



Mr. James Peter Andersen

January 17, 1922 - December 28, 2020

Jim passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at the High River Hospital on December 28, 2020 at the age of 98 years. Jim is survived by his beloved wife Barbara, daughter Laura Lee Gardener, son Perry Andersen (Terri), Grandson Ashley Roger Gardener, Granddaughter Kelsey Lee Gardener and Great-Granddaughter Frankie Lee Wilde; Son-in-law Malcolm (Sandy) Gardener; as well as Step-Grandchildren, Amy (Josh) Donald, Lindsay (Kevin) Knight; and Step-Great-Grandchildren Neela, Trayden Donald & Colin & Lydia Knight. Jim was predeceased by his parents, Mads & Laura Andersen; siblings Chris, Alta, Mina, Dee, Jeannette, Mary, Max & Clarence.

Jim was born in Magrath to Danish parents, Mads Peter and Laura Andersen; some of his 8 siblings were born in Denmark before the family immigrated to Canada.

When Jim was 11 years old, they drove horses and wagons from Magrath all the way up to Peace River country, a journey that took six weeks. They were driving 15 head of cattle and that many horses as well. They tried homesteading but it was too difficult due to dense bush, muskeg and mosquitoes, so they moved on to Valleyview. During Jim's ten years up north, he walked four miles to school as the horses had died with swamp fever.

Jim was 21 when he finally took a Greyhound bus back to Magrath; his

mother had already moved back. Mads stayed up north; his parents never lived together again, but Mads would come down to Magrath when he could.

In 1943, World War II was taking place, so Jim joined the Navy where he served for the next three years until the war was over. Training was done in Cornwallis so he took the CPR train across Canada to Nova Scotia. They stopped along the way picking up more people and by the time they got to Nova Scotia, there were thousands of sailors on the train. After training in Cornwallis, Jim was stationed in Halifax while training as a Gunner on the defensive equipped merchant ships, and then was sent to Portland, Maine. Jim served on two different merchant ships that hauled goods all over the world; sailing in the United States, twice through the Panama Canal, South America, Trinidad, Celone, India, Africa and Australia. He had 341 days of overseas service (9 months on one ship) and served 794 days in the Navy.

Jim met Barbara in 1950 when they were both on a sightseeing trip to Waterton. Barbara was working as an R.N. at the Galt Hospital in Lethbridge at the time. In 1952 they were married in Barons and lived in Magrath first, then Vauxhall. They were married for 68 years; a true love story that survived through thick and the thin. Barb was Jim's 'everything'.

While Jim was working for the PFRA in Vauxhall, he heard about a blacksmith shop for sale in Blackie, so he purchased the shop and they moved to Blackie in 1955 where he worked for the next 50 years. Everyone knew 'Andersen's Blacksmith and Welding Shop' with the crooked wooden floors, the belt-driven hammers, and the big anvils and forges. This was a place where folks would stop in to say hello. Farmers would stop by to have work done, kids were there because it was an interesting place; and they were always welcome. Jim had friends of all ages; he was quite a character.

A couple of years after buying the welding shop, Jim bought a school bus from

Milo Stier and drove a bus route for 30 years. Jim and Barb talk about how the Blackie community welcomed them and how they spent many wonderful years there with lifelong friends.

Jim enjoyed fishing in his boat in the summer and hunting in the fall. They both enjoyed camping with their truck and camper and one year they travelled with Warren and Shirley Collard all the way to Alaska and back.

Eventually Jim & Barb purchased a home in High River where they enjoyed many good years before moving to Seasons Retirement Village. No matter where Jim was, he loved to have a rum and coke during 'happy hour' with his family or friends.

To the man we call J.P. ... a finer man we will never know.... rest in peace knowing you were loved by so many, far and wide. We will miss you so very dearly.

In the absence of a gathering, the family would appreciate folks leaving a comment on the Tribute Wall about how you knew J.P. and how he touched your life.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, August 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71, 25 - 8th Avenue SE, High River, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71, 25-8th Avenue SE, High River, AB T1V 1E8, etransfer to accounting@rcl71.ca .

