

## Mr. Hessel Wind

July 12, 1949 - January 10, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the unexpected passing of Hessel Wind on January 10th, 2025, at the age of 75. Hessel passed at his home peacefully in his sleep, leaving behind a legacy of love, community, and service.

Born to Janny and Piet on July 12, 1949, in Coevorden, Netherlands, the family immigrated to Canada in 1959.

Hessel was a devoted husband to Denise (nee: Michaud), who he treasured throughout their 53 years of marriage. He was a proud father to his three children: Michelle Wind (Dean), Annaleis Armstrong (John), and Pieter Wind (Amanda) and a doting Opa to his grandchildren: Quinn, Tate, Aleda, Jorja, Brody, and Ryker. Hessel's love was boundless, and his family will cherish every moment spent with him, he was always up for anything, anytime.

Hessel's love for his family extended beyond his own children, as he and Denise played an instrumental role in raising their nephew and nieces, Danielle Palmer (Robert), Jean-Paul Michaud (Carrie Anne), and Michelle Ponting (Bill) and Danielle's children: Sam, Abigail, and Hannah were blessed to have him as their Opa.

Hessel was also a valued sibling to his brothers and sisters and is survived by

Ineke DeVries Visser (George), Liesje Bosgra, Henk Wind (Cidnee), Cobi Verhoeff (Paul), Tom Wind (Angella).

Hessel's kindness, wisdom, and sense of humour will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to have him in their lives.

A member of the High River community for many years, Hessel was a well-known and respected figure. His commitment to helping others with his limitless generosity and unwavering support (especially if it involved sports in any way) will leave a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Hessel's family is comforted by the knowledge that as a man of faith he passed peacefully and that his legacy of love, hard work, and dedication will live on through them. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family feels Hessel would want you to spend your money making memories with those you hold close to your heart - hopefully it's Denise ;)

Rest in peace, Hessel. Your love will forever be felt, and your memory will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of Hessel's Life will be held at the High River United Church on Monday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*

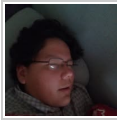


**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - January 14, 2025 at 08:57 PM

MW

*Our sincerest condolences to the entire family. Hessel was a gem of a man.*

**Murray and Kendra Wegener** - January 15, 2025 at 11:39 AM



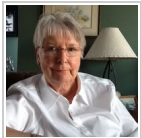
*Going to miss you Hessel.*

**Brian Michaud** - January 20, 2025 at 09:56 PM

FB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Hessel. I came to know him when he worked in my dad's restaurant one summer. He seemed to be someone that enjoyed life. I know he was blessed with a wonderful life! What a blessing! Hugs to all the cousins.*  
*Frieda Brands (DeBoer)*

**Frieda G Brands** - January 20, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *My thoughts with you Denise. I have so memories over the years.*  
*Donna Downey*

**Donna Downey** - January 20, 2025 at 04:49 PM

AB

“ *Hessel was a great team mate and friend.*

Allen Bobie - January 20, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sending you our condolences and prayers to all. What a shock! Glad we had time to visit in June.*



Dianne Parenteau - January 19, 2025 at 03:43 PM

CW

“ *I have made a translation of the tribute below. Hope it comes out OK Cidnee WindWe, the Kuipers van Hessel cousins, are deeply affected by his sudden death!*

*We share many warm memories with Hessel, Denise and their family, during our visits to them and the other cousins and Uncle Piet and Aunt Jannie in High River and Calgary. Memories that you cherish in times like these and that you also like to share with our now adult children.*

*Hospitable and proud, you took us to the Rocky Mountains and further through Canada. Wild camping with Hessel and Tommy, in Uncle Piet's MG with a BBQ under the stars in the evening. Warm, precious and lasting memories!!*

*This, together with Hessel's broad smile, his pride in his Denise and family and his warm interest, remain dear to us!*

*Denise, Michelle, Anneleis and Pieter and families, lots of strength and we hope that in the long term your precious memories together with your Hessel will strengthen you and make you smile again!*

*Liz, Jannie and Hessel, Nanne Marten, Tamme and Saskia and children*

Cidnee Wind - January 19, 2025 at 12:08 PM

BL

“ *We are deeply shocked by the sudden death of Hessel.*

*As a second cousin, I was able to get to know Hessel during the several visits I was able to make to our family on the other side of the ocean.*

*And we were so looking forward to see, speak to and make memories with him again after so many years next summer.*

*Hessel, was a warm family man, who always received us as a Dutch family with love and looked forward to these special encounters. He will be missed....*

*Dear Denise, Michelle, Anneleis, Pieter and grandchildren condolences with this great loss. The memories of your dear husband, father and grandfather remain. Also in my heart.*

