



Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester

January 13, 1955 - August 4, 2022

John (Jack) Nester was born January 13, 1955 to Jack and Lillian Nester. He passed away on August 4, 2022 at the South Health Campus Hospital in Calgary after a brief battle with cancer.

He is survived by his loving wife Diana Nester; mother Lillian Nester; sister Marj (Murray McArthur) Veno; son Travis Nester; daughters Christy (Brad) Wemekamp, and Kelsey (Wes) Yule; step-daughter Deana (Steven) Schmuland; step-son Danny (Tracey) Culp; niece Janet (Steven) Yule; and his great-nephews Tate and Wyatt. He is also survived by his 13 grandchildren Colby, Hayden, William and Paul Nester, Tyler and Amber Helle & Cassie Wemekamp, Cash and Piper Yule, Jenna and Logan Schmuland, Prestlie and Carson Culp; and his great-granddaughter Hunter and mother-in-law Donna Lindquist; as well as his brother-in-law Dale (Debbie) Lindquist; his nephew Justin (Sasha) Lindquist; and his great-niece Penelope.

He was predeceased by his father John (Jack) Nester in 2010; and brother-in-law Greg Veno in 1991.

Jack grew up on the family ranch near Cessford. He started school at the age of 5 and went to Pandora School which was a one room schoolhouse and then moved on to Cessford to finish his schooling. He worked for a time for Bill Rooke, driving cattle liners and then in 1975 started working for Co-Enerco

where he began working his way up to being in charge of several oil plants in Alberta.

In 1978, he purchased the Frank Thurber farm near Blackie and moved his family there. He quit Co-Enerco in 1988 to pursue his love of ranching. Jack started selling cattle handling equipment in 1995 until his passing.

He married his best friend and love of his life, Diana, on August 21, 2005. He recently shared that it has been the happiest 20+ years of both of their lives. They continued ranching and selling cattle handling equipment until January 2012, when they sold the home place and moved to Vulcan to continue selling cattle handling equipment under Nester Livestock Equipment. Jack has sold equipment across Canada. Jack was a hard worker. He spent many hours at the yard and would drop everything if he had a customer or friend in need. He was finally thinking of slowing down a bit and decided to take “Mama to Mesa” last winter to see if he would like to start taking the motorhome down like a snowbird. It didn’t take long for him to meet new friends and he and Diana decided to purchase a park model in the park they were staying in. Jack was elated and looked forward to heading back down to begin their next chapter this October. He loved the sense of community in their park.

Meeting people was his passion, through trade shows & equipment deliveries. Jack was full of life. His smile could light up a room. His quick wit and laughter will be missed more than we could ever say. He loved his family and many friends and would do anything for the people he loved. He had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren and they will miss “Papa” dearly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to STARS Air Ambulance (STARS Donations

1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570 Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7) stars.ca.

A Celebration of Jack's Life was held at the Vulcan Curling Rink on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

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

Cemetery Details

Vulcan Cemetery

10 Avenue, North
Vulcan, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

Vulcan Curling Rink
705 Elizabeth St
Vulcan, AB T0L 2B0 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester



Lyle Reeves Funerals - August 16, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ I was so surprised to come across Jack's passing. Although I hadn't seen him since our days at Arrowwood it seems like yesterday. Jack helped us brand whenever asked in a heartbeat along with a few other Gladys Ridge 'cronies'.

Good memories. Ronda & I invited Jack to our 10th Anniversary party in 1988 and we were so happy he could attend. Johnny Horton CD's were played quite readily (all friggin night actually), and when "NORTH TO ALASKA" was playing, Jack hit those notes so well, I had to give in...man what a great night!!

Deepest condolences to the family of a super guy.



John & Ronda Noble - November 01, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss and so sorry that I could not be at the celebration of his life. Hugs and prayers to all of the family at this difficult time.

Debbie Zepick - August 21, 2022 at 07:30 PM

RR

“ Diana and Family We were shocked to hear of Jack's passing and want to send you all hugs and know you are in our thoughts and Prayers.

Roberta & Ross - August 19, 2022 at 11:42 AM

BJ

“ Diana and family, We were saddened to hear of Jack's passing. We are praying for you and your family. Bob and Janet Jackson

Bob and Janet Jackson - August 18, 2022 at 04:38 PM

CH

“ Diana & family - we were saddened to hear of Jack's passing. We will remember the many laughs we had with him over the years - And the visit Eric had a few short weeks prior to his passing - a cherished friend who touched the lives of so many Eric & Cheryl Heinz

C Heinz - August 18, 2022 at 12:30 PM

JE

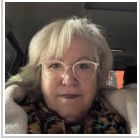
“ I was very saddened to hear of Jack's passing. He had a tremendous impact on my life when I was at a crossroads for my choice in a career and needed direction. Jack suggested that I should start a welding company which would really assist him with his need for livestock equipment. That's when 4E Welding & Design Inc was born. Jack was my first customer. Today, nearly 17 years later, we have a thriving business and still offer services to the agricultural community. I'm grateful for his support and direction.