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

403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Royal Canadian Legion #71
25 - 8th Ave. SE
High River, AB T1V 1E8 (CA)
(403) 652-3770

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Dear Barb and all the family- We were sad to hear of Jim's passing. While we did not spend a lot of time with your family, we all appreciate your kindness and hospitality over the years. Always had a good visit. Thinking of all of you, Cynthia, Beth and Mark Peterson

Cynthia Peterson - February 13, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Barb, Laura & Perry. JP was always good for a visit, whether at Smittys Sunday morning or at the Legion. He made us a plant hanger and we call it our JP tree. He will be missed. Cherish all your memories of him. Hugs to all.

Murray & Wilma Williamson

Wilma Williamson - January 21, 2021 at 12:57 AM

CH

“ Barb, Laura, Perry and families - JP was one of a kind - always a teaser - many fond memories of my times working at Egeland Farm Equip - you right across the street - coming for coffee every day, possible Friday happy hours when the work day was done - visiting in Mom and Dad's back yard - camping - you always had a smile on your face - you always had time for a visit - May your family cherish all the wonderful times together and remember how much everyone thought the world of JP - May he rest in Peace - Cheers!
Eric & Cheryl Heinz

Cheryl Heinz - January 18, 2021 at 09:49 AM

KM

“ Dear Barb, Laura and Perry: What a life Jim had!! My mom and dad thought so much of you both. Perry was a good friend of Pat's and we would see him often when they were kids. I remember going with my dad to the welding shop and thinking it was very interesting even if it was so dark in there. I remember the card parties when you and Jim would come out to the farm. Jim always knew me and had time to visit wherever we met. He always has a smile on his face and this is now I will remember him. Thinking of all of you at this time. Karen Maronda (Colliton)

Karen Maronda - January 15, 2021 at 03:11 PM

SE

“ Dear Barb, Laura and Perry,
So many Fun-filled and fond memories were shared between our two families over the years. I have pictures of our Parents in Sombrero's, Hawaiian Shirts, Bathing Suits, and our fathers dressed up as Women at Halloween (think it was Halloween as I only recall them coming out of the closet after looking for a pair of shoes). Dad and Jim had much in common, both ran a business in Blackie, Contracted Schoolbus, and Loved their Family, Friends, and a Good Happy Hour to gather with All.

I know before Dad passed in March, him and I tried so hard to get down to see JP after Dad moved to Calgary, but timing and circumstances of Dad's diminishing health made it an impossible quest.

JP was always asked about and I would come to hear a few new tales of Glen and Jim, or the foursome from Dad reminiscing. He always said, Jim was his Best Friend!!! and I was his Best Daughter... LOL

It will be my task soon Barb, to go through those "Precious Pictures" which are there to remind us of such Wonderful Times. I will make sure, I make duplicates to share.

Cheers to Jim and Glen and Rum!!!

Love You, Susan Eamor

Susan Eamor - January 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM

CE

“ Carla Ellice lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Carla Ellice - January 05, 2021 at 08:59 PM

HS

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jim, he was so wonderful and caring and a lot of fun to be around! Howard spent many happy hours having coffee with him here in High River. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace friend!



Howard & Ingrid Suitor - January 05, 2021 at 05:42 PM

DL

“ David Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



David Laycraft - January 05, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ Rest well my friend. I will miss you.
🇺🇸❤️ Dee



Dee Leigh - January 04, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ Barb, Laura, Perry and family, so sorry for your loss. What an amazing man J.P. was. So many fun memories we have of him. I can still see him coming around the lake on his scooter and saying are you coming for a rum. Sometimes we would say, sorry we can't today and his reply would always be WHY NOT, you're not busy today! Other times he would pull up on the bottom deck and we would say, stay for a rum and his reply would always be call Barb. Another great memory is our trip to Hawaii, lamp shades come to mind and a piano bar, how fun was that day! Also many fun happy hours at Doug and Kathys, dinner parties and so many more. Jim was a friend to the whole family starting with Mom and Dad, that says a lot about who Jim was and Barb continues to be. I'm sure he is having a rum and Glen is having a rye and they are reminiscing with the Davies boys. Cheers to a great friend, who will be missed by many. Love and hugs to all the family, Wayne and Faye Thurber.

