



## Mr. Harvey Mitchell Podgurny

July 23, 1947 - July 25, 2025

Harvey Mitchell Podgurny, age 78, of High River, Alberta passed away on July 25, 2025, at the High River Hospital.

Harvey was born to Elsworth Lewis Johnston and Opal Walus Smith on July 23, 1947, at Peace River, Alberta. As young children, Harvey and his brothers Lewis and William were adopted by Blanche Lillian and William Frederick Podgurny. The Podgurny family farmed near Blue Ridge, Alberta. When the brothers were in their teens, the family moved to Edmonton, where they finished High School.

Harvey worked as a Legal Land Surveyor in his early 20's. He spent two years in the High Arctic, surveying for oil companies. Later he worked in Vancouver and Kamloops, B.C. before returning to Alberta. Harvey left surveying for construction and became a Journeyman carpenter. He worked on many projects at home and for friends. In 1980 he was hired by the City of Calgary, and in 1988 he became a civilian member of the Calgary Police Service. He loved the work and continued until his retirement in June, 2006.

Harvey loved to fish and camp, mostly in remote areas of Alberta and B.C. In younger years he bow hunted, played old timer hockey and softball. Later he discovered Pickleball, which he loved. Harvey and Lynda traveled to Italy and Greece in 2007, visited Hawaii once, and loved to wander around the

southwestern USA in truck and camper.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Lynda; daughter Natasha (Cody), grandsons Jaxom and Danny; son Harvest Johnston, (Finnessa) grandsons Seth and Levi, and their mother Lindsae Nichols, and Finnessa's children Charity, Grace, and Victor. Also survived by brothers Lewis and William Podgurny, sisters Hazel Ward, Marie (Dave) Dyck, Ethyl Velie, Irene Fortin, and Louise Dzaman (Darrell) and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both his natural and adopted parents, sisters Dianne Johnston and Virgie Lawrence, and brother Harold Johnston.

A Celebration of Harvey's Life will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Heritage Inn (1104 11 Ave SE, High River, AB, T1V 1P2).

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (MT)

Heritage Inn, High River  
1104 11 Ave. SE  
High River, AB (CA)

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Dear Lynda. I was very saddened to learn that Harvey had passed away. My condolences to you and your family. Dr Jeeva

Adam Jeeva - August 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ Lynda and family, our sincere condolences. Harvey was one of our neighbours who always took the time to wave or stop for a chat! Thinking of you during this difficult time.

John And Deb Gross - August 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MA

“ In Memory of my brother Harvey and our deepest condolences to his wonderful wife Linda, Natasha and Harvest. He was a very talented carpenter, loved his fishing, boating, traveling and cared very deeply about his family. Rest in Peace Harvey, until we meet again.  
Marie and Dave

Marie - August 02, 2025 at 01:19 PM

DE

“ It's been a long time, but many great memories of Harvey when he was in our Kinsmen club. He was a great guy and worked hard in the club. Condolences to Lynda and family from myself and on behalf of the Kinsmen.

Denton Eaglesham - August 01, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey Mitchell Podgurny*



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**Joyce Barton** - August 01, 2025 at 11:16 AM

GC

“ *Lynda and Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Harvey always had a big smile and chuckle when ever we saw him. He had a great sense of humor, and our time spent with him in Kinsmen will always be remembered. RIP Harvey Barb and Gerry Coakwell*

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**Gerry Coakwell** - July 31, 2025 at 07:21 PM

AH

“ *Sincere sympathy to Lynda and family. Love and care Alice Howden.*

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**Alice Howden** - July 30, 2025 at 03:33 PM

BP

“ *Harvie was a great member of the HR pickleball club and was always there to help share a story and just be Harvie. Our members will miss our friend Harvie* 💕💕

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**Brian Popowitch** - July 30, 2025 at 01:04 PM

WL

“ *I. M so sorry to of harvey passing. .i considered him a friend...my condolences*

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**wayne lee** - July 30, 2025 at 12:13 PM

GC

“ *Lynda and family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers, especially during this difficult time. We will always remember Harvey’s amazing sense of humour and all the time and hard work he put in, while a member of the High River Kinsmen Club. He will be missed and may he RIP.* ”



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - July 30, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CJ

“ *Linda and family. Please accept my sincere wishes at this difficult time. I always enjoyed Harvey's and his crazy sense of humor. I hope your memories will help you all through this time. Harvey will be missed for sure.* ”

Connie L. Jewell - July 30, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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Lyle Reeves Funerals - July 29, 2025 at 06:05 PM