



Mr. Helmute Dueck

July 7, 1930 - December 30, 2013

Helmute Dueck of High River passed away at his home on December 30, 2013 at the age of 83 years. Helmute is survived by his loving wife Elfrieda; children Ken (Irma) Fast Dueck, Ric (Laurel) Dueck, Carole (Russell) Neufeldt; grandchildren Zachary, Krista, Daniel, Alyssa, Erin, Bryant and Eric; siblings Erwin (Katie) Dueck, Eileen (Werner) Peters and Dennis (Lenore) Dueck.

He was born in Rosthern, SK and spent a significant amount of time as a young boy on the farm with his cousins in Spiritwood, SK. On July 14th, 1956 Helmute married Elfrieda "Ella" Peters from Hanley. For many years, Helmute and Ella lived, raised their children and worked in Saskatoon. Helmute traveled to several small Saskatchewan towns as Regional Sales Manager for International Harvester and Abex.

Helmute was a pilot, farmer and entrepreneur. In 2000 he embarked on a new journey with Ella, moving to High River. Here he became actively involved with the condo association, High River Handi-Bus and volunteered many enjoyable hours at the Heritage Museum. He loved the land and felt at home engaging people in farming conversations. He had a fascination for flight and all things mechanical. We will miss his curiosity, his readiness to help, generosity and pride in his children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Trinity Mennonite Church (RR1, Site 17, Box 21, De Winton, AB, T0L 0X0) or the Mennonite Disaster Service www.canadahelps.org/GivingPages/GivingPage.aspx?gpID=32376.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Mennonite Church in Dewinton (Map Below). To send condolences and view Helmut's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals (403.652.4242).

Cemetery Details

Edenbrook Memorial Gardens

24223 Township Road 242
Calgary, AB T3Z 3K2 (CA)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (MT)

Trinity Mennonite Church
32023 32 St W
Dewinton, AB T0L 0X0 (CA)

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Ric,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My dad enjoyed the time they spent together with Daniel and Andrew. My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.
Karen Richmond

Karen Richmond - January 06, 2014 at 04:45 PM

JF

“ Dear Elfrieda, Ric, Carole, and Ken (and each of your families),
Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Helmut. Verna and Kim remember his endless helpfulness in our church kitchen - often one of the very last ones on site to make sure the job was thoroughly completed! I (Jake) remember him best as a care bear. Even in my early years of pastoring in Saskatoon he would be one of those 'first responders' to my sermons - something that was especially life-giving for this young preacher at that time. That caring persona has taken a new shape during these recent years of their retirement here in Calgary, and my career path change to trucking. Many times after church he would shake my hand, and then along with an extra little grab of my arm, he would ask about my latest trip. His eyes would crinkle with expectation, ready for whatever little road story or incident I might have, occasionally yielding a tall tale or two from either of our mouths! These conversations would end with his trademark "I think of you often". In these next weeks and months I will think of him often, and very much in the sentiment of the apostle Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Phil. 1:3). Jake Froese

Jake Froese - January 06, 2014 at 10:19 AM

PW

“ Ric,
Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss...my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Peter Worsley

Peter Worsley - January 05, 2014 at 05:39 PM

RN

“ *Dear Elfrieda, Carole, Ric, Ken,*
We're remembering you and your families in heartfelt thoughts and prayers...and trusting that His love will comfort you during this sad time.
At this difficult time, may you see God's love in the faces of family and friends. May you feel His love in every caring word, and may you know His love in the hope that is sure to come.
In deepest sympathy, Don & Ruth Neufeldt

Ruth & Don Neufeldt - January 05, 2014 at 04:47 PM

SP

“ We met Mr. Duek many years ago, through our friends, Carole and Russ. We have seen them on and off over the years at Erin, Eric, and Bryant's birthday parties, Christmas concerts at church, or family activities etc. I always enjoyed being around Carole's parents. They always made us feel included and welcomed. Mr, Dueck was always there with a firm handshake, hug, and always interested in our lives and our daughters. He always was willing to lend a helping hand and even remember them babysitting my youngest, along with Eric and Bryant, while Carole and I took Erin and Kiera swimming. Always a smile, and kind word. Always setting a wonderful example about helping others. Always a gentleman. We are incredibly sad about his passing. I know, though, that he is at peace now, and that there is yet another beautiful soul in Heaven. Our deepest sympathy and hugs to Mrs. Duek, and our dear friends, Carole and Russ, their children, for Rick and Laurel and the whole family. Praying for friends and family to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again.
Terry and Sharon Peters, Kiera and Chloe

Sharon Peters - January 05, 2014 at 11:41 AM

RW

“ It is with much sadness that I was informed of the passing of Helmute. Thinking of the family and friendship of next door neighbours for many years. Ron Wilkie, Ottawa.

Ron Wilkie - January 05, 2014 at 11:38 AM

MV

“ *“And slowly though the Laurel Grows, it withers quicker than a rose.” This description was written by poet, W.O Housman, upon the passing of his dear friend. It most adequately describes your leaving us - Helmute.*

You were a gentleman and a scholar, but never judgmental of your friends. They were all equal.

During one of our weekly coffee sessions, you told me and I paraphrase "friends are like a beautiful farm or garden - both need tender, loving care." You were so true.