Faye Thurber - January 04, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Cathy Couey - January 04, 2021 at 11:14 AM

KD

“ *Barb Laura Perry and Terry, so saddened to hear of J P death. We all know it's inevitable but when it comes it is always a shock. J P led a long and full life. Our house was right across from J P shop. He always walked to work. We had a window facing the sidewalk. Jim would walk by, Doug would hold up his glass, Jim would get a silly grin on his face and in he came, happy hour was on. Barb would show up after work and join us never missing a beat. We were good friends and did many fun things with them for many years. My memories are many. Thinking of you Barb and remembering all the dinner parties, camping and travelling and crazy things we did together. A life well lived,,now he is at rest and with a lot of good company. You will always be remembered J P with a smile. Farewell my friend. Kathy Davies*

kathy davies - January 03, 2021 at 12:09 PM

RB

“ *We were very sadden to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts are with you at this time.*

Ruby and Owen

Ruby Benoit - January 02, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DS

“ Barb, Laura, Ashley, Kelsey, Perry and Terri. Our deepest sympathy on the passing of JP. So many memories of a great guy who would do anything he could to help in any situation.

Seeing him standing in the blacksmith shop or having lunch with him and Barb in High River he would always have a good story to tell and details that could only be from experiences.

From serving his country to his welding skills to serving the drinks JP did it with style.

Your gift that you and my dad constructed for us still has pride of place.

Rest In Peace JP and enjoy moving pianos.

David and Nora Schier

David and Nora Schier - January 02, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BS

“ I have very fond memories of JP and Barb. They were so good to Bruce and I when we were in Canada and then enjoyed their stay with us in Australia, even though JP could not understand our Lingo (accent). They also enjoyed a trip right down through central Australia. Rest In Peace JP and you and Bruce play horse shoes together and enjoy moving pianos. Sympathy to you dear Barb, he was a great guy.

Barbara Schier.

Barbara Schier - January 02, 2021 at 05:19 PM

ES

“ Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland - January 02, 2021 at 02:15 PM

ES

Thinking of you all at this difficult time - you have so many wonderful memories to cherish!

Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland

Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland - January 02, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MA

“ *Barb, Laura, Perry and family, we are saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. Aside from the many visits we had with Jim when we lived across the street and used a patch of Barb and Jim’s garden for carrots and zucchini, Geneva remembers pushing a stroller with our kids on the way to the Post office and having numerous visits with Jim who took the time to flip up his welding mask and visit with the kids. We will remember a kind and gentle man. Bob and Geneva.*

Macgillivrays - January 02, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SD

“ *Starr Davies lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Starr Davies - January 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM

GG

“ *Such great tributes to a great man. Truly a great testimony to the life Jim lived and the people he touched! I was fascinated by Jim's shop and spent a lot of time there. I remember coming to town for the mail and looking down the street to see his building was gone and I felt that a piece of me was missing. I think my Dad was his best customer! Dad couldn't build it but he could dream it and it was Jim's job to fabricate it. (I think I was along as a translator lol). For me it wasn't my bicycle that needed fixing it was my motorbike. I had a broken stud and had no idea how to get it out! Time to go see Jim! No problem Gary, he said, take this drill and I'll get you a bit (my goodness he wanted me to do it!!) and drill right down the centre of it. I was nervous and broke the bit. Jim was cussing me out, then I saw his eyes sparkle and he had to walk away to keep from laughing! Toast to you JP, you'll be truly missed and fondly remembered. Rest in Peace.*

Gary and Gail Groeneveld

Gary and Gail Groeneveld - January 01, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JG

