



Mr. Grant L. "Zac" Germaniuk

April 8, 1956 - May 10, 2013

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Zac Germaniuk, on May 10, 2013 at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary at the age of 57 years. Zac is survived by his wife Shirley; daughter Kayla; brother Jeff (Shelley); brother-in-law Norm (Lina) Johnston; nieces Narda Germaniuk, Alexis (Darren) Germaniuk-Malin, Lana (Kyle) Germaniuk-Ryks, Krista Johnston (Chris). Zac was predeceased by his parents Barney and Charlotte; daughter Jessica and Shirley's parents Clint and Nettie Johnston.

Zac was born in Edmonton and later moved to Calgary. He graduated from Henry Wise Wood, where he made lifelong friends. During his high school years he enjoyed competitive swimming where the nickname "Zac" was given to him. It was in the Trade Winds Bar that Zac and Shirley met in 1977. The romance blossomed and they were married in 1981. It was in 1994 that joy came into their lives when their daughter Kayla was born. Zac was a business entrepreneur that allowed him and his family to enjoy travelling to many parts of the world. He was very passionate in all aspects of life; whether it was his cars, wine, golfing, fishing, skiing, playing his sax, cooking, friends or his family, he loved them all. He was filled with endless stories that could liven up any crowd. Zac was a generous, funny, caring, honest and reliable friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing"

Helen Keller

The family would like to thank Dr. Brad Davies, Dr. Daniel Heng, Dr. L. Girard, Dr. E. Dixon, and Dr. Juan Sabogal Olarte and the nursing staff of Unit #102 (Foothills Hosp.) for their support and compassion during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alberta Cancer Foundation (Bladder Cancer) www.albertacancer.ca . A Private Family service will be held with a public Celebration of Life at a later date. To send condolences and view Zac's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall

NS

“ Dear Shirley, Kayla and family, just wanted to send my condolences with so many others here on the passing of Zac. I had lost track of him over the 35 years or so since I last saw him. I have fond memories of him and his mustang and hanging out in high school. It was nice to run into you both at the yoga studio last year. Take care,
Nancy Smith (Bishop)

Nancy Smith - June 02, 2013 at 05:21 PM

SM

“ Dear Shirley and family,

I offer you my condolences at Zac's passing. Zac was such an amazing man and it was such a pleasure to look after him. He definitely fought very hard though a really tough roller coaster ride since I first started looking after him. Before I went away on vacation he seemed to be doing so much better and in such good spirits and on my first day back to work I was shocked and heart broken that he passed that same day. I shared Zac's passion for music and I'm sure none of us will forget the day his friends brought him music onto our unit to cheer him up. Definitely one of the best shifts I've ever worked. I am so very sorry for your loss, he was a standup guy taken too soon and the world is a lesser place without him.

Sarah

Sarah McFarland - June 02, 2013 at 03:32 AM

KR

“ I have many memories of Uncle Zac, and growing up with an uncle as cool as him was amazing. Sleepovers with Kayla, and waking up early to uncle Zac reading the paper and then making us the most delicious pancakes anyone could make. Chilling out at the farm with him and Kayla while he putzed around with Barney, and taking that rip in his Lambo he knew I had been waiting so long for. He did everything. He always had the latest and coolest news to tell us at family dinners about a new adventure he was going on or his new car he wanted to buy and how he was getting it home. When I started bringing my boyfriend Chris to our family dinners, Uncle Zac took him in like family and always made sure to include him in his "car talk" or any talk. Thats just how uncle Zac was. Kind and generous and always making new friends. I will forever miss his joyous laughter, his cool stories of his rambunctious childhood and his adventures. I will also miss our Christmas dinners at the house. Amazing roasts or huge turkeys, it was never a small dinner. You could always find him in the kitchen, and I often still hear the sound of his voice as I walked down the hall towards the kitchen of him saying "Come on in girl! You want a beer!?". I am so blessed to have had such an amazing man in my life and to have learned so many great lessons from him. It's still hard to realize he's gone and that he's not just off somewhere on his boat or down in palm springs chillin. May you forever live on in all of us Uncle Zac!

Your niece Krista.

Krista - May 22, 2013 at 11:13 PM

VS

“ Dear Shirley and Family,

I was so sad to hear of Zac's passing.

I remember when we first found out that we were related by marriage while working together at Vipco. We were both so surprised and happy at the same time.

He was such a friendly and happy person and I really enjoyed working with him.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time and your memories will live on forever.

