



Mr. H. Mel Turner

October 11, 1934 - August 25, 2019

Mel Turner (Mr. T) of High River, Alberta passed away in High River on August 25, 2019. Mel is survived by his daughters Daisy-Marie, Sheri-Lee and Melodie-Joy. He was very close and great friends of his 3 sons through marriage: Dana Budd, Curtis Krouzel and Christopher Miller. His blessings continued with the addition of his grandchildren as Daisy-Marie and Dana had Daxton, Davon, Danya-Marie and Davanna-Joy and Melodie-Joy and Chris had Tristan, Lawson and Anna-Belle. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Betty.

Thank you Mel for always teaching us to “Be an eagle not a turkey”.

Thank you Mel for always making us laugh and not taking things too seriously. We appreciated your ability to always see the best in people and learned from that daily.

You are forever a teaching legacy.

Thank you for touching so many lives and making a point to make a difference.

In Lieu of flowers donations to fund a bench, plaque and tree to be added to Spitzee School playground can be made direct by contacting Daisy-Marie to make a donation.

A Celebration of Mel’s life was held on Saturday, August 31st at 2:00 p.m. at

the High River Baptist Church all are welcome.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Baptist Church
514160 121 street east
High River, AB T1V 1M6 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Lyle Reeves Funerals - September 06, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ What a lovely and kind man Mel was. Sending prayers to Daisy-Marie, Sherry and Melody and families

Myrna Shoults - September 20, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Condolences to all of you.....may your memories comfort and sustain you in the days ahead. I have great memories of Mel and his infectious laugh....we had many over the years.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure" (Unknown)

Grace Ledoux



Grace Ledoux - September 17, 2019 at 12:01 PM

JG

“ *Condolences to the family. Who could ever forget Mel. Our boys both had him as a very memorable teacher.*

Jim and Kathy Graham

Jim GRAHAM - September 14, 2019 at 04:02 PM

JE

“ *Jodie Empringham lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Jodie Empringham - September 14, 2019 at 03:37 AM

GG

“ *Geraldine (Egeland) German lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Geraldine (Egeland) German - September 06, 2019 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ *Dear Daisy-Marie & Family,
Your dad's unwavering love for his family was a sight to behold. His commitment to the town of High River was a lesson in community that we can all learn from. He was one in a million.
Please accept our condolences.
Daryl, Susan and Emerson*

Susan Hayes - September 05, 2019 at 04:37 PM

RR

“ Please accept our Sincere Sympathy on your loss. Mel was soooo proud of "all his girls" and his Grandkids. I loved visiting with him where ever we might meet up. He always had a BIG smile on his face. Hugs to you all.

xxoo

The Hazen's

Roberta and Ross - September 02, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ Daisy Marie, Sherri Lee, and Melodie Joy:
So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad...

As you know, Mr. Turner was my favorite teacher in school. He was fun, engaging, and deeply insightful. He truly understood that we all learn best when we are having fun!

I still remember the many things he used to say like: "if you are going fly with the eagles- don't be turkey!" I loved our discussions around quotes of the day. He also kept a \$5 bill on his desk to see if he could trust the class. I don't remember it ever disappearing! :)


I am sad to hear he has gone, but feel blessed to have been one the many students he inspired over the years. Mr. T was truly one-of-a-kind.

-Greg Ball

Greg Ball - September 02, 2019 at 01:16 PM



TS

“ *The world is a better place because your Dad , our G-Dad was in it* 

The Seneys - September 02, 2019 at 10:36 AM

TS

“ *The Seneys lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



The Seneys - September 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM

HW

“ *What a terrific tribute your family gave to your Dad! Your Mom will be thrilled with the effort you each made to ensure it was unforgettable.*

I left the church yesterday with Mel's laughter in my ears. I will remember the nickname "Hilary the Mountain Climber" and how he had a gift of making every child feel unique.