“ *Deepest Sympathy Barb, Laura, Perry and Terri in the loss of Jim ! I still remember when you moved to Blackie and what great citizens you were for the town ! Mom and Dad became good friends of you both right away so that was great ! Jim drove our kids school bus for many years and would come right into the yard to pick them up - great service I might say. Perry and Terri always camp down to the the river so nearly every year they would bring JP and Barb down for the afternoon. JP was a great guy and we'll think of him often. Our thoughts are with you Barb and the entire family at this time.*



George and Judy

Judy Groeneveld - January 01, 2021 at 04:16 PM

CG

“ *Barb and Family,
So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. After reading his obituary, I realize what an amazing long life he had! He was our school bus driver for many years.... We were a bit late one morning and he was kind enough to drive up by the house much to our embarrassment! I hope that he and my Dad, Glen are having a toddy reminiscing about the early Blackie days! Rest in peace JP. You were loved by many in the Blackie community.*

Colleen (Eamor) and Dan Gillespie

Colleen Gillespie - January 01, 2021 at 02:14 PM

KG

“ *To Grandpappy, how blessed we were to have moved to Canada in 2006 to spend some quality years together! You showed me how important it is to create lifelong friendships, you are very well known and respected around High River & Blackie, people always said how great it was to meet your Granddaughter.*

My younger memories of you were taking the Ski-do out in the Blackie snow, that was such a cool thing for us Auzzie kids! You always had something interesting you wanted to show us in your welding shop, I still remember the crooked floors.

I'll forever be grateful for all the fun Christmas's we spent together with our family gift exchanges! My favourite part was watching someone unwrap George the ugliest doll and still be surprised even though he was the gift that kept on giving at every holiday! Somehow, we always forgot he would show up...

I hope you know how much your family and friends love you and may you please Rest In Peace.

Kelsey Gardener - January 01, 2021 at 03:27 AM



“ *Gerri And Al Polanchek lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Gerri and Al Polanchek - December 31, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *lot of good memories of hanging around the welding shop and fishing and camping with the Anderson's. r. i. p. jp*



Lee Hall - December 31, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - December 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM

AD

“ Barb Laura Perry and families, My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Great memories are too numerous to put down, but all of them were about having fun and good story telling! When are you coming over for a Rum? was J.P.'s greeting when ever we saw him and many were enjoyed with he and Barb. The last being with Barb and Jim at Season's in Barbs room. Hope you're enjoying a New Year's cheer with your many friends who you've joined. Rest in Peace my Friend. Hugs to all of you! Arlayne

Arlayne Davies - December 31, 2020 at 05:15 PM

CS

“ Colleen And George Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Colleen and George Smith - December 31, 2020 at 04:39 PM

EM

“ A lot of us at Seasons watched for Jim to pedal by every afternoon and evening on his way to see Barb. We will miss him and our sympathy goes out to Barb and family.
Elinor Miller

Elinor Miller - December 31, 2020 at 03:34 PM

BM

“ So sorry Barb to hear about Jim. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Lauren and Barry Maynard

barry maynard - December 31, 2020 at 02:16 PM

DM

“ *Don And Lana Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Don and Lana Malmberg - December 31, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BM

“ *Mrs. Andersen, Laura, Perry and Terri and families,*

Thinking of you and keeping you in our thoughts. Take comfort in the love and support of family and friends.

Brenda, Graham, Mallory, Leah and Paige McCredie

Brenda McCredie - December 31, 2020 at 12:40 PM

YC

“ *My childhood friends and I walked past JP's shop hundreds if not thousands of times as we roam the streets of Blackie. Although we had been warned we would go blind if we looked at the welding arc Jim was creating, my friends and I peeked in the shop each and every time we walked by. To this day I still have my sight!
My sympathies to the family,
Yvonne Egeland Cutforth*

Yvonne Cutforth - December 31, 2020 at 12:07 PM

MB

“ Sorry to hear about Jim, Have lots of memories of him at the shop or get togethers with our families. Whenever we brought something to be welded ,I would tell him that it might not be fixable and he loved the challenge and it always got repaired and lasted forever!! always had great visits and bantering whenever we saw one another ,and he would ask if I was still trying to farm! Jim was my bus driver for 11 years and he was never late which we were always hoping for! Thinking of you Barb , Laura, Perry and families. Michael Bird

Michael Bird - December 31, 2020 at 11:53 AM

BP

“ My deepest condolences to Barb and family



Barb Pickering - December 31, 2020 at 08:58 AM

AG

“ I'll always cherish the memories of my Grandpappy. He was an inspiration to me and always had such fascinating stories from his life that he could recall perfectly, "a memory like a tack", mum would always say.