Your cousin,

Valorie

Valorie Smith - May 21, 2013 at 11:22 PM

LW

“ Shirley and Family,

I am so saddened to hear of Zac's passing. I hope you will find comfort in your beautiful memories.

Love,

Linda Weiss & Family (an old Millbank Close neighbour)

Linda Weiss - May 21, 2013 at 10:40 PM

PW

“ Dear Shirley, Kayla & Jeff.....I am so saddened to hear of Grant's passing. I will always remember the Ukranian Christmas suppers in Baba & Gido Germaniuk's basement in Edmonton. Although Grant didn't always know the words to the Ukr. carols, he, Jeff & Uncle Barney's voices carried loudly through the house :) Happy times !! My love to you. I will pass this onto my Mom, Auntie Nellie Dennis of Canora. I know she would send her love too.

*Phyl (Dennis) Wilson &
Auntie Nellie Dennis*

Phyl Wilson - May 21, 2013 at 03:16 PM

PG

“ Dear Shirley,
We were so shocked to hear of Zac's recent passing. We still can't believe it. While it's been a quite a while since we last saw each other, we were always on the lookout for Zac in his latest exotic sports car. Was it Zac or wasn't it him? The windows were always tinted so we couldn't tell most of the time. But it was fun to guess. Our thoughts and blessings are with you and Kayla at this sad and difficult time and we wish you only the best as you move forward without Zac there by your side. May the wonderful memories of your life with Zac never fade.

*Take care,
Barb and Paul Glatthor*

Paul Glatthor - May 20, 2013 at 08:06 PM

JT

“ Dear Shirley, Kayla and Jeff..

We join with so many others who knew Zac in offering our deepest sympathy on his passing....the measure of life is through the lives he had touched and the sorrow he leaves behind.

If the outpouring of sympathy on Zac's loss is any indication (and it most certainly is)

you can proudly and confidently say that his indeed was a life well lived...

May you find peace and comfort in knowing that this loss is felt by all who knew and loved him.... Love John and Hazel

john tulick - May 18, 2013 at 06:11 PM

MW

“ Dear Shirley... I was very saddened to hear via Ola of Zac's passing. My condolences to all of your family.

I have many fond memories of our times together over the years. What especially stands out were the times at Invermere and Panorama. We all worked hard on building our cabins but what made it worthwhile was the friendships that developed and not to forget the many " after work cabin inspection parties " that happened. Barney and Lottie were there many time as well.

Zac was a big help to me as were many other friends at Panorama, as I was building! It's hard to believe that was more than 25 years ago!

He was a person that embraced life to the fullest. He will be missed by many.

Hugs

*Marlene Wallace,
White Rock, BC*

604-542-1854

Marlene Wallace - May 18, 2013 at 02:00 PM

LG

“ Dear Shirley & family...we are so sorry to hear of Zac's passing...it has been some time that we have seen you though you are so part of our memories of Invermere and Panorama...the last time we saw you both you were looking forward to the adventures ahead of you, and we trust that you were able to fulfill some of those and to be part of your own wonderful memories...thinking of you fondly, Louise and Jack Garrett.

Louise Garrett - May 18, 2013 at 10:53 AM

NC

“ Shirley...It has been many years since you and I worked together at the RBC...It was there back in the 80's that I was first introduced to Zac. Knowing your personality and then meeting Zac I recall thinking what a perfectly matched pair. Just the way both of you enjoyed life was clearly a special gift. Sadly we have lost touch over the many years and learning of Zacs passing at such a young age is tragic. It certainly seems however that the two of you (as expected) enjoyed many many years of happiness and developed memories that will live forever. Please accept my deepest condolences Shirley...All the very best to you and your family at this difficult time....Norm Christensen

Norm Christensen - May 17, 2013 at 09:47 AM

RM

“ Shirley,

Our deepest condolences. Take care.

Randall and Joice

Rio de Janeiro

Randall Mack - May 17, 2013 at 06:28 AM

BG

“ Shirley,

I will be thinking of you as Zac's legacy comes through more and more to you. My conversations with him always gave me a gift of hope as his spirit overcame suffering.

*With loving prayers,
Bob Glasgow*

Bob Glasgow - May 16, 2013 at 04:40 PM

TS

“ Shirley, Kayla and Jeff.

We were deeply saddened to hear of Zac's passing. We have many fond memories of the Germaniuk family. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to you.