Hilary Welte - September 01, 2019 at 09:55 AM

GC

“ *Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - August 31, 2019 at 09:09 PM

TS

“ *My sympathies to the Turner Family.
Those that knew Mel well know that he was an Eagle.
He will be fondly remembered.*

Terry Storch - August 31, 2019 at 03:37 PM

MM

“ *Margaret & Gary Miller lit a candle in memory
of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Margaret & Gary Miller - August 31, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MI

“ *Daisy Marie, Sherri Lee, Melodie Joy. We were very sad to hear of
the loss of your remarkable Dad. There was never a time that I met
him that he didn't have a story to tell of the fun times we shared. His
quick wit, joy of life and contagious laugh were his trademarks. He
was very proud of his family and treasured his times with his
grandchildren. What a wonderful legacy of memories he has left for
all who knew him! Thinking of you.*
Marillyn Ikebuchi

marillyn ikebuchi - August 31, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JC

“ *Daisy-Marie, Sheri-Lee, and Mel-Joy Thinking of you.
What an amazing man. !*

jim crawford - August 31, 2019 at 03:20 AM

RM

“ Robin Muri-Lorenzen lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Robin Muri-Lorenzen - August 30, 2019 at 08:17 PM

JW

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Mels passing. Melodie-Joy, my heart goes out to you and your entire family. Your dad was an amazing man. I will always remember his kind heart, his goofy humour, how he always had a smile on his face and the love and acceptance he had for everyone he met. I am grateful and blessed to have known your dad. I hope you can find peace knowing your parents are finally together again and watching over you always. Sending lots of love and prayers xoxo

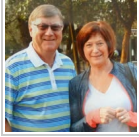
Jaime Webb - August 30, 2019 at 06:19 PM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - August 30, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Condolences to Daisy Marie, Sherry, Melodie and your families. I will miss our chats over the fence in his yard on my daily walks. There wasn't a day that we didn't end up with a good laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Barb Coakwell and family.

Barb Coakwell - August 30, 2019 at 01:30 PM

BE

“ Girls, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I was fortunate to work with him at Spitzee School. He had a major impact on my teaching career as he taught me " Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". I still live by that today. I am so glad I had a chance to tell him that in the last year. Thanks Mel! You made a difference!
Brian Erickson

Brian Erickson - August 30, 2019 at 11:38 AM

MA

“ Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Marcia Ayrey - August 29, 2019 at 11:06 PM

LJ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Laurie Janz - August 29, 2019 at 10:26 PM

LJ

Every Thursday afternoon Mel would show up at the Skate Shop with this leopard skin(plastic) bag full of skates for his grand kids. He would entertain us with his stories of his days as a principal at Blackie School. We truly miss his warmth and big smile.

Laurie Janz - August 29, 2019 at 10:30 PM

BM

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to Mel's family.*

Thank you and bless you for providing me the opportunity to know Mel, share time with his family, and to be of support to Mel through his end of life journey. I will dearly miss his laughter, our enjoyable conversations, and his joking character which at times could make me laugh to points of tears in my eye's. Mel was truly an amazing, incredible man and dealt with each issue that came his way as an eagle, a true trooper right to the end.

May Mel's cherished memories you hold be of comfort to you during this time and for ever onward

Bonnie Mitchell

Bonnie Mitchell - August 29, 2019 at 09:00 PM

RW

“ *Russ And Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Russ and Sharon Watkins - August 29, 2019 at 06:54 PM

LG

“ *Mel's many years as Principal of the Blackie School leave so many memories. He was always so jovial with a ready smile but could be darn stern when he had to be. I remember him whacking the strap on a desk a few times and each time we all jumped! Sincere condolences to Mel's family, he was inspirational to his students and a man who was very proud of his family.* ”

Laura Gardener - August 29, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner* ”



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - August 29, 2019 at 05:11 PM

D(

“ *My condolences to the Turner family! I still remember his laughter and jokes to make the class a bit more fun! He will be surely missed* ”



Dawn Simard (Nimilowich) - August 29, 2019 at 04:56 PM

CS

“ *Coral Swift lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner* ”



Coral Swift - August 29, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Our condolences Daisy and Family. Mel was one of kind and certainly had an impact on my life. I was lucky enough to spend a lot of time with the family growing up in the Riv and wouldn't trade it for anything. I can still hear Mel yelling at us to get off the roof. LOL. We loved jumping off the roof onto the trampoline. Probably not the safest thing but hey that's how we did it in the 80's. Our thoughts are with you. Love from the Cosgrove's.