I'll always remember him lifting me into his truck and teaching me how to drive around the field in Blackie when I could barely see over the steering wheel. "You should probably slow down a bit" he said as I replied, "I'm only going 40!" (Didn't realise the dash was in MPH!)

Everyone knew him around town, when our family first moved to Canada from Australia we lived with Grandma and Grandpappy in the high River house. I would go down for a few rums at the spitzee post and people would ask me what I was doing in Canada. I'd tell them I'm J.P and Barb's grandson and they'd say, "well how the hell is J.P?"

He left his mark on so many people with his charming character and his wealth of knowledge and he will be sorely missed.

Being that I'm currently in Turkey, I went down to the rocks in Istanbul for a day of fishing with a bottle of whiskey (I couldn't find any governor general rum in Turkey) and lit a candle in his memory.

I'll never forget my Grandpappy and his memories will live on forever in my heart. Until we meet again J.P.



Ashley Gardener - December 31, 2020 at 03:50 AM

DV

“ *Dana Kemery Valgardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Dana Kemery Valgardson - December 30, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RR

“ *Our Sincere condolences Barb, Laura, Perry & Terri, Mal and Families. Thanks for all the good memories JP at the shop in Blackie. The Friday after work socials with you guys. One memory that comes to mind is the day the garbage truck ran through the wall in your shop. Thank goodness it missed you! We will have a rum in your memory (maybe two).*

Hugs to you all.

Ross & Roberta

Ross & Roberta - December 30, 2020 at 10:39 PM

LG

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Laura Lee Gardener - December 30, 2020 at 10:09 PM

LH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Barb and your family. I always enjoyed my visits with Jim.*

Linda Hiller - December 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DM

“ *Barb, Laura, Perry, and families. What a privilege it has been to know Jim and you guys for all these years. From the parties with the Davies, Sewell's and Ellice's, to helping Jim at the welding shop. Usually a bit of a grumpy greeting, when I would bring a trailer or truck over for him to weld, but when he got at it, we always had a great visit and a laugh or two. May he Rest In Peace, and will catch up with all his old buddies! Love and best wishes, Dave and Tammy*



David Meadows - December 30, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TT

“ *Tim Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



tim tucker - December 30, 2020 at 07:10 PM

DD

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



Daryl & Janet Davies - December 30, 2020 at 04:57 PM

NM

“ Barb, Laura, Perry and families - Growing up in Blackie and spending hours upon hours with Laura my memories of Jim are, of course, the blacksmith shop with the old wooden floors and the fire going off to the side. Jim would make sure our bikes were fixed and later on that Laura always had a rideable horse. Jim had a sweet tooth and I don't remember a time being at their old house on main street that Barb didn't have a pie or brownies or some other goodie made for him. I also remember my parents, the Birds, and the Andersen's spending time together...many great memories for everyone!!
Love from Nancy

Nancy & Lloyd MacKillop - December 30, 2020 at 04:48 PM

KC

Barb, and family. Jim was a Blackie icon, and such a community focused worker. May each of us remember a special moment, or time when JP shared a smile or won a game of crib. Blessings to all at this time of goodbye.

karen crawford - December 30, 2020 at 09:00 PM

JF

“ I am so sorry for your loss Barb and family. I am thinking of you during this difficult time, wish I could give you a hug ❤️

Juanita Finley - December 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

DL

“ Camille and Darryl Laycraft lit a candle in memory of James Peter Anderson.



