



## Mr. Jack Alexander Gemmell

November 9, 1942 - July 26, 2021

Jack Gemmell of High River passed away peacefully on July 26th with family by his side.

Jack was born in Edmonton AB to Iona and John Gemmell. He was the second born of eight brothers and sisters. Jack took Instrumentation Technology at NAIT in Edmonton then shortly after graduation moved to Calgary with wife Sharon and son Brad. After buying his first house in the Penbrooke Meadows community of Calgary, daughter Leah was born. He then moved the family to an acreage south of Calgary in 1974 and became a gentleman farmer with chickens, turkeys, rabbits, a horse and of course Helen the cow.

The ensuing years brought forth a lifetime of adventures, child rearing, Christmas celebrations, social gatherings and lots of planning hatched by Sharon, then implemented by Jack. Sharon and Jack left the acreage to build their dream house overlooking Cottonwood Golf Course in 1994. In 2008 they sold their home and moved to Polo Park in High River for another chapter of their lives.

In every location they became an integral part of their community. Jack especially enjoyed golfing. Not only was he a gentleman farmer he was also a gentleman golfer.

After Jack's loss of Sharon in 2018 he started a new journey with his partner Linda. During this time Jack enjoyed travelling and simply enjoying life.

Jack will be especially missed by the many lifelong friends around the world that he met during his many years of travelling.

Jack is survived by his son Brad (Dawn), daughter Leah (Chris), partner Linda, grandchildren Jaxen, Keighan, Colby and Molly, sisters Elaine (Rollie), Joyce, Cathy, brothers Gordon (Wanda), Gerrie (Lorraine), Roger (Val) plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was predeceased by his loving wife, Sharon, both parents, John and Iona, brother Ron, and brother-in-law Tom Mohr.

The family would like to thank Lyle Reeves Funeral home, the doctors and nurses at the High River Hospital, the High River Ambulance Service, and local Fire Department for their amazing and compassionate care of Jack in his final days.

A celebration of Jack's Life was held at the Highwood Golf and Country Club on September 12, 2021.

In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made to High River District Health Care Foundation, specifically the Cancer Center as Jack was very supportive of this kind of care coming to High River.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

SEP **12**. 1:30 PM (MT)

Highwood Golf & Country Club  
400 7th Street NW  
High River, AB (CA)  
<http://www.highwoodgolf.com>

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Linda Fields - August 11, 2021 at 10:07 PM

LG

“ Lucille Graefer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack Alexander Gemmell



Lucille Graefer - August 08, 2021 at 05:22 PM

KD

“ Bob and I are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of our dear friend. Our friendship of 40+ years will always be remembered with love and a smile. We travelled the world with Jack and Sharon, and those memories tell such a lovely story of fun, laughter, a few celebratory drinks and true friendship, as we navigated our way through several foreign countries. We will miss him greatly.

*Bob and Kay Dunn*

Kay Dunn - August 07, 2021 at 12:33 PM

TS

“ *Trudy Soloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack Alexander Gemmell*



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**Trudy Soloway** - August 07, 2021 at 01:01 AM

GH

“ *We met Jack shortly after we moved to High River. He was a great person to get to know. We enjoyed Jack's wit, his candour and his knowledge of a lot of things. He loved to tease and make you laugh. He was a great friend. Jack will be remembered dearly and missed by many. Condolences to the family and his very close friends.*  
*Greg and Pattie Hunter*

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**Greg and Pattie Hunter** - August 04, 2021 at 04:00 PM

FV

*Marv and Fay Vandal*  
*Jack and Sharon were our next door neighbors for many of years and were very great neighbors and we were very sad when Sharon passed away. We are so sad that now Jack has passed away. All of our sincere love, understanding to Brad and family, Leah and family and Linda. May God be with you at this sad time.*

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**Fay and Marvin Vandal** - August 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LC

*Dear Leah, Brad and families*  
*I was saddened to learn of Jack's passing. I have wonderful, fun-filled memories of good times, laughter, and great friendship during the time that Randy & I lived at "the top of the hill". I would often visit with Jack at the Highwood clubhouse after we, too, moved to High River from Cottonwood.*  
*Please know that I am surrounding you with love and light.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Leslie Cooke*

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**Leslie Cooke** - August 09, 2021 at 11:01 PM

EJ

*Will miss great smile and cheery greetings. A good neighbor for many years. I'm sure Sharon was happy to have her man back and be together again. Loved them both and have been missing our driveway visits.*

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**Elsie James** - August 10, 2021 at 06:31 PM

FB

*Sending our Sympathy - Fred Burley and Family*

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**Fred Burley** - August 13, 2021 at 06:58 PM

GR

*I met Jack about ten years after moving to High River. My late wife June and Sharon met and of course, the respective spouses met and we also enjoyed each others company. Jack was always fun to be around, he took his friendships seriously, but he never took himself seriously. He could explain the latest technology to you if you needed someone, not a help line, to get through some hiccup with your cell phone or whatever. A great friend!*

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**George Rock** - September 10, 2021 at 12:50 AM