Burton Cosgrove - August 29, 2019 at 04:42 PM

RK

“ Our condolences Daisy, Dana & family. His wonderful & cheerful smile and personality was a joy back in our hockey days. He will be missed by many.

Regina Kossatz - August 29, 2019 at 02:44 PM

KB

“ I'm sorry for the loss of Mr. T. I am blessed for having been taught by him and thankful for all I learned. My prayers and thoughts go out to his beautiful girls.

Kelly Baskin - August 29, 2019 at 02:12 PM

TB

“ Terri Niven Bass lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Terri Niven Bass - August 29, 2019 at 12:32 PM

AM

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mel Turner. I had him as a teacher in elementary school, and I remember the day he brought Daisy to school, he was so proud, she was a beautiful baby. He was a great inspiration! He will be missed by all who knew him, as he always had a smile and a kind word!

Angie McCormick - August 29, 2019 at 11:50 AM

SF

“ I will always remember Mel for his big smile, great sense of humour, kindness, and how proud he was of his family. My thoughts are with you.

Sharon Forbes - August 29, 2019 at 11:20 AM

SH

“ I am so grateful I have the pleasure to work with Mel's daughter, Daisy in her kindergarten classroom. The kids would wait excitedly when they knew Mr T was coming in to tell them a story. Although he wasn't able to come in a lot this past year I remember one of our Kindy kids saying to Daisy out of the blue " I miss Mr T". He left such an impact! He was our Santa at the school Christmas concerts but most of the Kindy kids knew it was really Mr T just pretending:) I did not know him for long but I will remember him always💕 My deepest condolences to his incredible family.

Shannon Huxley - August 29, 2019 at 09:47 AM

NR

“ Tanner, Mitchell and I will miss Mel on the block. My dad Courtney Rousseau loved to come visit and sit on the lawn chair for a chat. The boys have very fond memories of Mel setting up bike races for Tanner, Mitchell, Dayton and Davin. On his driveway. We will miss his laugh on the street. He was so amazing to all the kids.

Nancy Rousseau - August 29, 2019 at 09:21 AM

NR

Sorry, spellcheck Daxton and Davin

Nancy Rousseau - August 29, 2019 at 09:31 AM

PH

“ *Girls we are so sorry to hear about your dad . I have many memories of both your folks and the many many times their home was home to my kids and many others. You were truly blessed and they leave a beautiful legacy in you all . Sending hugs to all* ❤️

Pam and Al Henheffer - August 29, 2019 at 09:20 AM

D(

“ *Denise Ney (Bolton) lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Denise Ney (Bolton) - August 29, 2019 at 08:52 AM

GG

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Mel 😞 He was the sweetest man, a very kind hearted soul. He so loved his Betty, his girls and his dogs :) We are praying for you all may the Lord comfort you.*

Gail and Gary Groeneveld

Gail and Gary Groeneveld - August 29, 2019 at 08:44 AM

SD

“ Daisy. I was shocked to hear of your dads passing. Almost a year after my mom. The three of them will be having a great time together. My prayers are with you and your family. Love Sharon Doupe

Sharon Doupe - August 29, 2019 at 02:10 AM

TL

“ Daisy-Marie, Sherri-Lee and Melodie-Joy,

Your dad was one of my most favourite teachers and I have always thought so highly of him. He had the best sense of humour and always took the time to listen. Aside from being my teacher, I was lucky enough to know him as “Sherri’s dad”.

My sincere condolences to you and your families.

