



Mr. H. George Meyer

February 26, 1929 - December 31, 2021

George Meyer of Calgary, AB, beloved husband of the late Patricia (Pat) Meyer, passed away on December 31, 2021 at the age of 92 years.

George was born in Medicine Hat on February 26, 1929 to Henry and Virginia (Jean) Meyer. George started school in Bullshead, a CPR whistle-stop west of Medicine Hat, where they lived in the Station House, and George, sister Doreen, and cousin Dwayne attended the one-room State School. The family moved to Nanton in 1939, where George played hockey, discovered his singing prowess, learned trumpet, received high school matriculation, took an apprenticeship as a printer's devil at the Nanton News, and completed the National Institute of Newspapers correspondence course. He lost his mother to cancer in 1944. While a linotype operator for the Lethbridge Herald, he continued to visit Nanton, and met the beautiful Patsy Johnson. George married Pat in 1955, in Nanton.

George's life as an editor and publisher began when he and Dick Hawk bought the Nanton News in 1957. In 1959, George bought an interest in the Camrose Canadian, where he was reporter-editor, as well as editor-manager of the Tofield Mercury, and for a short time the Wetaskiwin Times. He took over as the publisher-editor of the Taber Times in 1966. George and his partner Walter Koyanagi bought the first offset web press to operate south of Calgary, and began printing their own and others' community newspapers.

The Times won numerous awards for photography and news writing under George's time as editor, and subsequently under protégé Coleen Campbell. George and Pat moved to High River in 1988, to be nearer to family, and George acquired an interest in the High River Times and the Nanton News (subsequently bought by Frank and Emily McTighe), and, with then son-in-law Gordon Scott, the Claresholm Local Press. George was devastated by Gord's untimely death, and fortunately found in Roxanne Thompson the perfect next publisher.

George was an active member of the Alberta Weekly and the Canadian Community Newspaper Associations (AWNA, CCNA). He held various roles on their boards, and received several awards and honours including the CCNA Gold Quill Award, for 50 years of service to the industry. In 2004, George's book "A Prairie Publisher" was released. George is remembered by those in the community newspaper business for being ever gregarious, hard-working, and a generous spirit, offering mentorship and support to many.

George supported every community that he lived in, with his talents in music and business, and his time. George served in numerous community positions including chambers of commerce, service clubs, church and hospital boards, and participated in quartets, bands, and choirs. George put his active newspaper role on hold to become the mayor of Taber in 1980, when George and Deputy Mayor Ken Kurio organized the first exchange with Taber's sister city, Notogawa, Japan. He ran and was elected mayor again in 1986. George was a sports fan, with hockey and baseball at the top of the list -- he rarely missed a Taber Golden Suns hockey game. George's unflagging energy and dedication to the communities in which he lived contributed to him receiving the Governor General's Commemorative Medal in 1993.

George was devoted to Pat and her family through their 66 years of marriage. He supported Pat's creative talents and lifelong learning, for example, helping

build a pottery studio and outdoor kiln in High River, and keeping Pat company when she attended week-long summer classes at Red Deer College. George had always wanted to attend university, and similar to Pat, fulfilled that ambition in the late 70s at the U of L, taking Political Science, English and Astronomy.

George was kind and welcoming to all he met. They made many lifelong friends in Nanton, Camrose, Taber, High River, Waterton Park, Mission (TX) and Casa Grande (AZ). George enjoyed golf and music wherever they lived. Pat and George's three daughters grew up in Camrose and Taber, and remember with extra-special fondness falling asleep to George's barbershop quartet rehearsals. Helping out at the Taber Times gave them an introduction to responsibility as well as a love of paper products. The family's most fun memories revolve around spending time with family and friends at the cabin in Waterton Park. George enjoyed many evenings listening to the live chamber music at the Prince of Wales hotel. Grandson Evan recalls George always being there for him -- playing chess, meeting him "halfway" in Red Deer for Rebels' hockey games, building model trains, driving the golf cart, and taking train trips. Driving George's car across Alberta while sitting on a pillow, is a particularly treasured memory.

George is survived by three daughters, Holly of Edmonton, Janet (Rob) of Las Vegas, Virginia (Shawna) of Calgary; one grandson Evan (Kirstyn) of Edmonton; great-grandchildren Elliot and Jenny, and special grand-friends Miranda, Kyla, Brett and Kelly. George was predeceased by his wife Patricia Meyer, his sister and her husband Doreen and Lloyd Nelson, and brothers-in-law Herb (Cathie) Johnson and George (Roberta) Robinson.

A Private Celebration of George's Life will be held on January 28th at 10:30 a.m. Family and friends are invited to join the service via the livestreaming

available on George's Tribute Page at www.lylereeves.com . Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on George's obituary at www.lylereeves.com or directed to Holly, Janet or Virginia. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimers Society or the charity of your choice.

