Mr. Gordon "Demps" Gregory

February 11, 1932 - June 12, 2014

Mr. Gordon “Demps” Gregory of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the High River Hospital on June 12, 2014 at the age of 82 years. Demps is survived by his loving wife Betty; children; Don, Lonnie (Ron Harty), Karen, David (Julie Allan), Gary (Lisa). Grandchildren; Kelsey, Shea (Jessica), Carlee (Craig), Gordie (Jodi), Jessica, Tanis, Baylee and Cleo. Great grandchildren; Arianna, Zachary, Paige and Donovan, as well as siblings and their families. He was predeceased by his parents Fred & Carrie-Ellen and siblings.

Gordon “Demps” Gregory was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I. in 1932 and moved to Alberta in 1952 where he joined the Air Force in Claresholm, AB and met his beloved and devoted wife; Betty of 61 years. Gordon’s pride and joy was his family & his passions were breeding and raising standard bred horses, boxing and hockey. He retired as Vice President and General Manager of Yellow Cabs and started Red Top Cabs in Calgary, AB. Two years after Gordon retired in 1990 they moved to Meridian Farms near High River, AB where he enjoyed time with his family and continued breeding & raising some of the top winning horses in the harness racing industry.
A special thank you to Foothills Home Services as well as the wonderful staff at High River Hospital for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the High River District

Health Care Foundation, 560 – 9th Avenue SW, High River, AB T1V 1B3. A Celebration of Demp's Life was held on Thursday, June 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the High River Alliance Church (1318 – 9th Ave SE). To send condolences and view Demp's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242. A tribute is also posted on the Standard Bred Canada website, to view please click on the following link: http://standardbredcanada.ca/notices/6-13-14/gordon-gregory-passes.html

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River Alliance Church
1318 - 9th Ave. SE
High River, AB T1V 1L2 (CA)
(403) 652-4170
info@highriverchurch.com
http://www.highriverchurch.com

Tribute Wall

Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Gordon "Demps" Gregory

Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 19, 2014 at 04:46 PM

DG

"Prince Edward Island is Heaven to Me"

http://youtu.be/st8NN_e0yM4

David Gregory - June 21, 2014 at 12:49 PM

BC

Dear Betty and family ....going through life there are certain people who leave that imprint on you . Your Demps was one of those . He was a person who came across with a gruff exterior but I could see inside he had a huge heart . He managed to scare our kids a few times over the years . Thinking of you all during this difficult time . Love Elmer,Bev,Eric,Donald and Darcy

bev campbell - June 19, 2014 at 08:58 AM

MS

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sending you much love.

Deepest condolences,

Mimi & Steve

Mimi & Steven - June 18, 2014 at 11:05 PM

JC

Dave and Julie

Sorry for your loss. Thoughts are with you.

Jeff Callahan

Jeff Callahan - June 18, 2014 at 05:57 PM

CB

Dear Aunt Betty and Family
I will remember Uncle Demps exactly as the picture posted on this tribute page. I smile remembering our family get togethers(years ago when we were all younger) and recent ones. Uncle Demps always called me Chrissy and to me he never changed a bit. He was an honest, sincere, unforgettable man who will be truly missed.
My sincere sympathy for you're loss and love to you all. Chriss ??

Chriss Barr - June 18, 2014 at 03:24 PM

The service for Mr. Gregory will be webcast live at 12:45 p.m. MST. Please click on the link below to view the service

http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/501077

Thank You,
Lyle Reeves Funerals

Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 18, 2014 at 12:45 PM

Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon "Demps" Gregory.

June 17, 2014 at 08:01 PM

SP

Betty and family, our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family, you and Dempsey will always have a special place in our hearts. He will be greatly missed.
Your friends,
Art and Sheila Porter

Sheila Porter - June 17, 2014 at 01:32 PM

GV

Dear Betty, Donnie, Lonnie, David and Karen;

So sorry to hear about Demps's passing. I will always remember the tough gruff exterior but knew that he had great heart and loved his family very much.

Our thoughts are with you and your families as you navigate these trying times.

Grant, Lynn, Richard and Phillip Vernon

Grant Vernon - June 17, 2014 at 01:25 PM

GV

Sorry Gary, didn't mean to forget you. You are in our thoughts as well!

Grant Vernon - June 17, 2014 at 01:28 PM

BM

Dear Dave and Julie and all of the Gregory Family,

So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad, husband and grandpa. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Brenda, Graham, Mallory, Leah and Paige

Brenda and Graham McCredie - June 17, 2014 at 08:19 AM

MS

Dear Betty & Family:
Doug & I have many happy memories of our nights at the races in Calgary with you and Demps and the PEI crew.
Although we moved back to Halifax in 1983 we have spoken of you and Demps many times and fondly remember our times together in Calgary.
God Bless and may Demps Rest In Peace!!

