Wegener- Wendt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Leslie Wegener- Wendt - December 12, 2024 at 12:20 AM

“ Gladys was my great grandmother. I grew up on her farm with my family, Grandma’s cows, farm dogs, and the barn cats. I can’t count the times I rode in Grandma’s little blue truck out into the field to feed the cows or to even just spend time with them and her. Grandma loved her cows to no end, and in turn she gave me a love of the cows. I would go out to stare at them or stand still until I lost feeling in my feet just hoping a cow would lick me with its hay coated tongue. Grandma was a lover of most animals. She always had food for the barn cats, treats for the dogs, and her home in town was a great attraction to the deer.

As a kid I loved playing in Grandma’s yard. I even remember learning how to ride a bike on her driveway. My second cousins (her grandchildren) and I would play in her basement and yard. Grandma’s home was a gathering space of sorts for us. She always welcomed us in, at least as long as we were not covered in mud. I stayed with Grandma for about a month or so when I was in first grade. My parents had to work out of town, so Grandma welcomed me with open arms. I remember her being firm with me, I didn’t get away with anything, but I appreciate her for trying to keep me in a routine and on track. During the time I was there Grandma had a woman living with her, this woman needed care and that was what Grandma did. I remember Grandma including the woman in everything and always being very kind to her. We would watch Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and Fantasia together frequently. I didn’t know it then, but later I learned that Grandma often took people in and helped them in times of need.

One of my favourite memories with Grandma was when she created an Easter Egg hunt for me at her house. It was during the time I stayed with her and I remember missing my parents quite a bit. Grandma loved Easter, and whether this was because she was trying to cheer me up or for her love of Easter (perhaps both) she went all out. She hid chocolates and my favourite toys throughout the house for me to find. It felt like hours until she let me know I found everything, and honestly I loved every moment searching her house and yard. As a kid it was magical, and it is a memory that will stay with me forever.

Grandma was one of the strongest women I've known. She was someone who was straightforward with people, she didn't sugar coat things and made her opinion known. She was firm, but she had a softer side that always left you feeling warm. Grandma was playful and liked to play jokes on her grandkids, and great grandkids. Overall Grandma was a very interesting person and I wish I had more time to have gotten to know her better.

Maeve - December 12, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Debbie Schmuland - December 11, 2024 at 11:47 PM

JT

“ *Condolences from the Tally family, your mom was a very good friend to our mom over many years, we all have fond memories of her, and all of you, from years ago when we lived so close, just down the alley from each other, warmest regards from all of us.*



James Tally - December 11, 2024 at 11:33 PM

SW

“ *Clayton and Family. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Steve and Jana Wager*

Steve Wager - December 11, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ *Karen Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Karen Hunter - December 11, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KB

“ *I remember how happy she was when she won the car, way back when. My heart breaks for your loss. Deepest sympathies to all of her children and their families. Kelly*

Kelly Bakken - December 11, 2024 at 09:26 PM

LH

“ *Gladys was always one of my favourite adults while I was growing up in High River. For a short time I worked with her at Quons Grocery and it was lovely to watch her and Les as they became a couple. I always enjoyed visiting and talking to her. Condolences and much love to Clayton, Colleen and Shelia. Losing our moms is so hard. Lorraine (Cowling) Hjalte.*

Lorraine Hjalte - December 11, 2024 at 08:20 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Esther Kirton*



Sheila Storoschuk - December 11, 2024 at 08:00 PM

SS

Clay and Edna So sorry to hear of your moms passing

Sheila Storoschuk - December 11, 2024 at 08:03 PM

DJ

“ I FIRST MET GLADYS WHEN I MOVED TO HIGH RIVER SHE WAS A NEIGHBOUR OF JEAN AND NORM PETERS, THEY ARE STILL OUR GOOD FRIENDS. I HAVE HAD A GOOD MANY CUPS OF TEA TOGETHER, WE ALSO CELEBRATED BIRTHDAYS AND GLADYS CAME TO OUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.SHE WAS A LOVELY LADY AND I AM PRIVILEGED TO CALL HER MY FRIEND. REST IN PEACE GLADYS AND OUR CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY.DIANE AND ALEC JOSLIN

DIANE JOSLIN - December 11, 2024 at 06:13 PM

RK

“ I have known Gladys for over 60 years when she and her family lived in Bethune. My name is Richard the son of Joe and Edna.. My Mom and Dad , and Elmer and Faye were great friends. Joe and Edna went to see Gladys in High river. Gladys would come back to Bethune occasionally to see my folks and Elmer and Faye. She will be missed.

Richard Koch - December 11, 2024 at 06:03 PM