



Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney

November 3, 1949 - November 29, 2025

James Michael Sweeney, age 76, of High River passed away on Saturday, November 29th, 2025.

Mike was born on November 3rd, 1949 in Plymouth, Montserrat, also known as "The Emerald Isle of the Caribbean". For everyone that knew him, Mike was also a gem. Already talented at fixing things and known affectionately as "Mr. Transmission", he left the island for Canada with only \$40USD in his pocket.

He first landed in Montreal, picked up the French language and then eventually made his way out west to Calgary in search of a new career challenge. In 1988, Mike started High River Transmission and his auto repair shop legacy began. He was a pillar in his community, known for his charisma, generosity and Caribbean flair. He never did get a chance to retire, but he liked it that way.

He is survived by his wife Mimi, his children Jason and Sherry, his grandson Julian, brothers and sister, Catherine, Annette, Martha, Sam, Noel, Michael, Randolph, Lloyd as brothers and 22 nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service for Mike will be held at the Highwood Centre (128 5 Ave SW, High River, AB, T1V1M3) on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

with reception to follow. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via Mike's tribute page.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Lyle Reeves Atrium
140 6th Ave. SW
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)
(403) 652-4242

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DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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140 6th Ave. SW
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)
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Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Highwood Centre
128 5th Avenue SW
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)
info@highwoodcentre.com
<http://www.highwoodcentre.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Funeral Service for the late Mr. Mike Sweeney in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ To the family and friends of Mike we are so sorry for your loss. Like so many have already mentioned, Mike was an integral part of our community of High River. Although, Mike never joined as a member of our River City Classics and Eamon's Garage Historical Society, he sponsored our Show and Shine every year. This September was no exception! I hope your family will cherish each and every plaque he received annually for his sponsorship. This year he promised us he would attend the plaque presentations to all our sponsors. We noticed Mike was not in attendance and sadly now we know why. We have known Mike for many years, since his arrival in High River. His dedication to his family, friends and community never faulted. Thank you, Mike for your continued support and may you rest in eternal peace.



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - December 19, 2025 at 12:17 AM

BF

To the family and friends of Mike, I am so very sorry for your loss. I never got the privilege to meet Mike in person, we were introduced through a mutual friend and shared stories, history, culture, laughs and great conversation over phone for years. Hearing your recall of Mike, reinforced the stories he shared and his love for family and friends. My condolences to you and I pray that the love of God comforts you. REST IN PERFECT PEACE MIKE...

Friend Brenda Francis, Digby NS

Brenda Francis-Jarvis - February 03 at 06:51 AM

SC

“ You will be missed Mike, lots of good memories.



Scott Caron - December 16, 2025 at 10:25 AM

LB

“ To all of Mike’s loved ones. May you all find comfort in all the memories you shared with him and may he rest in peace. He always would stop for a quick visit even if he was in a hurry to get back to High River. We will miss our many visits Mike.

Luc and Bev - December 12, 2025 at 02:07 AM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mike..Dealt with him alot ,he was always an honest hard working guy,you will be missed.....Bill Burgess

Bill Burgess - December 11, 2025 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ *Rest in Peace my friend! You will be greatly missed!*

Matthew Spires - December 10, 2025 at 07:55 PM

RH

“ *Am shocked, sad, and sorry to get news of Mike's passing. A neighbour, a friend, and unique High Riverite. There will be reggae Christmas tunes in Heaven now. Our sincere condolences to Sherry, Jason, and Jennie. "One Love", Mike.*

Ron Honch - December 08, 2025 at 12:39 PM

LM

“ *So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. His laughter, sense of humour and kindness will be greatly missed. My condolences to his beautiful family.*



Lynette Mccracken - December 06, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CW

“ As one of Mikes many friends at Dutch Creek, he will be greatly missed. He made our annual campground golf tournament and potluck into a real event by being our DJ with his fabulous audio system.
My favourite memory of him was when he would come to me and say we were going to have a party on my deck, and he would bring his famous jerk chicken! We will miss you Night Mike!



Cathy Wallace - December 05, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DP

Many great days hanging out with Mike. Enjoying wine around the camp fire. Music, Jerk Chicken, happy hour at the creek on those hot days. Go to guy for any vehicle problems you may have. Mike will be missed greatly.