Darryl Laycraft - December 30, 2020 at 04:01 PM

TG

“ Going to the black smith shop was always an adventure. Trying to figure out how the different machines worked with belts going everywhere and wondering why the floor was not level.

Dad purchased harrows from Jim and I was volunteered to work with Jim in putting them together. To this day I practice his advice when I put things together. 'Never tighten the bolts until you sure you got everything right.' I apply that advice more to IKEA furniture now than farm equipment.

Jim was an important part of the farming community. Keeping machinery going, providing a gathering place and driving oh so many kids to school.

Rest in Piece.

Tony Groeneveld

Tony Groeneveld - December 30, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Rest in peace Jim. To you, Barb, and your family, our deepest condolences.



Erika Lutz - December 30, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SH

“ JP was such an instrumental part of growing up in Blackie. My brother (Robert) and I loved riding our bikes to JP's shop and being loaded up with candy and good times. He was such an inspiration. Both he and Barb were always so amazing and kind to our family and the entire community. Sending big hugs.

Sharalee - December 30, 2020 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Barb and all the family.
Sincerely
Shirley Sewell*

shirley sewell - December 30, 2020 at 02:47 PM

EC

“ *I was blessed with getting to visit Jim at his residence at Seasons. I sat and listened to his life stories, then off to visit Barb. What a lovely couple, so kind and gentle. And of course visits throughout the years on birthday celebrations and Friday lunches at The Legion. It was an honor to know you Jim. Love from Clayton and Edna Cameron*

Edna Cameron - December 30, 2020 at 02:39 PM

EC

“ *Barb and family, My sincere sympathy in the passing of Jim. I always picture you, Barb and Jim, together. I remember Jim's twinkling blue eyes and ready smile. It was a pleasure to get to know you for the past 25 years. You were always faithful members of the High River Legion. I will be praying for you during these difficult days. Evelyn Craig*

Evelyn Craig - December 30, 2020 at 02:36 PM

VC

“ *What a wonderful man! So difficult to say goodbye to those we love so deeply. Rob and I always loved our visits with him throughout his Blackie years. Our sympathies to Barb and the whole family 💕*



Vickie Rob Connor - December 30, 2020 at 02:09 PM

WW

“ Barb, Laura and Perry -

Our sympathy on the passing of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Jim will be missed by all who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this difficult time.

Wayne & Terry

Wayne & Terry Wilderman - December 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DG

“ *A couple years back JP was my school bus driver in Grade 1.....1967. Perry and I and the other Blackie boys played sports together every year and parents shared in the driving. Upon reflection JP probably hauled me around the country only second to my parents. My behaviour or lack of Ritalin back in those days usually earned me a seat at the front of the bus. Rest In Peace JP. Sorry for your loss Perry, Laura , Barb and family.*
Darren Gillanders

Darren Gillanders - December 30, 2020 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Perry, Laura and Barb. I always have good memories of getting oxygen and acetylene bottles swapped at Jim's shop. Great place to get some new steel or a piece of soapstone, and to see what Jim was working on that day.*
Milt and Deb

Milt and Deb Shaw - December 30, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MP

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Anderson family on the loss of Jim.
Colin and Mary Pearson*

Mary Pearson - December 30, 2020 at 11:58 AM

SD

“ *The world was a better place because of Jim.
Our sincere condolences Barb and family*



Sheri Dwernychuk - December 30, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MA

“ *Sincere condolences to the Andersen family.*



Marcia Ayrey - December 30, 2020 at 11:05 AM

EC

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to Barb and family
on the passing of Jim.
We always enjoyed Jim's sense of humour
and smile, he will be missed!*

Ernie and Eileen Cross



Eileen Cross - December 30, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ Sincere sympathy barb,Laura and perry....I have many good memories of our Blackie years...Marlene herriman and family..

