



## Mr. John Ansley Hamilton

February 9, 2026

With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the passing of our dad, John A. Hamilton, on February 9, 2026. He was born on Feb 19, 1933 in Fort MacLeod to Lillian Mary Jane (Sexsmith) and Robert Alexander Hamilton making him the youngest of the Hamilton family. He left surrounded by love.

He was a man of humor, resilience, and heart. Known for his storytelling and quick wit, he had a way of drawing people in and making them feel welcome. Conversation came easily to him, and even in his final days he was still sharing stories — a reflection of the spirit that defined his life. He remained fiercely independent to the end.

In his own words:

I began my mornings delivering the Albertan in Fort Macleod. I ended my newspaper career as Publisher of the Albertan. I always thought my professional life was incredible — from paperboy to publisher. After losing my oldest brother on my third birthday and my father at age six, my mother married Jack Sutherland a farmer east of High River. I joined the RCAF in 1951 and after many roles I retired 12 years later receiving the Good Conduct Medal. I was a long-time member of Rotary and the Masons. Through Rotary, I volunteered on the Board of Directors for Discovery House, a long-term shelter for battered women and their families. The board raised enough

money to build a new facility at a time when this issue was rarely spoken about. It was a role I carried with pride, integrity, and a deep connection to community.

He leaves behind: Ken (Corrine), Leslie, Sharon (Kelvin), Ed, Casey (Kyle), Josh (Brittany), Jordan (Lisa), Lisa (Paul), Fiona, and Aynsley. The newest apple of his eye was his great-grandson, Oliver John. He recently learned that he also had a great-granddaughter, Florence Vivian. We also want to mention Darlene, whom he fell in love with at 90. With gratitude, we thank his nephews Kevin, Kent, Myles, Alan, and Jay — you embraced us in a way that would make both of our dads proud.

His animals were also a big part of his story. Dan, his first dog, was allowed to stay by his side during elementary school. Cissy and Ben held a special place in his heart.

Honour his life by choosing laughter, taking that risk, getting lost in your music, speaking to a stranger, watching a sunrise, feeding the souls of people you love, cheering someone on, traveling, practicing loyalty and honesty, finding your own wilderness, relish in solitude, and never taking anyone or anything for granted.

He saw beauty in the world in nature, in people, and in life's simple moments.

A special thank you to Dr. Leggett, Dr. Simmons along with everyone who touched his life at the Rockyview hospital.

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

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ I was blessed to be friends with John at Willow Park on the Bow residence.....we often talked about the common places where we both lived in southern Alberta. I loved to see him take his scooter out to shop coming back with his goodies & his renewed vigor....he was so respected by everyone & will be missed. RIP John  
Bev Ferrier

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**Bev Ferrier** - February 21 at 11:20 PM

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Uncle John was one of the good guys! Always so positive, a great conversationalist, a keen listener, and loved a good joke. Rest in Peace Uncle.

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**Alanna Petrusich** - February 23 at 04:25 PM

JK

“ I was fortunate to know John, but unfortunately only for a brief period of time, He captured my moms heart and they found such great pleasure in each others company, sharing meals together, socializing with friends, watching sports and just spending time together. He was always such a gentleman and loved to engage in conversation and learn about what was going on in your life or getting your thoughts on whatever was going on in the world! Rest in peace John....you will be deeply missed by all who knew you!  
Joanne Kokoroyannis (Darlene's daughter)

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**Joanne Kokoroyannis** - February 18 at 07:30 PM

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Thank you Joanne, he will be deeply missed.

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**Sharon** - February 24 at 09:59 AM

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*John was truly a blessing to see in our office. We at Bridgeland Crossings Dental will truly miss the conversations and the vibrant energy that he came in with. It was great pleasure getting to know you.*

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**Dental Office** - March 11 at 04:05 PM