Tanya (Suitor) Long

Tanya Long - August 29, 2019 at 01:15 AM

JB

“ Jenn Beaton lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Jenn Beaton - August 29, 2019 at 12:42 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss Daisy-Marie, what I remember most is how loving he was to your wonderful children, his grand children. I remember him at school, at dance, at the pool. Such a wonderful kind gentleman.
Love to you all 💕💕

Michelle Hammond - August 28, 2019 at 10:43 PM

DS

“ I have many fond memories of Uncle Mel . He had such an awesome laugh, loved to tell stories, treasured his family, loved his many dogs, enjoyed his yard, dedicated to his profession(he showed me the "ropes" at my first Teachers' Convention),a kind and gentle man.

Dawn Sullivan - August 28, 2019 at 08:50 PM

KA

“ Mel was ...
- a kind and caring colleague
- a dedicated educator
- always ready with a great story
- amazing in his green suit every St. Patrick's Day
- a friend and listening ear to anyone who needed it
- adored by all who knew him

He will be missed by innumerable former students, colleagues, friends and those fortunate to have been part of his family.

Karen Andrews - August 28, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ I met Mel many years ago while working for the bank. He was a truly wonderful person who was willing to share a laugh, even when life wasn't all roses. He always had time for a chat and he adored his family. My sincere condolences to each of you. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Melissa Palmer

Melissa Palmer - August 28, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ I'm, sry for your loss, he was my very fav gr 6 teacher in school he helped me whwn I was, picked on and he was a funny guy he, helped me, with my math and other subject when I struggled and Mel I graduated high school in gonna miss u at my work when u come through u were there when I, needed help xoxoxo xoxo 😊😊😊😊😊💙💙💜💜💜💙💙💙

Angie Brown - August 28, 2019 at 07:46 PM



I'm, sry i meant when my silly auto spell

Angie Brown - August 28, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ Stacey Morasch lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Stacey Morasch - August 28, 2019 at 07:26 PM

RP

“ My deepest condolences to the Turner family. I first met Mel as my Grade 5 math teacher for the short time I attended Blackie School in the early 70's. Then had the pleasure to be reacquainted with him when he substitute taught at Highwood High School. He was a wonderful man, always with a smile on his face. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Reta Pickering

Reta Pickering - August 28, 2019 at 06:59 PM

 Marty
Van
Gastel

“ Its with great sadness I heard of the passing of a Great guy and neighbour.
His infectious laughter, great stories, and constant laughter will be truly missed around High River and Mostly High Park Court.
Mayor Mel may you go Rest high on the Moutain.
To the Turner Family my Thoughts and Prayers are with you. It must give you great comfort knowing Heaven is shining brighter today.
Marty Van Gastel

Marty Van Gastel - August 28, 2019 at 04:36 PM

AS

“ *Angela Sarro lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Angela Sarro - August 28, 2019 at 04:12 PM

SS

“ Shannon Seitz lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Shannon Seitz - August 28, 2019 at 03:13 PM

NM

“ I've known Mel for so many years! I remember playing over at the Turners house and Mel would always joke around with us and make us feel welcome. Then as the years went by he lived by us and would always stop and chat whether he was out for his walks/bike rides etc. His laugh was infectious. You could hear it from far away and, it always put a smile on my face. I'm so happy that I got to see him three weeks ago. Now he's in heaven with his saviour and his beautiful wife Betty. What a reunion they must of had! Love you Daisy and family. We are here if you need anything at all!!❤️

Nicole Janz Mclean - August 28, 2019 at 02:31 PM

LM

“ Hugs and prayers to Daisy-Marie, Sheri-Lee, and Mel-Joy and families. Mel was a story-telling teacher, loving father and grandpa and friend to many. He will be missed. We all have many fond memories over the years and will cherish them in the coming days. Thanks for making us smile, Mel.

