



Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner

December 31, 1959 - March 3, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Gregory Martin Wagner on March 3rd, 2025 at the age of 65. He is lovingly remembered by his two brothers Rob (Diana), and Gord (Sharon); nieces and nephews Ryan, Jackie (Trevor), Tara, Ty (Courtney), Tricia, and Taylor (Sarah); and great-niece and nephews Zachary, Adison, Wyatt, Weston, Ryder, Austin, Bo, Cambria, and Philip. Greg was predeceased by his loving parents Harry and Eleanor Wagner.

Greg was born on December 31st, 1959 in Calgary, Alberta — the first of three sons. He spent his early childhood in Calgary, where he attended Westgate Elementary School and Vincent Massey Junior High. The family moved to High River where Greg attended Senator Riley High School. After graduating in 1977, Greg went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology from the University of Calgary. He worked for many years as a Wildlife Biologist, and later started his own Environmental Consulting Firm.

Greg was a steward of nature, and a passionate conservationist. He was a prominent High River naturalist, and local bird and wildlife expert. Over the years Greg carried out extensive research projects and engaged in numerous advocacy efforts to protect threatened natural species. Greg organized the annual Christmas Bird Count in High River, and acted as a caretaker for the

Frank Lake IBA (Important Bird Area).

Greg cared deeply about his family. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and great-uncle. He will be missed dearly, and will be in our hearts always.

A Celebration of Greg's Life will be held at the Highwood Golf & Country Club on Sunday, June 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Reception

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Highwood Golf & Country Club
400 7th Street NW
High River, AB (CA)
<http://www.highwoodgolf.com>

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Rob, Gord, and families*
Our deepest condolences to you. The Wagner and Welton families
enjoyed some great times while in Westwood. Giving us such
wonderful memories.
Rosemary, Bill Welton and Cathy Cari and Charlaine.

Rosemary and Bill Welton - December 31, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Anne Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mr.*
Gregory Martin Wagner



Anne Elliott - May 27, 2025 at 01:33 AM

SF

“ *I am sorry to hear of Greg's passing. My sincere sympathy to the*
Wagner family.

Sharon Forbes - May 06, 2025 at 10:44 AM

RS

“ *I'm deeply sorry to hear about Greg's passing. I interviewed him on*
many occasions finding him both insightful and entertaining. I spoke
often of Greg to others about his passion for outdoors and
conservation, I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing.
I'll miss him very much.

Russell Skeet - May 05, 2025 at 11:40 PM

JW

“ Gord and Rob
I'm so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all
Sincerely
Jana Wager (Wardley)

Jana Wager - March 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SE

“ Susan Eamor lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gregory Martin Wagner



Susan Eamor - March 23, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DK

“ We always enjoyed spending time with Greg. I've called him more than once with bird questions - he was a great resource. He will be missed.

Doug & Wendy Kennedy - March 22, 2025 at 12:33 PM

BO

“ Greg was an amazing birder. He always impressed me with his vast knowledge and his innate ability to identify birds through sound, flight patterns or brief glimpses of a passing wing. I am glad that our paths crossed as we had many interesting and varied conversations over the years. I will miss him.

Bruce Olmsted - March 19, 2025 at 12:43 PM

CH

“ *Carole Hachey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Carole Hachey - March 15, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DP

“ *Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Diane Porter - March 12, 2025 at 11:03 PM

KK

“ *I am truly heartbroken to hear about Greg’s passing. I knew him through my time volunteering with Nature Calgary, and I will always remember his passion and dedication. He led so many field trips, sharing his deep love for Frank Lake and guiding others to appreciate its beauty and importance. Hearing him speak about the place he cherished was always inspiring. His tireless efforts to protect and advocate for Frank Lake made a lasting impact, and he will be deeply missed. But his legacy lives on in the many people he inspired along the way.*

Kaya Konopnicki - March 12, 2025 at 03:51 PM

SE

Your Kindness, Compassion, and Beautiful Smile will be Missed, My Friend...

Rest In Peace, Greg

Susan Eamor - March 14, 2025 at 06:29 PM

LG

“ We were classmates at Senator Riley graduating class of 1977. On a bike ride by the river, years ago I saw Greg out walking and said “there’s a lost cat meowing somewhere out here”. Greg laughed and began telling me about the “cat bird”. Thanks Greg for sharing your knowledge with me. A good soul.

Lynette Gillanders - March 12, 2025 at 02:08 AM

BL

“ Condolences to the family



Bonna Lewis - March 11, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ Rob, Gord and families,
Our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Greg was always so friendly and was such a valued member of our town and county.
He will be missed by so many people.

Doug & Peggy Jackson - March 11, 2025 at 03:07 PM

TA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Greg's passing,
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Forever cherish his memories in your hearts.



PERRY & Terri Andersen



TERRI ANDERSEN - March 11, 2025 at 06:52 AM

BH

“ *Bill Cheryl Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Bill Cheryl Holmes - March 10, 2025 at 08:55 AM

MW

“ *Greg leaves a profound legacy through his work in wildlife conservation - he established a conservation model/framework that will live long into the future.*

We knew Greg as neighbors and friends of his proud parents. He was so supportive of his parents Eleanor and Harry, then of Eleanor following Harry's death. He was his father's son and not constrained by public opinion but rather consumed by his passions and by the belief that education fundamentally generates change.

Maj & Luella Wojcik - March 09, 2025 at 07:34 PM

DS

“ *Darcie Shields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Darcie Shields - March 09, 2025 at 04:45 PM

DS

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to all of Greg’s family.
Farewell Greg...fly free. Your dedication to your work as a conservationist was admiral!