*With love Berit, Isha and Linn*

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**Berit, Isha en Linn** - January 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM

HK

“ *Wij, de neven Kuipers van Hessel zijn diep getroffen door zijn plotselinge overlijden!*

*Veel warme herinneringen delen we met Hessel, Denise en hun gezin, destijds tijdens onze bezoeken aan hen en de andere neven, nichten en oom Piet en tante Jannie in High River en Calgary. Herinneringen die je in tijden als deze koestert en ook graag deelt met onze, nu volwassen kinderen.*

*Gastvrij en vol trots namen jullie ons mee naar de Rocky Mountains en verder door Canada. Wild-camperen met Hessel en Tommy, in de MG van oom Piet met 's avonds een bbq onder de sterren. Warme, dierbare en blijvende herinneringen!!*

*Dit samen met Hessel zijn brede glimlach, zijn trots op zijn Denise en gezin en zijn warme belangstelling blijven ons dierbaar!*

*Denise, Michelle, Anneleis en Pieter en gezinnen, heel veel sterkte en we hopen dat op termijn jullie dierbare herinneringen samen met jullie Hessel, jullie sterken en weer laten glimlachen!*

*Liz, Jannie en Hessel, Nanne Marten, Tamme en Saskia en kinderen*

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**Hessel Kuipers** - January 17, 2025 at 11:43 AM

JJ

“ As Hessel's cousins, who did not emigrate like him, we are very shocked by his sudden death. We cherish warm memories of birthdays and holidays in the 50s where we met as children at grandpa and grandma Wind or at each other's homes. It was always fun.

We still remember the feeling of excitement and also of sadness when Uncle Piet and Aunt Janny emigrated to Canada in 1959 with our five cousins. We then thought that we would never see each other again.

But how grateful we are for all the times we were able to meet each other again in Canada and also in the Netherlands. The great hospitality of all Canadian Windjes has brought us many beautiful and precious memories. This also applies to Hessel and Denise with their children and foster children.

We got to know Hessel as a loving and caring man and father who enjoyed meeting us as Dutchies and spending time together. That is why we find it so sad that Hessel's deeply felt wish and his plan to show his children his Dutch and especially Coevorden roots, could not be realized. Fortunately, Michelle, Annaleis and Pieter did come and got an unforgettable impression of the environment in which their father's childhood took place.

We as cousins cherish the precious moments that we have been able to share with our dear cousin Hessel and we wish Denise and her (grand)children the comfort and strength of God's loving presence.

With love,

Gert en Tineke Timmerman

Fokkelien Haarlemmer-Timmerman

Herman en Paula Wind

Janny en Henk Janssen-Wind

Jannes en Erica Wind

Fokkelien en Henk Botter-Wind





**Janny Janssen** - January 16, 2025 at 06:06 AM

LB

*What a beautiful tribute to our brother. Hessel was loved much, and will be missed much.*  
*Liesje Bosgra-Wind*

**Liesje Bosgra-Wind** - January 16, 2025 at 08:15 PM

IE

“ *Sending hugs and prayers that God will comfort you at this time.*

**Irene. Empey** - January 16, 2025 at 12:31 AM

GL

“ *Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



**Gail Lewis** - January 15, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RB

“ *I will always treasure his smile and fun spirit. I loved him and will remember. Hugs to Denise and his family, we will miss him . Ruth Boschma, cousin.*

**Ruth Boschma** - January 15, 2025 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ So very sorry to hear this. Much condolences to all the family. He sure was a wonderful man to me growing up. So very sorry for your loss. Big hugs, Dail Howe



Dail Howe - January 15, 2025 at 05:10 PM

ES

“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Eunice Schmuland - January 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RH

“ Sincere Sympathy to you all. Many memories of the T&P. Always smiling.

Roberta (Mason) Hazen - January 15, 2025 at 12:09 PM

CC

“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Cathy Couey - January 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

KB

“ We were so saddened by the unexpected news of Hessel's passing. I remember him briefly visiting our Grade 4 class with Miss Ramsey before he was moved to the east school and thinking how awful it must be to arrive in a foreign land not knowing the language. We reconnected again when we were in the high school reunion committee and met Denise, who was an even match for Hessel's wit, over many dinners disguised as planning sessions. Hessel even agreed to come out for a few golf games and his athleticism shone through even though he played just as an excuse to get together. We are grateful for the time we had with Hessel and send our heartfelt condolences to Denise and his family.  
With love,  
Horst and Keitha Baer

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**Keitha Baer** - January 14, 2025 at 03:25 PM

AW

I will cherish the memories we had growing up in HR and later meeting up in life at our reunion meetings . He loved playing hockey, his mgm car. I got out to playing golf with Hessel and his brother-in-George at the Little Devil golf course.  
We will miss you Hessel.  
Allen

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**Allen Wong** - January 15, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LW

What a shock to hear of Hessel's passing. We were neighbours on Crescent Ave and Liesje and I became fast friends. You will certainly be missed Hessel. Sincere sympathy to you Denise and your family.

