



Mr. Harold Lockhart Sears

February 21, 1928 - January 3, 2022

Hal Sears passed away peacefully January 3rd 2022 in the High River Hospital. Hal was born in Vancouver B.C. on Feb.21st 1928 to Harold & Mabel Sears. He was raised on the family farm NW of Nanton; he was the 3rd generation of the family there. Following his schooling in Nanton, he attended the University of New Mexico for a semester, taking engineering, before coming home to help out on the ranch with his Dad and uncle John. He married Joan Meikle in 1953 and settled in the Basin district at the base of Timber Ridge. Hal was continuously involved in ranching for more than 75 years and even after semi-retiring in 1992, he remained the roving eyes of all the operations of the boys. He was predeceased by Joan in 1976.

Hal was active in the rodeo community and the Ag society in Nanton for many years. Hal enjoyed travelling and had a good memory for geography, he cultured many friends along the way. Lots of his acquaintances were acquired through his travel and involvement in the Society of Range Management and tours with the Western Livestock Journal crowd.

Hal remarried the late Carol Bruce (Christie) in 1987, they later divorced in 1992.

Hal is survived by his four sons and their families. Larry (Avril Chattaway), Callum (Kelty), Derek (Marlee); Rick and Susan, Jordan, Lindsay; Mike and JoAnn, Tyrell (Danielle), Whitney (Lindy) Greig; Jeff and Dode, Bailey, Jace;

as well as 10 great grandkids. Hal enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and then the great grands when they came along.

About eight years ago, Hal suffered a neck injury that affected his mobility and contributed to his declining health. He spent the last few years in the Silver Willow Lodge in Nanton, then on Christmas Day he was moved to the hospital in High River.

The family is grateful to his chauffeur/angel, Karen Brown Duthie, for her friendship and dedication to taking Hal nearly everywhere he wanted the last few years. We are also very appreciative of all the staff at the lodge who cared for him. The hospital was very compassionate and helpful to Hal and all of us, thank-you to the nurses and doctors who attended to him.

A Celebration of Hal's Life will be held at the Nanton Community Centre on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

If anyone desires to make a donation in Hal's memory, the choice is the Nanton Ag Society, P.O. Box 151, Nanton, AB T0L 1R0.

To send condolences and view Hal's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Community Centre
21st Ave & 18th Street
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Larry, Rick and Sue, Mike and JoAnne, Jeff and Dode & families, we just recently learned of Hal's passing, we are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed Hal and his wit! Jack has such fond memories of working with him and all of you when starting up the Nanton Nite Rodeo. It was a pleasure knowing him during our time in Nanton. Our thoughts are with you. Jack & Kathy Duce

Jack Duce - February 04, 2022 at 11:05 AM

DM

“ My condolences to the Sears family. Hal's life is reflected in his descendants, and they will carry on his legacy.

Doug MacKenzie - January 14, 2022 at 11:29 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Judy Dahl - January 11, 2022 at 04:09 PM

CB

“ Hal was my Grandfather's Son-in-Law. To me he was always Uncle Hal from Canada. My Grandmother used to call him "The Cowboy". I had the pleasure of meeting with him several times when he would be in Southern California. He would always make it a point to visit my Grandparents anytime he was within 500 miles even if it was only for a few hours. Sometimes he even popped in unannounced. In 2005 I visited Nanton and he was my Tour Guide. I had a Great Time. A few years later he and some Friends were in New Mexico and they popped in for a visit. He said "Let's go pick up some steaks" I asked what type he'd like and he replied "There are only two types of steaks, New York and Ribeye" I considered myself schooled by the Master. I have encountered many colorful characters in my Life, I would consider Hal way up there at the top. My Deepest Condolences go out to Larry, Rick, Mike, Jeff and their Families. R.I.P. Uncle Hal ❤️



Craig Barney - January 11, 2022 at 10:23 AM

DM

“ When we watch Yellow Stone we often think of Nanton's very own "John Dutton", Hal Sears, a man bigger than life. Only we can just imagine what Hal would have to say about this unrealistic over dramatic depiction of a ranch family. He was part of the fabric which made Nanton what it is with his kind heart and gruff exterior. May he be riding the sunsets of heaven.