Jonathan Emsheimer - August 18, 2022 at 09:05 AM

SR

“ *Sending love and hugs to you and your family Diana.*

shannon rogers - August 17, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Diana and families - our hearts go out to you on your loss. Way to soon !!*

Jack and Audrey Attwood

Audrey Attwood - August 17, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Diana, Travis and families, we were so saddened and shocked to hear of Jack,s passing. He was a neighbour who you could always count on for a helping hand when needed. Back in the day, one of the memories that come to mind was, Jack serenading us with the song Oh Lord It's Hard To Be Humble and keeping the evening lively till the wee hours in morning. We had many interesting and fun times with Jack. Gone too soon, hugs to you all, sincerely Wayne & Faye Thurber & Boys.*

Faye Thurber - August 17, 2022 at 11:01 AM

HW

“ *Heather Wilderman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester*



Heather Wilderman - August 16, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MC

“ Jack Nester was such a good, hardworking, and friendly man. He did love to tease me at the old Farmway Machinery business in the heart of 12 Ave, High River AB. That pair of jokesters Jack Nester and Jack Koster the farmers from around Blackie, take your pick they said.

The love of his life was Diana and all her children, and every one of his relatives. A heart of gold and generous to all he met. He would invite me to come sit and he would crank up the B-B-Que, Diana was busy between phones but the food that came from those two very special friends was my pleasure to sit and be treated like a Queen. He will be so missed from his community and the business, and love he gave to Diana. God Speed dear friend, the angels are there to meet him along with his Dad and all his kin.

Mary Campbell

Mary Campbell - August 15, 2022 at 03:05 PM

KH

“ Ken Hervey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester



Ken Hervey - August 15, 2022 at 01:53 AM

KH

My sincere condolences to Diana and all the family. Jack will missed by many and remembered by all so lucky to experience and share his words of knowledge, wit and wisdom. The occasional coffee would lead to many interesting stories and conversations. With Jack you were only a stranger but once.

His memory was epic and professional approach to his business and his customers ensured success to follow. It was an honor to sit on both sides of his desk earlier this year. Impossible shoes to fill, but his "go get 'em" spirit will remain with me always.

Rest in Peace JACK

Ken Hervey - August 15, 2022 at 02:34 AM

KD

“ Diana and family, Jack you will be missed by so many. When Doug passed away you and Diana were so good to me. Jack looked after my lot without even a thought. Hold your family close. I know your memories will all be good ones.

Kathy Davies - August 15, 2022 at 12:47 AM

NK

“ Our sincere condolences to Jack’s bride, Diana, and family on the sudden and devastating loss of a great friend and neighbour. Jack is, and will continue to be, missed by his coffee buddy who enjoyed many morning intense and diverse conversations about sports, news and politics — Town and County Councils, provincial, federal and American. At the end of these conversations, Jack’s favorite comment was “You can’t fix stupid!” followed by a lot of laughs to start our day off with a smile and in a good mood. Will forever miss that friendship dearly. Rest In Peace, Jack.

*With our prayers and thoughts to all,
Norm and Karen Kristjansson*

Norm Karen Kristjansson - August 14, 2022 at 07:03 PM

EH

“ Remembering Jack as I listened to the song “the Cowboy rides away”. I met Jack while helping my uncle in the short grass country on the north side of the Red Deer River. In the 40 years I have known him he never forgot his roots. Jack was a man of principle and proud to call him my friend who I could call and get his thoughts on things I needed an informed opinion on.
My thoughts are with Diana, Travis and family in this difficult time.

Earl Hale - August 14, 2022 at 04:48 PM

ES

“ Diana and family, thinking of you all at this difficult time. Enjoyed visiting with Jack over the years when we were all together!



Eunice Schmuland - August 14, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LS

“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to the entire family, although I didn't know Jack(I met him once or twice), I did know his Mom and sister quite well. I am thinking of you all at this very trying time and sending as much love as is humanly possible. Please be assured of my thoughts and prayers especially today and in the coming days. Lil my heart is breaking for you, love you so very much ❤️❤️
Lisa Snow

Lisa Snow - August 11, 2022 at 09:37 AM

S(

“GONE”, that word has such a piercing new meaning to the heart
❤️ when u lose a loved one. Sincere condolences to you Diana & to
all who knew him . His memory will live on . Shelley & Kylie Davies

Shelley Davies (Sears) - August 10, 2022 at 05:30 PM

MG

“ Diana and family, thinking of you at this most
difficult time. Hugs and much love to you and
your family,

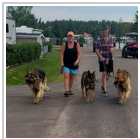


Marilyn Gore - August 10, 2022 at 11:40 AM

FR

“ Diana so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jack. My heartfelt
sympathy to you and all of your family. Fran Randle

Fran Randle - August 09, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ We are saddened to hear the news of Jacks passing. Love and
prayer to the family. Bob and Jessie Izyk

Jessie Izyk - August 09, 2022 at 06:09 PM

PS

“ Such sad news. My condolences to the all the Nester family.