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**Linda Walsh** - January 16, 2025 at 03:10 AM

LP

“Hearing of Hessel's passing was such a shock to us. He has been such a great neighbour and friend. He had a sharp sense of humour and we were always on the alert for his jokes. We will miss him. Our sincere condolences to Denise and the family.

*Linda and Ron Porter*

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**Linda Porter** - January 14, 2025 at 03:06 PM

VD

“I played some hockey with Hessel a number of years ago and found him to be a true gentlemen on and off the ice. It was a pleasure to know him. Rest in peace Hessel.

*Vitus Dubauskas*

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**Vitus Dubauskas** - January 14, 2025 at 12:18 PM

SE

“Fond memories of Hessel and Henk's visit with me in Prince Edward County during their bike trip. Such a lovely man. Wonderful to see the special relationship between the brothers. So sorry to hear of this great loss.



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**Sheila Eagen** - January 14, 2025 at 10:19 AM

JW

“ Dear family, we were shocked by the sudden death of Hessel. We know Hessel as a hospitable, sympathetic, friendly man. We all have fond memories of the meetings that took place. I have attached a number of photos of the visit of my brother Herman and me to Canada. We were there on the occasion of aunt Jannie's 90th birthday. We travelled as cousins "Wind" through part of the beautiful west of Canada. I felt like a "bad boy" with the big "bad boys". We spent a valuable time together and had a lot of fun. But we are also very grateful for the beautiful meeting with Annaleis, Michelle and Pieter last summer.

Dear Denise, Michelle, Anneleis, Pieter and grandchildren, we wish you God's loving and comforting presence in these difficult days and the period after.

Warm regards, Jannes and Erica



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**Jannes en Erica Wind** - January 14, 2025 at 05:10 AM



“ I met Hessel playing over 55 hockey. I enjoyed his company whether playing for or against. He always left me with a smile on my face. I am so sorry for his family and friends!

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January 13, 2025 at 09:32 PM



**Bob Holden**

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January 13, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DH

“ *Dana Horn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



Dana Horn - January 13, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DS

“ *I shed a tear for my friend Hessel.*

*MRSTEER*

Don Steer - January 13, 2025 at 06:59 PM

BK

“ *I think the first time I met Hessel was during preschool pick up with Aleda and Jorja. He was such a fun Opa and Dad! You could always see how much he loved his family - his work ethic and commitment to support his family was so strong. He was so easy to talk to, and was always up for an adventure. I am so glad that I asked him to give me a sample of his hand writing last year for a birthday gift for Annaleis. He didn't hesitate - he was that king of guy*  
💛 *Love to you all.*

Brenda Kalinovich - January 13, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stuart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



Denise Stuart - January 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM

KM

“Michelle and family, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad and Opa. I'm so glad to hear that he left gently for whatever comes next and I hope this brings some comfort for you. Sending my deepest condolences.

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**karen McFarlane** - January 13, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JN

“So sorry to hear of Hessel's unexpected passing. I was fortunate enough to get to know Hessel when we each played left wing for the H.R. Flyers back in the 'good ole days' of the mid 70's. Big #8 always had a great sense of humour, especially in the dressing room, and I recall a lot of good times both on the ice and just maybe post game also..

*Deepest condolences to Hessel's family & friends.*

*Jocko Noble*

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**John Noble** - January 13, 2025 at 02:42 PM

KR

“Dear Michelle and family. I'm so very sorry to hear of your great loss. I've heard many stories over the years of your immense love and respect for your dad and opa. You are all very fortunate to have had such a wonderful man in your lives. May he rest in peace, and may you all find comfort in knowing you will meet again. Sending my love and condolences.

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**Karen Rose** - January 13, 2025 at 01:57 PM

JG

“ Janet And Debra Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Janet and Debra Gardner - January 13, 2025 at 01:03 PM

BS

“ Barb Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Barb Stevenson - January 13, 2025 at 12:57 PM

GC

“ Denise and family, We were so sorry to hear of Hessel's passing. He was a good man who loved his family and friends immensely. He will be missed.  
Rest in Peace Hessel.  
Our condolences  
Gerry and Barb

Gerry Coakwell - January 13, 2025 at 11:52 AM

PA

“ Dear Denise, I remember, most fondly, spending time with and getting to know you and Hessel at Henk and Cid's anniversary trip to San Francisco. Memories like those will become ever more welcome and more warmly, gentle as time passes. I am thinking of you and your family and I know that their love and concern will comfort you. - Patti (Cid's friend)