Ted and Lynda Shacklady

Ted and Lynda Shacklady - May 16, 2013 at 02:59 PM

LM

“ Shirley and Kayla,
We have many happy memories when
the 3 of you drove down in you motorhome
to Nova Scotia to visit us.
Pete got a chance to get to know
Zac even better and we had such
a great time with you clam diggin,
eating lobster and time on the beach.
We have spent the last week looking at
photo's of your visit with the greatest of smiles.
We send lots of love and hugs to you
both and the fondest of memories of Zac.
Love
Laura and Peter(Mack) Ledaire
Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia

Laura Mack-Ledaire - May 16, 2013 at 02:51 PM

VB

“ Shirley & Kayla: Our condolences to both of you and may God give
you both the strenght to deal with your sorrow. There were many
pleasant memories especially at Charlotte"s and Barney's re: Rotary
salmon bakes, and the wine brewing that occurred at the farm. If
there is anything that we can do to help please do not hesitate to
call us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both. Vance & Pat
Billey, Okotoks

Vance Billey - May 16, 2013 at 12:02 PM

LC

“ Dear Shirley and Kayla,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss, please accept our sincere sympathy , our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Len first met Grant in Okotoks at "Our Lumber", they did a lot of business together, not all of it lumber business!! A lot of happy times and laughs were had over dinners and drinks!

I remember the time when Grant was working for Len and you flew down to L.A. and drove our car home, after 6 weeks of driving it was a real treat to not have to drive back to Calgary.

Grant was always a happy fun loving guy and will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to have known him.

*With love,
Len and MaryAnne Coerney*

Len and MaryAnne Coerney - May 16, 2013 at 11:48 AM

JF

“ Dear Shirley,

I am so very sorry to hear of Zac's passing. He was a joyful soul - and always had a smile and laugh. Please know that I am keeping you and your family close in my thoughts and prayers.

Joanne and Ross Fiest

Joanne Fiest - May 16, 2013 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ I was saddened to hear of Grant's passing. He was a classmate of mine and we grew up not far from one another in Chinook Park. I remember him fondly as a kind and fun-loving person. My deepest condolences to his family.

Jo-Ann Mason

Jo-Ann Mason - May 16, 2013 at 10:01 AM

PC

“ Shirley & family,
I am truly saddened to learn of your loss, please know you are in my thoughts. Zac was a true original, always with a smile and an entertaining story to share. He was also a man of many talents. He was the type of person that once you met him, you never forgot him and were always glad to run into him. I hope the many wonderful memories will help you through this most difficult time.

*Paula Chase (Money)
Ontario*

Paula Chase - May 16, 2013 at 10:00 AM

VN

“ Shirley & Kayla

We were very saddened to hear that Zac lost his hard fought battle. We have missed you guys at the Foothills wine meetings. The world is a little dimmer now that Zac is gone. Take care and know that you have many people thinking about you.

Val & Peter Nielsen

Valerie Nielsen - May 16, 2013 at 08:13 AM

PR

“ Dear Shirley and Kayla.....for over 25 yrs we have been neighbours and friends. The memories of Christmas light battles "until he got an additional box and generator to beat me" jams on the back porch as well as memories of all of us watching the kids grow up together will stay with us.

I think one of the fondest memories was drinking Crantini's one Halloween on the front lawn wondering why we hadn't gotten any more kids coming by for candies...when we noticed the dawn breaking in the east...so we had one more each and thought we needed to have this sort of adult Halloween each year!

To have lived for so long beside each other with never a cross word, while using the Germaniuk & Renault "Exchange" program of tossing required spices, vegetables and assorted other foods across the fence will forever stay in my mind, as well as remind me of the blessing received of his and your kindness.

Cheanuh.....now that is something that will never be forgotten, somehow the ocean will seem a smaller place without Zak and his laughter.....taking friends out on the "ProZac" to simply learn to enjoy what he did...the simple and God given gift of being at peace with nature.

We will all miss him, yet knowing that he is probably jamming in the "lightning lounge" as he called it certainly brings ease of the pain we all feel at his loss. I like to think he is jamming with all of the greatest musicians that have passed before him...hat, sunglasses and the best damned sax the good Lord had waiting for him.