Marlene Herriman - December 30, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DG

“ Donna Gregg lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Donna Gregg - December 30, 2020 at 10:30 AM

IR

“ Irene McCrindle Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Irene McCrindle Richards - December 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MH

“ Marilyn Howe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Marilyn Howe - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM

SM

“ Steven Muth lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Steven Muth - December 30, 2020 at 08:40 AM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss condolences to your family, Jim was a wonderful man, when we lived in Blackie our children were happy having him fix there old bicycles he never refused thank you Jim Rip.,

Laura Durand - December 30, 2020 at 08:24 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Barb, Laura, & Perry & families. Jim will always be remembered as a glowing example, of a wonderful, hard working, family & community man, & a great friend to everyone he met. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery

Bert Montgomery - December 30, 2020 at 08:09 AM

DL

“ Those are beautiful rich stories of a man and life of character and perseverance, from another era with lessons for us all to cherish. May his legacy be proudly honoured and remembered through his family.

Dennis Bathory, friend of Laura/Malcom - December 30, 2020 at 06:17 AM

JW

“ Jennifer Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Jennifer Woods - December 30, 2020 at 03:56 AM

JW

Barb, So sorry to hear of the loss of Jim. You and Jim were so welcoming to us when we moved to Blackie.

Jennifer Woods - December 30, 2020 at 03:59 AM

AM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Barb, Laura & family, Perry & Terri and family on the loss of JP. He was a great neighbour when he ran the Blacksmith shop in Blackie a few doors down from mom and dads. He always had a good story to tell our kids when they went to visit him. He always let them in and used to have a few good chats with my Granpa Kurt when he shuffled down for a visit as well. He was such a kind hearted soul and we always had a good chuckle ☐ with him. My fondest memory would have to be him calling my son Robyn a doomcuff (not sure if that's how you spell it or not). And Robyn got a good laugh out of it and never called Jim anything but doomcuff from that day forward. I think Robyn was about 5 years old. I will always remember him for his happy good heartedness. And I hope that all your fond memories will help you all through this already very trying time ❤️ RIP JP 🙏😊



Sincerely Roger & Angie McCormick(Durand)
Candisse & Robyn

Angie McCormick - December 30, 2020 at 12:22 AM

BJ

“ *Boyd & Shelley Jamison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Boyd & Shelley Jamison - December 29, 2020 at 11:43 PM

DS

“ *Barb, Laura & family, Perry and family
My heartfelt condolences to all of you at this sad time. I only met Jim a handful of times but felt I knew him through the stories Laura shared about him over the years. Yours, was a life well lived JP and I know how missed you will be by your family.*



Debbie and Craig Schmuland - December 29, 2020 at 10:40 PM

M(

So many wonderful messages and memories! Thinking of you Perry and Terri and families.

Marianne Nicholson (McCrindle) - December 30, 2020 at 01:12 AM

RB

“ *Rick And Shiela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Rick and Shiela Brown - December 29, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RB

He was such a sweet man. We are sorry for your loss.

Rick and Shiela Brown - December 29, 2020 at 10:36 PM

CJ

“ My Sincere sympathy to each of you Barb, Laura and Perry. I know how treasured your Husband and Dad were to each of you and the community of Blackie and hopefully many in High River. Blessings to each of you.

Connie L. Jewell - December 29, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ Jim was my first bus driver. In fact my first day of school he picked me up at 7:15 am and dropped me off at 5:00 pm, or to be more specific carried me into our house as I had fallen asleep on the bus. He will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jackie Pope - December 29, 2020 at 10:07 PM

TT

“ My deepest condolences to all of you. The memories we have made together throughout our Blackie days and beyond are forever in my heart. I remember Laura and I hiking to the welding shop daily and Jim helping us take the welding cart out for thrill rides down the hill. It seems like yesterday when he was building the big slide in his shop for our school yard. He helped me catch my first fish at Chain lakes on one of our camping trips. A life lived well, I will miss you JP. Until we meet again. ❤️
Tam Tucker

Tam Tucker - December 29, 2020 at 09:56 PM

SA

“ Jim was always pleasant and very informative about Blackie, so sorry for your loss.



Shannon Anderson - December 29, 2020 at 09:44 PM

DL

“ So sorry to hear about Jim’s passing. Our deepest condolences to Barb, Laura, Perry and families.