Patti - January 13, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RW

“ *Richard Wakeford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



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**richard wakeford** - January 13, 2025 at 09:23 AM

NK

“ *I have great memories to Hessel and Denise. We as the Kuipers family visited Canada in the summer of 1974 for the first time. For us it was great to meet all our relatives including Hessel and Denise. We shared great times together, eating in their garden in High River. As we grew older we visited them again. A few years ago Hessel together with his brother Henk visited me when they were biking the Netherlands. I remember Hessel as a warm family minded person with a good sense of humor. We will remember and miss him.*

*I pray Gods nearness to Denise her children and grandchildren and all relatives.*

*Nanne Marten Kuipers*

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**Nanne M. Kuipers** - January 13, 2025 at 05:37 AM



“ We got to know and love Hessel (my second cousin) this summer while on vacation in Canada. We will remember him as a hospitable, committed, extremely patient (while searching for a phone in the fields) and loyal man. Our thoughts go out to Denise and Michelle in particular, and the rest of the family. God bless everyone who has to miss him! Wim Jaap en Femja (and kids)



Femja Wind - January 13, 2025 at 01:48 AM

DS

“ My heart is with you and family. Love

Dianne Sawchuk - January 12, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



lynda Cowling - January 12, 2025 at 08:07 PM

RT

One of the first person i met when i came to play Hockey in the plus 55 league was Hesel extending his hand out with a warm hand shake and welcome.He was always willing to help out with the team if we needed help somewhere. Our team will surely miss that warm sincere greeting every morning at the rink. Sincerely Russ Tait Bronze Hockey Team.

Russ Brian Tait - January 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM

PT

“ Penni Tebbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Penni Tebbs - January 12, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SD

“ Tom , Angella and all the Wind family, we are saddened to hear about Hessel, had lots of fun with Tom , Ang, Hessel and Denise back in the old days, hold your memories close..  
John and Sharon Dale

Sharon Dale - January 12, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BJ

“ Boyd/Shelley Jamison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Boyd/Shelley Jamison - January 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

DR

“ Hessel and I met when he came to Canada, and was placed in our grade 4 classroom. A solid and sincere man. I feel lucky to have had the blessed time to share and spend with him as we grew up. I miss you Hessel, and share a whole lot of 'brotherly' love with you in your memory. All the best dear friend. Doug

Douglas Ray Rodewoldt - January 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KB

*Oh, Doug, I can't tell you how happy I was to see your comments about Hessel. You are alive and I would love to be able to talk or text with you. Please contact me in Calgary 587-580-7067.. Keitha (Heseltine) Baer*

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**Keitha Baer** - January 14, 2025 at 02:32 PM

TH

“ *Sending love to the Wind family.*



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**Tara Hitchner** - January 12, 2025 at 02:55 PM

GC

“ *Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



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**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - January 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SD

“ *Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



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**Sharon Doll** - January 12, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Leslie Wegener-Wendt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



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**Leslie Wegener-Wendt** - January 12, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *I can't tell you how shocked and deeply saddened we were to hear of Hessel's passing. I still remember the day when Hessel and Hank together walked into Miss Thompson's grade 4 classroom, newly arrived from the Netherlands. What great times we have had together on the HRHS reunion committee. Our most sincere condolences go out to you Denise and to the family.*  
*Ken & Sherrie Maerz*

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**Sherrie Maerz** - January 12, 2025 at 12:23 PM

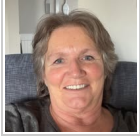


“ *Betty Berthelette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind*



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**Betty Berthelette** - January 12, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Denise, Michelle, Annaleis, Peter and families. It's been a few years since I've seen Hessel and You Denise. But I have fond memories of some fun times back in the days of Ellis Cresent. And many get togethers with Tom and Angella. May your fond memories get you through this very tough time, but keep you strong in supporting each other. Life is to darn short that's for sure. And Only shock was what I thought when I heard about Hessel. Just know that we're thinking of all of the Winds and their families. And may Hessel RIP 🙏🕊️.



Angie & Roger McCormick

Angie McCormick - January 12, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Rosemary Derbecker - January 12, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Alana Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Alana Williamson - January 12, 2025 at 08:38 AM

BM

“ Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Bert Montgomery - January 12, 2025 at 08:12 AM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hessel Wind



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - January 12, 2025 at 07:47 AM

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“ Denise, Michelle, Annaleis, Peter and family. My heart breaks for you all. I've know Hessel for many years. He was always caring and loved his family dearly. When I heard the news I was shocked and so sad. I am here for you all. No matter what you need. Us kids grew up together, and I have many fond memories of the Winds. Love and healing to you all. Nicole McLean (Janz)



Nicole Mclean (Janz) - January 12, 2025 at 12:49 AM