Doug and Marianne Morrison - January 09, 2022 at 03:44 PM

BB

My sincere sympathy to all the family members. Hal will be remembered with fondness

Barbara Bastedo - January 10, 2022 at 04:35 PM

DC

“ We were so sad to hear of Hals passing. We really enjoyed his outlook on life. You always knew where he stood in life. We thought of him often and are sorry we couldn't spend more time with him. Our love to all the family. Linda & Doug Church

Doug Church - January 08, 2022 at 03:21 PM

PN

“ I have memories of the mail route days delivering with my dad to the Sear Ranch to my last visit with Hal at the Stav ranch in Springpoint! RIP Hal

Patty Ness - January 08, 2022 at 04:31 AM

DO

“ Condolences to the Sears family on the passing of a great man, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all fortunate to have known him. Don & Pat McRae

Don - January 07, 2022 at 11:11 PM

PM

“ Hal has contributed to a lot of memories. He will be missed but remembered.



Peter and Sheila Macklin - January 07, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PW

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to the Sears Families. Fred and Pat White*

Pat White - January 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM

CL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family in the loss of a great man.*

Cheryl & Sten Lundberg - January 07, 2022 at 04:01 PM

KR

“ *Will miss Hal. Always had good visits with him at family events. He was one of a kind . Sincere sympathy to the family . Ken and terry Reid Airdrie alberts*

Ken Reid - January 07, 2022 at 03:11 PM

CS

“ *Sincere condolences to the Sears family.*

Carol Stirrat - January 07, 2022 at 01:47 PM

DF

“ *Condolences to the Sears family on Hal's passing. I remember Dad and Hal sharing business interests(silver mining, etc.) over the years. I don't think they made much money, but they had a good time doing it. Hal was a true pioneer and always called a "spade a spade". May he rest in peace.*
Dan and Bev Fox

Dan Fox - January 07, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ *Our family send sincere condolences to the Sears family.*

Dianne Halbert - January 07, 2022 at 01:12 PM

AI

“ My condolences to you all, I have many fond memories of Hal, I recall a lot of suppers growing up with Hall at the dinner table, he always made the conversation a bit more interesting and he never hesitated to call you out on bad manners. FYI if you serve fish he likely would not stay for supper. Later in life my kids also got the pleasure of many visits with Hal. My kids called him "the grumpy old man" and in exchange he called them "the brats". They both enjoyed the bantering. He was a dear and good friend to my family and he will be missed.

Allison IsBell - January 07, 2022 at 12:46 PM

SD

“ Sincere condolences to all the Sears. I remember asking for ketchup for my steak (that's a my bad); and the belt Jeff and I received after trying to burn the house down under Larry's bed with Ricks comic book collection.(they started on fire quit nicely), as our fire experiment took a turn for the worst. Joan got it stopped and we got the belt. And all the trips to town to the Palomino games. A lot of trivia exchanged on the rides to and fro. And as of late his time in Silver Willow just two doors down from Mom (Margaret Sears who died Dec 29, 2021 at the age of 99), I always stopped to reminisce and get a chuckle or a swear word — I had accomplished my visit! I will miss Hal dearly, and his rough, tough demeanor but he had hidden deep inside "a heart that grew three sizes". Sound familiar!
RIP HAL

shelley davies - January 07, 2022 at 11:24 AM

PN

Sorry for your loss of your mum Shelly - she was a great lady too!!