Debbie Schmuland - March 09, 2025 at 04:16 PM

RA

“ Greg was a friend and mentor who freely shared his extensive knowledge of birds and habitat. I will truly miss his presence in my life. He was dedicated and passionate in his role as the manager of the Frank Lake IBA.

Godspeed Greg.

Robin Alexander - March 08, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AM

“ I’m deeply saddened of Greg’s passing, he was a real teacher and knowledge holder of Frank Lake IBA, which I have had the pleasure of learning from. He will be very very deeply missed.

Amy Marcotte - March 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Marcia Ayrey - March 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM

MA

“ Rob, Gord and families.....sorry for your loss. Greg was a friendly, gentle person. He always took the time to have a conversation. Thinking of you all at this sad time. R.I.P. Greg. Hope you are soaring with all your feathered friends.

Marcia Ayrey - March 08, 2025 at 11:32 AM

GE

“ Greg was a good friend in High School and for many years after. Greg will always be best known as our “Birder” friend. He stood up for me as best man at my wedding. Our lives took different paths as a lot of friendships do. I was able to reconnect with Greg recently on a phone call. We were able to talk a bit about our past and the years in between. I was able to share with him about my newfound love of the birds in my area. I told him that “I get it”. Rest peacefully, old friend❤️

Guy Eamor - March 08, 2025 at 11:21 AM

RH

“ I remember always having a good laugh together with him back in those High School days. Rest in Peace.
Rob Hari

Rob Hari - March 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM

RE

“ Rob & Leanne Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Rob & Leanne Edwards - March 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM

BM

“ *Brian MacKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Brian MacKenzie - March 07, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MW

“ *Many fond memories come when thinking of Greg. We were friends right away when they made High River their home. We played many games of tennis and attended many events together over the years. Greg will be remembered as an extremely kind man who loved his friends and family. Rest in peace Greg*

Murray and Kendra Wegener - March 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MW

“ *Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Murray and Kendra Wegener - March 07, 2025 at 02:39 PM

WM

“ *Greg was happy outside, with any bird to be seen. I will miss him*
Wayne MacKenzie

Wayne MacKenzie - March 07, 2025 at 01:08 PM

WM

“ Wayne MacKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Wayne MacKenzie - March 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TG

“ Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Toni Groeneveld - March 07, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CW

“ Rest in Peace Greg. Greg was a knowledgeable and likeable guy-- the kind we need more of in the world today. Using those gifts, he helped beat off the sale of Public Lands in southern Alberta to grow potato chips (essentially).

He was instrumental in the Foothills Solar Frank Lake project decision that denied its ability to be put in this Important Bird Area.

He was the caretaker for Frank Lake and put a lot of heart and soul into caring for nature while taking time to enjoy it! A good lesson for everyone from Greg.

He will be missed.

Cliff Wallis C.M., P.Biol.

Cliff Wallis - March 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM

C(

“ *Carla Elfring (Sewell) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Carla Elfring (Sewell) - March 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM

AW

“ *Caring and knowledgeable man always fun to chat with will be sadly missed by many people*



Albert Weeks - March 06, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ *During my time as president of Nature Calgary I did have many conversations with Greg, especially in supporting his efforts to stop the proposed Solar Farm to be situated on the doorstep of Frank Lake. His efforts played a significant role in defeating that proposal. He was a great naturalist and I hope that all those who visit Frank lake in the future will tip their hat in honour of Greg. My condolences to his family and friends.*
John McFaul Past President Nature Calgary

John McFaul - March 06, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DV

“ *Dana & Colin Valgardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Dana & Colin Valgardson - March 06, 2025 at 09:41 PM

GL

“ *Gary And Sharon Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Gary and Sharon Liddell - March 06, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LG

“ *Greg was a friend from high school, we admired his dedication to the wellbeing of birds. Rest in peace Greg, you made a valuable contribution to wildlife.*

Laura Gardener - March 06, 2025 at 04:39 PM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear. I always admired Greg for his dedication to the wellbeing of birding. He spent so many hours at Frank Lake. You will be missed my friend.*

Steve Callahan

Steve Callahan - March 06, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ I first heard of Greg in 2007 when my parents moved to High River and my late mother Jill Bhar started going on bird outings with Greg and helped organize the potluck at the end of the annual High River Christmas Bird Count that he ran. It’s not an understatement to say that she idolized him! In more recent years, I became a birder and finally met the famous Greg in the presence of a rare Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Frank Lake in 2020 - it was a memorable day for me because of both of them! After several High River Christmas Bird Counts and many conversations about birds and birding, as well as commiseration about supporting, and then losing, our dear mothers around the same time, I came to call Greg my friend. He was a dear, kind person who did so much for the internationally known Frank Lake Important Bird Area and for the birds and birders who visit there. I am devastated by his loss and send my profound condolences to his family and friends. The world is a better place for having had Greg Wagner in it.

Liz Soria - March 06, 2025 at 02:55 PM

BM

“ Bev Mifflin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Bev Mifflin - March 06, 2025 at 02:22 PM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Lynda Cowling - March 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM

NS

“ G Wagner (Greg) was a good friend over the years. Many great times and adventures we had. Norm and Karen Swallow

Norm Swallow - March 06, 2025 at 09:53 AM

MK

“ Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Mike and Cathy Kendal - March 05, 2025 at 11:40 PM

PM

“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner



Pat and Colleen Mastel - March 05, 2025 at 10:28 PM

BM

“ To all of Greg's family,
Thinking of all of you at this sad time 💙
Graham and Brenda McCredie

Brenda McCredie - March 05, 2025 at 09:32 PM

SL

“ *Steve Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Martin Wagner*



Steve Laycraft - March 05, 2025 at 04:34 PM