Dale and Deb Lindquist

Dale and Deb Lindquist - December 29, 2020 at 09:40 PM

BE

“ Very sorry to hear about Jim’s passing! I will always remember him as a very nice and gentle man! I have a lot of fond memories of growing up in Blackie. Jim would always take time to chat with us kids, show us something cool in his shop and then send us away with a few empty pop bottles to take to the Hub for a treat. Rest In peace Jim.

Brad Egeland - December 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

TS

“ As a kid, I was lucky enough to grow up next door to JP and Barb and played and skidoo'd in Andersen's field. JP was always interested in what we were doing as kids, and always had suggestions to improve our projects. I remember him working in the giant garden, walking with Nipper the dog, and the end of the week happy hours that started in early afternoon and ended in laughter in the dark.

Our family vacationed in California with the Andersen's at Christmas one year. I remember laughs at Disneyland, great family dinners, and JP coming back from Tijuana with several knock-off watches hidden up his sleeves! We continued a tradition of family Christmas Eve dinners together for years.

So many laughs. Such a genuine man. JP, you were loved and will be missed. Tracey

Tracey Stier - December 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM

RC

“ Ray Chaffee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Ray Chaffee - December 29, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DG

“ Jim drove me to school most of my youth, sorry Jim for being that brat on the bus, I can not recall how many time I had to sit in the front seat I marked it up as Jim wanted to just chat, and when he had enough of me I was allowed to back to my seat. Dad would take us to the shop so Jim could fix what ever was broke and Jim would give us a pic-a-pop. Thank for your service and your commitment to your community thoughts and prayers to the whole family, May your glory in heaven be great Jim.

Darrell Groeneveld - December 29, 2020 at 08:58 PM

CB

“ Sorry to hear about Jim passing. Charles & Cheryl



cheryl baile - December 29, 2020 at 08:43 PM

NE

“ *Laura, Barb & Perry*
So sorry to hear of your loss. Jim will be missed by many people and will leave an empty place in your heart. Jim had a calm and steadfast presence in the Blackie community.
What you have are memories of good times. I remember Jim as my school bus driver for many years. He had the voice of authority, telling us farm kids "sit down and behave"!
Jim commanded respect and yet had a lighthearted personality.
Good bye Jim. God Speed.

Netty - December 29, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MG

“ JP I’m honoured to have called you my Father-in-law. When I first met you in 1984, you very bluntly told me, you couldn’t understand a word I said, to say I was a little intimidated would be an understatement. Your direct approach and absolute honesty became some of the traits that I most admired in you. When we moved back to Canada in 2006 you and Barb were nothing but supportive and have continued to be through thick and thin. The example you have set to your kids, grandkids and now great granddaughter is a wonderful legacy that will live on for generations to come. It’s a gift for me to be part of your family.
Rest In Peace Jim.
Much love, Malcolm ❤️

Malcolm Gardener - December 29, 2020 at 08:31 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Cheryl Harper - December 29, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MS

“ Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen



Monty Southgate - December 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JR

“ *Jane And Joe Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Peter Andersen*



Jane and Joe Russell - December 29, 2020 at 07:38 PM

LA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Laura - December 29, 2020 at 07:32 PM

MD

“ *Barb,Laura and Perry, sorry to here of Jims passing. There weren't too many days that I didn't stop and have a chat with JP on my way to get the mail or when we were neighbours. There was always a good story to tell with a little humour added in. Rest Well Jim!*

Michele Durand - December 29, 2020 at 07:32 PM

ML

“ So sad to hear of Jim's passing. Jim will be remembered for his smile; you could spot it a "mile away". R.I.P. my friend, you have left us with wonderful memories which we will cherish for years to come.

To Barb, Laura, Perry and your extended family please accept our deepest sympathies.

Bravo Zulu Jim your duty on earth is done and may you find calm seas and safe sailings

Lest We Forget

Marcel Levesque CD Past President RCL #71 High River

Marcel Levesque - December 29, 2020 at 07:14 PM