Now that I know that you were a pilot, your return flight with our Lord's angels to heaven, will be first class.

Although our coffee sessions have ended, your thoughts will forever rest in each of our hearts.

Let me leave you with this thought on behalf of each of your friends "we'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but we'll meet again some happy and sunny day."

**GOODBYE OUR FRIEND,
MARV & FAY VANDALE**

Marv & Fay Vandale - January 04, 2014 at 02:57 PM

TE

“ *The Pugh family from Saskatoon wish to send their condolences to Mrs. Dueck and the family at the passing of their husband and father. Bob & Ruth Pugh were neighbors on Cairns Ave and have kept in touch since the move to High River. They were very saddened to hear of this news.*

Terry - January 04, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ *A visitation for family and friends will be held at the High River United Church on Sunday, January 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Location directions can be found by clicking the obituary tab above.*

*Thank You,
Lyle Reeves Funerals*

Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 03, 2014 at 09:06 PM

“ A wall of tribute from the family of Reinhard Fast.

Helmute was the eldest of the 15 cousins in ‘our group’.

Kurt –

Helmute, who is 7 years older than myself, asked me (a farm boy with a brand new driver’s licence) to accompany him to Windsor, Ontario to pick up a new car! We did some sightseeing including a visit to Niagara Falls and when conditions were favourable he even allowed me to do some of the driving as we returned to Saskatchewan. This was 1953-or 54. Helmute was one of my favorite cousins. (I’d love attend the memorial service but unfortunately cannot for health reasons.)

Gerda-

As a youngster Helmute always seemed soooo grownup. I’d often see him walking and talking with the men. He was anxious to learn as much as he could from them whereas I was a little girl happy to play in the sand pile.

Ernie-

Visiting Helmute was very precious to me, both in my younger years, and most recently this past fall. When I shared conversation with him, his body language gave me the impression that he had “recorded” all that I had said. Any questions he asked were very clearly put and easy to respond to and made me feel he enjoyed the short chats!

Harold-

Helmute was always interested in what was happening, whether it was traveling, flying or modern agriculture. A couple months ago I shared pictures of a neighbour loading oats that had been stored in a grain bag, on a quarter west of the quarter Uncle Aaron had homesteaded. This technology was developed in Argentina and is becoming quite popular as a grain storing option. While no longer

directly involved with farming Helmut quickly sorted out how the bag excavator was able to load the grain, with no spillage from under snow drifts; and, marvelled how this technology was able to store damp grain that, in a conventional bin, would have heated and been spoilt in a week. So bright and with it.

Jean-

Helmut happened to be driving by Callaway Park on his 70th birthday and diplomatically persuaded the admissions clerk to let him gain entry for.... just one ride on the roller coaster before continuing on his route. All of which shows his charm, his power of persuasion, his spontaneity, his love for the adventure and his cast-iron-ability to keep his stomach stable. Cousin #13 of 15!

Jean Healey - January 03, 2014 at 09:45 AM

LD

“ *Dear Rick and Laurel,
We are sorry to hear of your dad's passing, specially at this time of year. He always had a friendly smile and handshake to share. Our thoughts are with you. Lillian and Martin*

Lillian Dyck - January 02, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *The family wishes that no flowers are ordered. They request that you donate either to the Trinity Mennonite Church listed in the obituary or the charity link below.*

<https://www.canadahelps.org/GivingPages/GivingPage.aspx?gpID=32376>

*Thank you,
Lyle Reeves Funerals*

Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 02, 2014 at 08:51 AM

EJ

“ *Helmute has been a good neighbour for more than eight years - a man who is one of the first in line whenever someone needs help. Your smiling face and friendly greeting will be missed by all who know you. My thoughts and prayers are with Elfreda and family as they grieve their loss. I know you will take comfort in the wonderful example Helmut has set for each of us in his caring thoughtfulness for others - a true gentle man of the "old school" whose friendship was loved, respected and appreciated by all who knew him. As the sadness passes and the sunshine in your life begins to appear again, the memories of happy times together as a family will be a lasting treasure until you meet again.*

Elsie and Vicki James

Elsie James - January 01, 2014 at 01:29 PM

KK

“ *I worked with Helmute at the High River Handi-Bus for years. I always appreciated his caring attitude and dedication. A good man and a true friend! Now Helmute is with his Lord! Kor Kits, High River*

Kor Kits - January 01, 2014 at 12:12 PM

HW

“ *" I knew Mr Helmute Dueck very well, Him and I where very close friends plus fellow volunteers at SHEPPARD FAMILY PARK . Helmute was a very responsible guy. He loved to come and spend time at the park, doing what he loved best, and that was either mowing the grass or doing maintenance work on our lawn equipment. like Elaine mason said ,yes he was a very kind and true gentleman. I will really miss his smiling face, and gentle manner.*

H. Barry Warnica Grounds Maintenance leader at S F PARK in High River Alberta

H. Barry Warnica - December 31, 2013 at 10:07 PM

EM

“ I knew Helmute as a fellow board member and volunteer of Sheppard Family Park. He was a generous, hard-working, kind and thorough man--a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be missed

Elaine Mason - December 31, 2013 at 07:58 PM