Patty Ness - January 08, 2022 at 04:37 AM

GO

“ Sorry to hear of Hal’s passing. He always had time for a chat and always had some sound advice no matter what the the question or obstacles were. RIP Hal

Gord - January 07, 2022 at 11:14 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Hal’s passing. He was fun to visit with, and a wealth of knowledge. ❤️

Shawna Burton - January 07, 2022 at 10:06 AM

VR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincere condolences Val And Jeff Robinson



Val and Jeff Robinson - January 07, 2022 at 09:10 AM

WK

“ Much Love to your families! Hal was a great man

whitney kiemele - January 07, 2022 at 08:47 AM

JH

“ Our condolences to all the family, I always remember phoning home from New Zealand and Hal would answer the phone. No one else was there so we would have a little chat about the weather. The way things were, the door wasn’t locked and it was okay to go in have a coffee and read the paper. On behalf of the Hodgson Family our thoughts are with each of you.

Jodi Hodgson - January 07, 2022 at 08:36 AM

MM

“ I know my Dad treasured Hal's friendship and it is nice to think of them reuniting in Heaven. Hugs to the Boys & their Families.
Mary & Al Myers

Mary Myers - January 06, 2022 at 11:33 PM

TA

“ Our sincere condolences to the families oh Hal, may he Rest In Peace.



Tom & Louise Attwood - January 06, 2022 at 09:49 PM

SC

“ Hal lived a good long life - I have many memories of summer barbecues, visits over coffee with my parents. My condolences to everyone in the family.
Sharol Cordner (Thompson)

Sharol Cordner - January 06, 2022 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ Rick and Sue, Mike and JoAnn, and families, my condolences for your loss.
Carole Malmberg



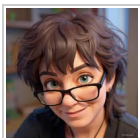
Carole Malmberg - January 06, 2022 at 07:29 PM

SM

“ *Our Sympathies to all of Hals family. May the sharing of memories bring you comfort as you go forward.*

Peggy deRoaldes and family

Shelley Maloff - January 06, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Happy trails Hal.
I will miss our monthly visits.*

- Dee 🇺🇸



Dee Leigh - January 06, 2022 at 03:04 PM

VK

“ *Larry, Jeff and Sue, Mike and Joanne, Jeff and Dode, and family's
So sorry for your loss. May he Rest In Peace.*

Our thoughts are with you

Violet and Jerry Kautz

Violet & Jerry Kautz - January 06, 2022 at 08:24 AM

DM

*Condolences to the Sears family on the passing of a great person
father/grandfather he will be missed. Don&Pat McRAE*

Donald McRae - January 06, 2022 at 10:45 PM

RL

One of the good guys.

Ralph Leavens - January 08, 2022 at 10:05 AM

SW

*Our thoughts and prayers to all the Sears Families on the loss of The Patriarch, Hal. We will miss the visits with The Wilson and The Campbell, along with the cookies and coffee and stories, news and whatever else was hashed over at the kitchen table. I am certain there is a kitchen table where he can pull up a chair and discuss all the important news (to them). Rest in Peace, Dear Friend.
Sheila Wilson and Family*

Sheila Wilson - January 11, 2022 at 02:31 PM

AK

I am so sorry and pray that your grief becomes fond memories before too long. Alan Kidd

Alan Kidd - January 11, 2022 at 08:56 PM

PS

*I always enjoyed a visit with Hal at family gatherings but he was not his usual happy go lucky self at Jim's service. Covid restrictions would not be kind to someone as social as Hal. My condolences to the family. He will be missed by many
Peggy Sauter*

peggy sauter - January 12, 2022 at 02:20 PM

NB

So sorry to hear of Hal's passing - he was one of the "real" cowboys in my mind! We had several visits with Hal, as he was always great about stopping in for a visit with Rod. We enjoyed his visits and his stories and he will be missed and remembered as a man with tons of character! Sending love and hugs to Larry, Rick, Mike and Jeff and their families, and to all those who had the pleasure of knowing Hal.

Norma Blake

Norma Blake - January 16, 2022 at 04:56 PM

CK

*Hal was a close friend of my parents Earl and Helen Lewis. As I grew up I loved any time we visited the ranch and the kindness of Hal and Joan was always evident. He will be missed in so many ways.
Catherine Kobayashi*

Catherine Kobayashi - January 17, 2022 at 11:51 AM