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

Previous Events

Live Stream

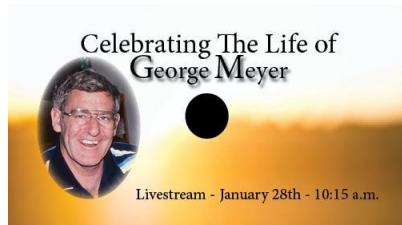
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Service Livestream

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 12, 2022 at 01:17 PM

PR

So sorry to hear of George's passing. My condolences to his family. I still remember walking into the Taber Times in about 1978 to get a price on printing a paper. George took me under his wing and not only printed the paper but taught me all he could about the business. Our paths crossed many times over the years and there is no doubt he not only helped me a lot but several others along the way. A true gentleman in every sense and lots of fun to be around. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Paul Rockley

Paul Rockley - January 19, 2022 at 03:53 PM

KN

Beautiful Service for a very beautiful soul. My sincere condolences on the loss of Uncle George, our family will be a little less brighter without him.

Kim (Herbert) Nielsen

Kim Nielsen - January 28, 2022 at 01:22 PM

JW

A very nice service and tribute to a wonderful man. George was the person who talked me into serving on the AWNA board of directors and campaigned for a win during that convention in 1986! I've had the privilege and knowing him, being mentored by him, laughing with him all these years and the memories are many. RIP

Joyce Webster - January 28, 2022 at 01:26 PM

DV

Condolences to George & Pat's 3 Daughters & all their families! Couldn't join the Service at 10:30 am but waiting for the Livestream to come on ! He was a funny ,caring , helpful sweet man ❤️ His Wife Pat that died in March 2021 wonderful person was amazing! These 2 Lovely Soul's where sweet, smart, compassionate & so welcoming to everyone ! I only knew them both for 7 years but what I knew was what I wrote ! When they moved from High River I so Missed them ! Talked by phone to them a few times , what a joy ! They had an interesting life ! So very sorry for your Loss ! With Deepest Sympathy . Hoping all your Memories will bring you Peace ! RIP George & Pat Meyer ! ❤️❤️ Sincerely your housekeeper DEE 🙏

Diane & Ed Vicente - January 28, 2022 at 06:07 PM

HP

“ What a beautiful service you had for your Dad. We wish that we could have been there to offer our comfort in person. I can remember when Harley Douglas was an infant and I took him into the TaberTimes. Your dad asked me what his middle name was and when I told him Douglas he addressed HD as Douglas . When we left I said "see you later Henry" which earned a hardy laugh from your dad. For the record, yes,"Harley Phillips" is glad he is no longer Chief of Police for many reasons.

Harley & Kathleen Phillips - January 28, 2022 at 02:36 PM

CP

“ Thinking of you all at this time. I was so moved by the loving tribute given by Holly and Virginia at the Memorial service. I too remember George for his kindness and caring but my most lasting memory is of his sense of humor. Many years ago I was on a one act play that was performed in Claresholm. At one point my character took off her overcoat and as she turned her back to the audience it was revealed that her dress was tucked into her pantyhose. Well, a photo of this scene appeared on the front page of the Claresholm Local Press and George thought it was hilarious and whenever we met he would make sure to let me know that he "remembered the time..." I will always remember it and him, with a smile.

Celia Penman - January 28, 2022 at 01:35 PM

BH

“ What a beautiful service to honour your Dad, George. It was such a privilege to know Pat and George over their years in High River. My loving thoughts are with all of your family and as you cherish wonderful memories may those memories bring you comfort and peace.
Bonnie Hewson

Bonnie Hewson - January 28, 2022 at 01:23 PM

SH

“ So many memories of this great man. He was like a second father to me during my high school years. Always smiling, helping out, usually with a rum and coke in his hand. ;) Holly, Janet and Din - this has been such a challenging time for you all, losing both parents in a short period of time. I hope you all feel a sense of relief that H. George has returned to his beloved Pat. Two peas in a pod, they were. And I can't possibly forget Spike - his kitty boy. Sending a virtual squeeze to you all.



RIP H. George Meyer.

Sharon Hamilton - January 28, 2022 at 01:20 PM

EM

“ Holly, Virginia and Janet,
No words can ever express how devastated both Frank and myself are with your father's passing. We loved him so much! He will forever be in our hearts. George was an excellent role model for so many of us. He positively influenced our life and countless others. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Frank & Emily McTighe and family

Emily McTighe - January 26, 2022 at 06:05 PM

VK

“ To the family .
So sorry to hear of George,s passing. May your memories keep him close.
Violet &Jerry Kautz

Violet & Jerry Kautz - January 26, 2022 at 08:32 AM

KI

“ Holly, I was saddened to learn of your Dads, passing when Paul Thibodeau brought me the news yesterday when he came to Linden View to serve breakfast coffee to everyone. I have many great memories of George, yourself and the family...Kerry Ishida