The Morales' - Ric, Lorrie, Josh and Ty

Lorrie Morales - August 28, 2019 at 02:28 PM

ST

“ Lots of good memories of Uncle Mel. He was always good for bringing a smile to a guy day. My thoughts are with his family.

Sheila Turner - August 28, 2019 at 01:07 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Sharon Doll - August 28, 2019 at 12:20 PM

PZ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Turner family. Mel touched many lives throughout the years and will be missed by all who knew him. Cherish your memories they will help you through the tough days ahead. Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee and family



Pat Zebedee - August 28, 2019 at 11:51 AM

DL

“ Mel was such a great character and certainly brought a lot of cheer to our neighbourhood. We called him the Mayor of High Park! Because he looked out for us all and would always share an inspirational chat or wave as he drove past, the kids and adults loved him alike, he will be sadly missed by all but we know he lived life to the full and definitely brought joy to everyone he met, Rest In Peace Mel until we met again xx

deb & phil lewis - August 28, 2019 at 11:51 AM

JC

“ Condolences to Mel’s family. We always enjoyed visiting with Mel and sharing our “wisdom” on everyday life. A great guy who made a difference. RIP Mel
Callahan family

Jeff Callahan - August 28, 2019 at 11:13 AM

BB

“ I met Mel many years ago when i was a kid living in Aldersyde. I loved his wit and his humour. He was a kind man and will be missed

Bruce Bolton - August 28, 2019 at 10:30 AM

KF

“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Karen Foley - August 28, 2019 at 10:29 AM

DP

“ Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Diane Porter - August 28, 2019 at 09:55 AM

BM

“ To all of Mel’s family, my deepest condolences. Mel as an amazing & inspiring spirit, whom I first met, when I was a student, & he was the principle at Blackie school. Mel was always a friend first, & principle second. His great outlook & ability to inspire with his words & stories, & always a great laugh, will be the memory that his many students, friends, & family, will have, moving forward. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery

Bert Montgomery - August 28, 2019 at 09:20 AM

TB

“ Thank you so much for sharing your Dad! His quick wit, smile and stories are some of the things that I will always remember. He was a master of compliments and always made time for a quick visit when out and about, that almost always ended in a giggle or hearty laugh! He will be dearly missed, but has left many memories to remember him by. Much love to you all 💕💕💕

Tammy Beach - August 28, 2019 at 01:21 AM

RD

“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Rosemary Derbecker - August 28, 2019 at 12:01 AM

BC

“ Always cheerful & that hearty chuckle would put a smile on anyone. Sympathies to the girls and their families. He was a treasure!

Brian & Jo-Anne Chipchase - August 27, 2019 at 11:17 PM

CJ

“ My sincere best wishes to all of Mel's family. He was such a kind man and I'm sure your shared memories will bring you much pleasure for years to come. Blessings to you all

Connie Jewell - August 27, 2019 at 05:03 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to Daisy-Marie, Sheri-Lee, Melody-Joy and your families. Mel will be affectionately remembered for his big laugh and deep love of your mom, they are together again. May you find comfort in your cherished memories. Cathy.

Cathy Couey - August 27, 2019 at 04:22 PM

CM

“ Charlene Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Charlene Malmberg - August 27, 2019 at 02:45 PM

SP

“ Sonya Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner



Sonya Perkins - August 27, 2019 at 02:39 PM

SP

Mel was my grade 6 teacher back in the 80's and I will always remember his laugh. I have had the pleasure to groom his loving companion dog Cherry and I know she is in good hands and will miss her friend dearly. I wish the family my heart felt sorry for their loss.

Sonya Perkins - August 27, 2019 at 02:42 PM

AF

Our hearts go out to you. Your Dad was a wonderful man. May the memories of all your terrific times spent with your Dad help you through your loss. Your Mom will be so happy to have him back in her arms again.

Love from the Harris Family!!!

Ann Harris & Family - August 28, 2019 at 12:09 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Bakaluk lit a candle in memory of Mr. H. Mel Turner*



Stephanie Bakaluk - August 27, 2019 at 01:18 PM