



Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer

May 22, 1929 - January 29, 2024

James George Kratchmer was born in Reward SK on May 22, 1929, and passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital on January 29, 2024, at the age of 94 years.

He was predeceased by his wife Olga; parents Joseph and Mary; and siblings Madeline Koenig, Pauline Vetter, Adam Kratchmer, Matthew Kratchmer, Simon Kratchmer, Peter Kratchmer, and Leon Kratchmer.

He is survived by his children: Lynell (Ken) Robinson, Todd (Carla) Kratchmer, Mary Dawn (Ken) Smith, and Christine (Lorne) Ringuette. He was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Dad did a myriad of things over the years, from driving trucks, building pools, a drinking water business, owning water hauling trucks for working in the oil patch, owning a cement block plant, to flipping houses in his retirement. Dad and Mom moved a lot over the years and finally settled in High River in 2010.

Dad enjoyed music and played a variety of instruments and was a very good dancer. He and Mom enjoyed going to polka festivals and even went to Las Vegas for one.

We would like to thank Dr. Andrews and all the staff on the second floor at

the High River Hospital for the wonderful care they provided Dad over the last year and a half. We are so very grateful.

A Prayer Service will be held on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in High River. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in High River.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca, 560 9 Avenue SW, High River AB T1V 1B3.

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

Previous Events

Prayer Service

FEB 2. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church
206 - 9th Ave. W.
High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)
(403) 652-2203
francisdesales@shaw.ca
<http://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com>

Funeral Mass

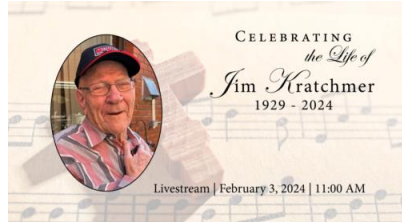
FEB 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Lyle Reeves Funerals - February 01, 2024 at 01:07 PM

CA

“ MaryDawn, so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Thinking of you at this difficult time.

Connie Anderson - February 06, 2024 at 02:50 PM

ES

“ Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Eunice (Brackley) Schmuland - February 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM

GL

“ Gary And Sharon Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Gary and Sharon Liddell - February 03, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Joyce Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer*



Joyce Barton - February 03, 2024 at 10:37 AM

SK

“ *Condolences to all the family. Thinking of you all. I got to spend time with Uncle Jim when they lived in Unity. Cards and trips and lots of laughs. You could tell he enjoyed his road trips with Aunt Olga. And family get togethers. RIP Uncle Jim. Sending love from cousin Scott.*

Scott Kratchmer - February 02, 2024 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ *Sympathies to all the families!*



Ron & Ann Weston - February 01, 2024 at 08:51 PM

AW

“ Todd, MaryDawn, Lynell, Christine and families! Sincere condolences to all! He's left a void on the 2nd floor at the hospital and will be greatly missed. He always attended the weekly Church Service, Ice Cream Parlor and Happy Hour and I had the pleasure of visiting with him on these occasions. Always a smile, a wonderful sense of humor and a kind man. Blessings!



Ann Weston - February 01, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ Faye Thurber lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Faye Thurber - February 01, 2024 at 07:04 PM

DK

“ Condolences to you Lynell, Todd, Mary Dawn, Christine and your families. We got to see Uncle Jim most often at family functions which to us showed how important these get togethers where to him. It was always a joy to visit with him whenever we did see him. And what an entertainer he was especially when he got that harmonica going. He was blessed with a long life, in fact the same number of years as our dad. Prayers go out.

Take care,
Cousin Daryl & Mary Kratchmer

Daryl Kratchmer - January 31, 2024 at 09:10 PM

DM

“ Don And Lana Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Don and Lana Malmberg - January 31, 2024 at 03:04 PM

LG

“ Lloyd & Alice Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Lloyd & Alice Groeneveld - January 31, 2024 at 12:57 PM

PZ

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Kratchmer family. Treasure your memories as they will help you through the tough days ahead.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee



Pat Zebedee - January 31, 2024 at 12:05 PM

AM

“ My deepest condolences to all the Kratchmer families, and extended families. I am gonna miss my visits with Jim, he was a long time friend of our family, both my dad and Roger, worked for Jim, we stayed with Jim when he had a business up in Bonnyville, AB. and Roger and my dad worked for him. We had many good laughs, when playing cards with him, he liked his Crib that's for sure, and then in Blackie many late nights of Canasta were played on some cold winter nights, with many friends and neighbors. Wow, I was sure shocked when I heard this, as I was up to visit him about a week ago, and he seemed in good spirits, always talking about good times he had with my parents and others from the Blackie community. He moved around a lot him and Olga but always stayed in touch, and I was happy to reconnect with him, when him and Olga moved back to High River. RIP Jim 🙏😊



Angie McCormick - January 30, 2024 at 11:59 PM

CF

“ Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Callahan Family - January 30, 2024 at 10:47 AM

LF

“ Lewis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Lewis family - January 30, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mr. Kratchmer's family. Cathy*



Cathy Couey - January 30, 2024 at 10:25 AM

SK

Our condolences on your loss. Your Dad will certainly be missed.

Stephanie & Jeff Kratchmer - January 30, 2024 at 12:56 PM

KC

“ *Dear Todd and Carla- saying goodbye to a parent gives us an opportunity for them to shine through us, their children, and our children. Todd, I barely remember your father, however, as neighbors, I remember your family, and am very grateful for that time in the cul de sac .*



karen crawford - January 30, 2024 at 09:40 AM

RD

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father

Rosemarie Doyle - January 30, 2024 at 11:06 AM

CM

“ Mr. Jim, this breaks my heart!! You were always such a colorful character. From our almost weekly crib games (of which I never won because you always had a new rule), to watching your sweet face light up when the little ones came to visit. Thank you for the stories, for the sparkle in your eyes, for the chats on religion and for always sharing with me how incredibly proud you were/are of your kids and their families. It has been heart-warming to watch you become a softy as you got older. You were a proud man and I feel blessed to have known you all these years. Thanks for the memories.

Chrissy Mosby - January 29, 2024 at 07:29 PM

WA

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. A long and happy life lived with many memories to cherish. Wayne and Michelle

Wayne - January 29, 2024 at 07:01 PM

SS

“ I'm so sorry to hear this 😞 You were a wonderful sweet man Jim and I will miss your smile 😊
Rest in Peace Sir ❤️

Susan Sibley - January 29, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. James George "Jim" Kratchmer



Monty Southgate - January 29, 2024 at 03:35 PM