Love

Pete, Diane, Nicky and Chris





Peter Renault - May 16, 2013 at 06:38 AM

DK

“ Shirley
Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of your loss. I can't imagine the sadness you must be feeling. Zac was so full of energy and always had a smile. We had some good times in Panorama at the cabin. When I first meet Zac and found out that he could cook...I thought Shirley hit the Jack Pot! And did she ever, what a team. Zac and Shirley soul mates forever. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Donna Van Damme-Koss & Family
Jasper, AB

Donna Van Damme Koss - May 15, 2013 at 04:44 PM

PS

“ Shirley
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May all your wonderful memories sustain you during this hard time.
Patti Shannon

Patti Shannon - May 15, 2013 at 03:03 PM

GC

“ Shirley
I'm sorry to hear about Zac, I can't imagine your grief at this time. Take comfort with your family and take care of yourself.
Guy Christie

Guy Christie - May 15, 2013 at 10:03 AM

JL

“ *Deepest condolences Shirley and Cayla. Zac's sax and presence will be missed at many a jam and fireside. Very thankful for the ones I've had pleasure to share.*

Jim Lewis - May 15, 2013 at 06:10 AM

“ Shirley, Cayla, Jeff and Shelley

Sincerest condolences to all.

Locating and posting some favourite pictures of mine was a very nice trip to take. Enjoy!

Where to start....I met Zac in 1972, I thought he was a cool dude.

Built like an oak tree, he was a competitive swimmer for the "Barracudas" and played football for the Henry Wisewood Warriors....a great athlete, strong in body and spirit.

Being a year older than me and a frat member had secured his spot in the social heights of the time. He took me under his wing and never hesitated to invite me and my friends to join him in the fun times he was experiencing....a life long trait he extended to everyone he ever knew.

I always admired Zac's skills as a carpenter, a cook, a mechanic and an astute business man.

I associate Zac with the smell of fresh cedar, first surrounded by it at his Okotoks company "Our Lumber" (my brother Mike worked for Zac) then using it extensively renovating Grandpa's house on the DeWinton homestead, then again at "Pano" and again at Cheanuh. It is no surprise that cedar is one of my favourite woods to this day.

Speaking of cedar, Zac used to cheat when we went camping...he would load up his vehicle with random cut ends, split it on site and come in first with the most intense campfires.

I associate Zac with great food. He was the galloping gourmet in the kitchen, his infectious enthusiasm and skill set greatly influenced me.

I associate Zac with the sounds, sights and smell of automobiles.

He was an amazing mechanic. I had the pleasure of riding in almost every vehicle he owned, the Old Yeller pickup, the Chrysler 3000, the Camaro SS (wicked speed), the Mustang, the Jeep, the Mercedes, the Ferrari and the Lambo. He loved performance, our most recent ride together on the I10 in Palm Springs was one for the ages.

I had the pleasure of spending quality time with Zac in Cheanuh, BC.. He taught me how to catch and smoke salmon, how to rebuild crab traps and most important how to eat too many crab while imbibing his home made California wine.

I still have a hard time thinking of Zac as a musician given our collective backgrounds, yet again he lead the pack with his "breaking new ground" attitude. Watching his sax performance at the Smoking Tuna venue, with his many friends at Beecher Bay BC was a classic for all in attendance.

Zac loved and cared for his family deeply, taking every opportunity to share the highlights and latest news from within the Germaniuk clan.

Zac you were the older brother I never had. God bless you and your family. Till we meet again my friend.

Brian

Brian Kelly - May 14, 2013 at 11:06 PM

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Brian Kelly - May 14, 2013 at 08:55 PM

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Brian Kelly - May 14, 2013 at 08:38 PM

CA

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CARMEN ALFORD - June 07, 2013 at 03:23 PM

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Brian Kelly - May 14, 2013 at 08:36 PM

CG

“ Deepest condolences to you Shirley, and the rest of the family. Zac was an amazing soul, and while his shining light will be missed, I am certain he will always be here in spirit, playing his sax and sharing a laugh!

Chris Greve - May 14, 2013 at 10:47 AM

SF

“ We are so incredibly saddened by Zack's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts on a constant basis. Sending you thoughts of strength and compassion and peace. Zack is missed.

Scott, Lori and family - May 13, 2013 at 07:32 PM

DT

“ Deepest sympathy to you Shirley and Cayla for the loss of Zac, I am glad I had the pleasure of one last golf game with Zac in February of this year. Stay strong , all the best in the future.

Doug & Shannon



Doug Tannas - May 13, 2013 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Shirley, it's been quite some time since I've seen you but you have often been in my thoughts. Never more than now! I am truly sorry to hear about Zac's passing. I wish you peace and comfort. May all your wonderful memories make your heart a little lighter at this time. Hugs! Ali xo

Ali MacGregor - May 12, 2013 at 06:34 PM