Kerry Ishida - January 21, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DE

“ Dear Holly, Janet and Virginia. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences on your loss. Your Dad was such a genuinely nice man and oh so generous! When John and I were about to be married he offered to pay for the printing of our wedding invitations as well as being one of the photographers at the wedding, reception and dance. He just instinctively knew this would be the best wedding gift he could give us! Those photos are treasured to this day! We always enjoyed visiting with him at our family reunions.....he will be sorely missed but never forgotten! Much Love, John and Darla Ell

Darla Ell - January 21, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ Din, Janet, Holly and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. It was interesting to read his obituary and learn of his life after Taber. Take good care. Dave Saruwatari

Dave Saruwatari - January 21, 2022 at 01:43 AM



“ *Saddened to hear about George. He was my first boss, along with Bill, when I got out of college. He was an admirable man who took the time to write words of encouragement in every Christmas card. Even after he was no longer owner of the High River Times he still came to the office, bringing donuts in exchange for using the photocopier and would introduce himself to all staff members. George always had a smile and always took time to find out how people were doing. He was as genuine as you can be. In our lives we want to make a difference to the people around us. You certainly did George. Rest in peace.*

Heather Morgan - January 18, 2022 at 11:26 PM

DJ

“ *To Holly, Janet, Virginia and Families*

On behalf of Patricia (Charles) James, please know we are thinking of you all at this very difficult time. Pat (and Chuck) were very good friends of your Mom and Dad's in Camrose.

*Take Care,
Pat James*

Doug James - January 17, 2022 at 05:52 PM

OS

“ *Add this writer to the long list of George's protégés who prospered from his wisdom and counsel, admired his compassion for telling the stories of the lives of the people in the communities where practiced his craft, and laughed with him and the many wonderful people who surrounded him at conventions etc. George left the world a better place, and for that we are all thankful. Rest easy, old friend.*

Ossie and Melody Sheddy, Drumheller, Alberta

Ossie Sheddy - January 14, 2022 at 03:55 PM

EB

“ Dear Holly, Evan and families. Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. George and Pat were our neighbors for over 30 years. They were the dearest neighbors you could ask for, they are fondly remembered by all the neighbors who enjoyed our annual Canada day breakfasts, Christmas neighborhood dinners. George was always community minded and cared about everyone.
Ray and Elizabeth

Elizabeth Bouillet - January 13, 2022 at 08:23 PM

DS

“ Holly. Sorry to hear about your dad. He always had that smile, I have many memories of him from the hockey days. Hope you and your family are doing well.

Dennis Setoguchi - January 13, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JR

“ George was the sweetest man and boss. I feel privileged to have known and worked with him as well as his beautiful Pat. Such a generous lovely couple. Never to be forgotten.

Jane Russell - January 12, 2022 at 09:45 PM

KG

“ Karen Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer



Karen Gibson - January 12, 2022 at 05:10 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Bedson lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer*



Brenda Bedson - January 12, 2022 at 02:31 PM

PP

“ *George and I spent a lot of years together on the provincial and national weekly newspapers associations executives and in earlier times he never missed one of our Nanton dances with the Pickersgill orchestra. He was not the best golfer in the world but I remember the fun we had on that little course at High River. Sad times and we will miss him. Peter and Mo Pickersgill*

peter pickersgill - January 11, 2022 at 01:30 PM

KN

“ *Kim And Chris Herbert Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer*



Kim and Chris Herbert Nielsen - January 07, 2022 at 06:36 PM

AR

“ *Andrea Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer*



Andrea Randle - January 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM

CJ

“ *My sincere sympathy to George's family, but I feel happy to know that he is once more with your Mom, both such great people.* ”

Connie Lorraine Jewell - January 06, 2022 at 09:21 PM

DD

“ *Donna Downey lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer* ”



Donna Downey - January 05, 2022 at 02:08 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer* ”



Cathy Couey - January 05, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DP

“ *Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. George Meyer* ”



Diane Porter - January 04, 2022 at 12:02 PM

AZ

“ So sorry for your loss. George was a great mentor and friend during our newspaper days and beyond. He put the “community” in the community newspapers he owned and worked for. George had a wonderful sense of humour and took genuine interest in people and their stories. I will remember the twinkle in his eyes and all that he taught me. Rest in peace George.

Ann Holmes Zirk - January 04, 2022 at 11:05 AM

KC

“ Dear Pat and family- since condolences on George’s passing, and much gratitude for knowing this very special man.



karen crawford - January 04, 2022 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of your loss. As you know, George was a former business partner and our good friend. We’ve met a lot of good people during our lives and, believe me, George was truly one of our most valued. We visited him just before Christmas and were pleased that he was happy, was still the true gentleman he had always been, and that he missed his true love, Patricia. Blessings to his family from Bill and Dorothy.

Bill & Dorothy Holmes - January 04, 2022 at 10:37 AM