Marg & Doug Stevenson

Marg Stevenson - June 16, 2014 at 06:14 PM

LT

Auntie Betty and Gregory Family,
I will miss Uncle Demps A LOT, as will anyone who had the privilege of knowing him.
His quick wit and playful banter kept everyone on their toes.
My thoughts are with you all, and my love.
Linda Thomsen

Linda Thomsen - June 16, 2014 at 03:02 PM

AR

Betty and family,
Please accept our condolences on Dempsey's passing.
Alan & Brenda Rogers

Alan Rogers - June 16, 2014 at 02:40 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon "Demps" Gregory.

June 16, 2014 at 11:36 AM

BC

To Betty and Family,
It's so sad to lose Demps from my list of favourite brother-in-laws. We always had so much fun teasing back and forth and I always knew his gruffness hid a kind heart and a strong character. He was always so very good to me and I spent many happy times at your house and the farm. I'll miss hearing him say, "Is that you again?" He'll be missed by all who knew him.
Love,Bonnie

Bonnie Curran - June 16, 2014 at 11:27 AM

WC

Betty, so sorry to hear about the passing of Demps. Our deepest condolences to you and family during this difficult time. You are in our hearts and prayers. God Bless . Wayne and Gerry Coyle

wayne and gerry coyle - June 16, 2014 at 09:45 AM

CB

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you as your mourn the loss of this beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbor and friend. May you know the comfort and consolation of the Lord and be comforted by the wonderful memories of a life well lived. Blessings. ~ Chaplain Virginia

Chaplain Virginia Battiste - June 15, 2014 at 11:28 PM

LC

Betty and Family: So sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy at this time. Sincerely, Leah (Langenhoff) Collins and Family

Leah Collins - June 15, 2014 at 06:22 PM

RM

You will be missed - So glad for the 25 years we spent in Calgary and got to know you - You will always be my "Cranky Uncle" - have lots of memories and will cherish them forever. Love and Miss you. Rhonda, Jackie and Trevor Murl <3

rhonda murl - June 15, 2014 at 06:00 PM

GG

Betty and family
Sending you all our deepest sympathy and love on the loss of Demps.He will be truly missed by all that loved him.Thinking of you always Teet and Mary
Glenda Wayne and Kory.

Glenda Gregory - June 15, 2014 at 05:40 PM

LG

Betty and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With sincere sympathy.

Alan and Jean Gregory and family.

Lori Gregory - June 15, 2014 at 05:33 PM

Lorelei Gregory

Betty and Family, We are deeply saddened hearing of Demps' passing. He was a wonderful man who you could always count on putting a smile on your face. He will be missed!
Sending our deepest sympathy and thinking of you

Ken and Lorelei Gregory and family

Lorelei Gregory - June 15, 2014 at 06:51 AM

CD

Dear Betty, and all of the Gregory family,
It's always sad when a loved one goes before us....Demps lived a good long life and he will be dearly missed. Anytime I visited with him he always had a grin when he thought of a story he was about to share and he had many comical stories to tell!
Demps your gruff exterior never fooled anyone!
Rest peacefully now.

Debbie, Craig & family

Craig & Debbie - June 14, 2014 at 09:07 PM

DH

Auntie Betty and family,
So sorry to hear of Uncle Demps' passing. My siblings and I had the good fortune to grow up with the best group of crazy uncles...Uncle Dempsey being the gruff and loveable one! What a good time the brother-in-laws had when they all got together. Uncle Dempsey always wanted to know how you were doing, catch up on the latest news in your family and then go home early! I remember when our now 41 year old son was still in diapers Uncle Demps putting boxing gloves on him and showing him how to throw a punch.
Your gruffness never fooled us Uncle Demps...we always knew you to be a kind, funny, generous and loving man. So lucky to have known you.
Dianna Harrison

Dianna Harrison - June 14, 2014 at 05:09 PM

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Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 14, 2014 at 01:59 PM

DC

Sympathy to 'Demps Gregory's wife Betty and family'.
I have been fortunate to have known 'Demps' and in all my travels have never met an exIslander who treated fellow Islanders with such hospitality as did 'Demps'. I recall one time curling in Edmonton ...he motored up he took my team out for dinner and spent the night talking about 'old buddies and old times'. He was a great guy and a very special person. Betty and family may you be comforted knowing Island sport players and fans will miss him
Doug Cameron

Doug Cameron - June 14, 2014 at 01:25 PM

MO

To Betty and Family. I was saddened to learn of Demps passing. He was a very gracious and personable individual who could figuratively light up a room with his presence. Everyone will remember his positive and productive approach to his every day activities in life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Mike and Tissie O'Brien

Mike O'Brien - June 14, 2014 at 06:29 AM

CL

On March 1st, many years ago, Demps phoned me and in his usual gruff manner told me to hurry up and get to his barn if I wanted to see a foal being born. I got there in time to see the birth of a beautiful filly. Since it was my birthday I suggested he name her after me. I was told that was bad luck. They named her Down Home Playgirl. I laughed and said close enough. Great memory of my friend Demps. He will be missed!

Carol Lewis - June 14, 2014 at 12:35 AM