Diana Polowick - December 07, 2025 at 02:20 PM

AH

“ Mike will be missed by many. He was a staple in this community and I was honored to know him. His kind spirit and calm energy will live on in his legacy and we will think of him at the Santa Claus Parade today. May he rest in peace.

Allison Hollinger - December 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LF

“ Mike was the Santa Clause Parade! His music and warmth brought joy to all of us. Mike was the kindness man I had the privilege to know and call my friend. My condolences to his family with love to all. Laurinda Flynn

Laurinda Flynn - December 05, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LR

“ Leah Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Leah Randle - December 04, 2025 at 09:16 PM

BR

“ My condolences to Mike’s family. I have had business dealings with Mike for the last 23 years. I was always treated more like a friend than just another customer. High River has lost a trustworthy and stalwart member of the community. He will be missed. Rest in Peace old friend.

Blair Rausch - December 03, 2025 at 06:51 PM

DB

“ Sincere condolences. Mike will be missed by many.

Darrell Barrett - December 03, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SR

“ I am so very saddened to hear of Mike's passing. A very gentle kind soul always pleasant sayings when we would talk . Mimi may you know his love for you will never stop.
Sandra Rocco



Sandra Rocco - December 03, 2025 at 02:51 PM

CB

“ Mikes family
I am so very sorry to hear about Mike.
He was a great member of the High River community for many years.



Cathy Bradley - December 03, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DD

“ Don Douthwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



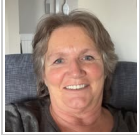
Don Douthwright - December 03, 2025 at 09:42 AM

RI

“ Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



richard - December 03, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ Angie McCormick lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Angie McCormick - December 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM

EE

“ Rest in peace Mike

Our deepest condolences to your lovely wife and your family. Your presence will be dearly missed ... not just by family but also in our community.

Your willingness to help anyone who came through your shop doors was always first and foremost ... and you were integral in your work!

You went above and beyond for all who came to you... friends or strangers didn't matter ... Friend or not ... you were always there to help anyone in need of a repair ... and your honest service was one of the many things you were respected for!

Very grateful for your friendship over these last 25 years! Rest in peace my dear friend❤️

Earl and Joanne Esligar - December 02, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ Maureen Moncrieff lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Maureen Moncrieff - December 02, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - December 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *Many years ago High River pool had an adult lane swim on Friday evenings. Mike loved swimming as much as we did, so we saw a lot of him on those nights. Always enjoyed our chats and discussions in the hot tub after a good swim. He was a nice man. We have lost another unique High Riverite. Yes, he and his music and enthusiasm in the Santa Claus parade will be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family.*
Barbara and John McInerney

Barbara McInerney - December 02, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *Debbie Merckx lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney*



Debbie Merckx - December 02, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *Sending our thoughts and condolences to his family during this difficult time.* ”



Kristie Lynn - December 01, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ *Deborah Hambler lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney* ”



Deborah Hambler - December 01, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ *Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney* ”



Marcia Ayrey - December 01, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *Lee Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney* ”



lee hall - December 01, 2025 at 08:56 PM

SC

“ Mike you will be missed, lots of fun over the years and lots of stories. Your parade float and booming tunes were always a highlight of the town parade. Again you will be missed god bless your family.



Scott Caron - December 01, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the family Mike was a unique very nice man The SantaClause parade won't be the same without his entry and music He and his transmission entry in the very first parade was the highlight of the parade RIP Mike



Mary Lou and Terry Carleton - December 01, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Sharon Doll - December 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM

SD

He is one person who will be tremendously missed in High River!!

Sharon Doll - December 09, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Mike" Michael Sweeney



Murray and Kendra Wegener - December 01, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JC

“ Mike was our neighbour for over 30 yrs. He always shared lawn work and would shovel our sidewalks if I didn't get out there first. Always thoughtful and just a good friend all around. Loved helping Brian and myself with any car glitches. Supported this town and always had a float in our little britches parade and Santa Claus parade. RIP Mikey💕💕



Jo-Anne Chipchase - December 01, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RD

Sorry to hear about Mike's passing. My condolences to the whole family.
Rest in peace Mike. , 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Roy Douglas - December 06, 2025 at 11:59 PM