Peg Strankman - August 09, 2022 at 03:38 PM

MB

“ sorry to hear of Jacks passing, we always had great visits and dickering over cattle handling equipment plus many years of hockey when Jack decided to become a goalie!! Michael Bird

Michael Bird - August 09, 2022 at 11:19 AM

TW

“ Diana, Travis and family. We were very sorry to hear of Jack’s passing. All who knew him will certainly miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this difficult time.

Wayne & Terry Wilderman

Terry Wilderman - August 09, 2022 at 11:08 AM

NH

“ Diana, Trav, and all the family, We are shocked and sorry to hear this sad news about Jack. So many good times together with hockey road trips and Clay has lots of “Jack and Trav stories” from the batching days on the farm. Cowboy cookies, chores, fishing in the dugout, and some good rodeo tales are a few of them. Thinking of you all with much love and prayers, Bruce and Norma, Clay and Amanda

Norma Humfrey - August 09, 2022 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ Diane and family, We are so sorry to hear of Jacks passing. Your whole family is in our thoughts. Jennifer (Shawn), Ellie and Lane Woods

jennifer woods - August 09, 2022 at 04:19 AM

JG

“ *Deepest Sympathy Diana in the loss of Jack !
Thinking about you during
this difficult time ! George and Judy*



Judy Groeneveld - August 08, 2022 at 09:31 PM

DG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We had
many great visits while discussing insurance.
My sincerest condolences to Jack's family
during such a difficult time*



Donna Gregg - August 08, 2022 at 09:06 PM

KW

“ *Jack farmed down the road and he was a good neighbour and
friend. We will miss his quick smile and hearty laugh. Our
condolences to all the family.*

Ken & Rosemary Weber - August 08, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in
memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - August 08, 2022 at 06:49 PM

SP

“ *Diana and Family.. ..It is with profound sadness to learn of Jack's passing...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love Sherry Randle Percival*

Sherry Randle Percival - August 08, 2022 at 06:22 PM

DM

“ *Diana and family So very sorry to here of Jack's passing and our thoughts are with you at this sad time Don and Lana Malmberg*

Don Malmberg - August 08, 2022 at 06:11 PM

SD

“ *Sheri Dwernychuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester*



sheri dwernychuk - August 08, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Jack*



Connie Kozy - August 08, 2022 at 03:41 PM

CE

“ Diana, I am so sorry to hear of Jack’s passing 😞. Know that I’m thinking of you during this very difficult and sad time. You’re in my thoughts.

Carla Elfring (Sewell)

Carla Elfring - August 08, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DL

“ Camille and Darryl Laycraft lit a candle for Jack Nester.



Darryl Laycraft - August 08, 2022 at 11:42 AM

RL

“ Rick & Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester



Rick & Shirley Laycraft - August 08, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Diana, & all of the Nester families. Jack was a great family man & great friend & business man to all who knew him. All the very best to everyone ❤️🙏

Bert Montgomery - August 08, 2022 at 09:16 AM

GM

“ Jack and I grew up across the road from each other. We started grade 1 together in a one room school and continued together through grade 12. We stood up for each other at our first weddings and visited each other over the years. He was one of my few lifelong friends. My condolences to his whole family. Rest In Peace my Friend.



Gordon and Colleen McKay - August 07, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JK

“ Way back when we lived 2 miles apart up the back road & got to be the best of friends. Visited constantly. It was hard to beat a 'Pair of Jack's'
We will miss you 'Nifty' & all the good memories.
Love Jack & Juanita

J Koster - August 07, 2022 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ Monty. Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. John (Jack) Malcolm Nester



Monty. Southgate - August 07, 2022 at 12:21 PM

RN

I was out to the yard for fencing materials not that long a go and we had our usual chat about politics so shocked to hear of Jack's passing. Our condolences to his family. Ralph and Jacquie Nelson Wade and Jaimie Nelson

Ralph Nelson - August 08, 2022 at 08:36 PM

SM

Our deepest condolences go out to Diana and family. Dale and Sharon Malmberg

Sharon Malmberg - August 09, 2022 at 05:47 PM

HF

Sorry for your loss..

Helle family - August 12, 2022 at 05:57 PM

SE

*Our sincere condolences to Diane and the Nester family. We shared many years of farming with Jack when he lived two miles down the road from us .He will be missed by all that knew him
Don and selma Thurber*

Selma - August 16, 2022 at 12:34 PM