



## Mr. John Irven Metcalfe

August 26, 1940 - April 6, 2021

John Metcalfe of High River, Alberta passed away on April 6, 2021 at the High River Hospital at the age of 80 years. John is survived by his loving wife Carolyn; daughters Heather (John) Bianchini; Rhonda (Larry) Frondall; son Greg (Angie) Metcalfe; grandchildren Jason, Ryan, Amy, Blake, Kimberley, Benjamin and Tyler; siblings Winnie Hockman, Sandra (Roger) Jackson, brother George (Cathy) Metcalfe and brother-in-law Doug Riendeau; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their families. John was predeceased by his parents Ben and Retie Metcalfe, his sister Ruby Riendeau, brother-in-law Dave Hockman, nephews Garth Riendeau and Daniel Metcalfe.

John was born in Gilroy SK and spent his childhood enjoying farm life. He married Carolyn on July 30, 1966 and ended up residing in High River for 47 years. He worked in construction for many years and built several familiar buildings in High River and surrounding areas. Later he went back closer to his farming roots and worked in the agriculture business in the High River area.

When he wasn't working, John enjoyed gardening (he could spend many hours watching his plants grow), camping (campfire boss) and sports (both watching and coaching hockey or baseball). Family gatherings were the most important thing to John as he loved spending time with his grandkids. John was known to many for his "gruff" disposition and enjoyed friendly banter back

and forth. He rightfully earned the nickname “Sweet Cheeks”.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped provide extraordinary care and support during this difficult time.

If desired, Memorial Donations may be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation, [www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca](http://www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca), 560 9 Ave SW, High River, AB T1V 1B3 or to a charity of your choice.

At John’s request, no service will be held.

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

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Carolyn and Family, my sincere condolences to you in the passing of John. So glad you have each other to share memories. May your days ahead be kind to you and provide you with peace.  
Judy and Harvie Nielsen

Judy Nielsen - May 12, 2021 at 10:10 AM

GI

“ Glenna Irvine lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe



glenna irvine - April 30, 2021 at 10:42 PM

KC

“ Kim Charlton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe



Kim Charlton - April 18, 2021 at 08:25 PM

VS

“ Vida Styra lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe



Vida Styra - April 16, 2021 at 11:05 PM

RW

“ *Ron & Ann Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvan Metcalfe*



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**Ron & Ann Weston** - April 16, 2021 at 09:18 PM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvan Metcalfe*



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**Karen Foley** - April 15, 2021 at 07:22 PM

LT

“ *Linda Tierney lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvan Metcalfe*



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**Linda Tierney** - April 15, 2021 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ *Brenda McCredie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvan Metcalfe*



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**Brenda McCredie** - April 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM

LM

“ *Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvn Metcalfe*



Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop - April 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM

DS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of his passing, such a nice sweet man. The memories I have so many at the arena, always there cheering the kids on! He was especially nice to Haley which she loved! My thoughts and prayers for the family!*

denise steinhoff - April 14, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *I will miss him coming in for his weekly lottery and telling me to shut up. I know it sounds wrong, but that's just the way we communicated. He was a good man. We will be deeply missed*



Stacey McLaren - April 14, 2021 at 08:35 AM

LG

“ *Lynette Gillanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Irvn Metcalfe*



Lynette Gillanders - April 13, 2021 at 10:25 PM

GC

“ *Gina Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



**Gina Crawford** - April 13, 2021 at 04:59 PM

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Metcalfe family, I will always fondly remember John for his friendly banter and on the ball diamond, Cathy*

**Cathy Couey** - April 13, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TC

“ *Trudy & Dan Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



**Trudy & Dan Campbell** - April 13, 2021 at 02:13 PM

ED

“ *Eleanor Decker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



**Eleanor Decker** - April 13, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TQ

“ Over the years we came to know John as quite a character with a kind heart. A one of a kind neighbor always willing to share helpful hints over the fence on gardening and lawn care. John would help us with anything when asked. We will truly miss him.

Our sincere condolences to Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg and extended families.

Terry, Anne, Sean & Carrie Quinn

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Terry Quinn - April 13, 2021 at 10:23 AM

KG

“ I have so many memories of "Mr. Metcalfe" growing up... but mostly his larger-than-life personality and kind heart. May the strength of your family and friends help you through this difficult time.

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Karen Gibson - April 12, 2021 at 10:55 PM

RB

“ Saddened by the news of John's passing. I remember him at the rink as an avid supporter of the boy's hockey. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.

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Robin Belzner - April 12, 2021 at 09:47 PM

TM

“ We were saddened to hear about Uncle John. His big personality will be forever missed. ❤️ Thinking of you all wishing we could be there with you. It has been a difficult year for so many. Sending much love! 😔💔💔💔

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Tracey May - April 12, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Dear Heather...our hearts go out to you and your family as you grieve the loss of your Dad.*



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**Marilyn Wolfe** - April 12, 2021 at 09:17 PM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvan Metcalfe*



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**Eunice Schmuland** - April 12, 2021 at 05:38 PM

PZ

“ *Our sincere sympathy Carolyn and family. Cherish your memories, they will help you through the tough days ahead.  
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee*

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**Pat Zebedee** - April 12, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CN

“ *Dear Mrs. Metcalfe, Greg and families... I'm deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. I have great memories growing up around the Metcalfe house. He was always sure to make any one feel welcome whether at hockey, baseball or where ever he went! I pray that you will find peace with your loss.*

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**Chad Niemans** - April 11, 2021 at 11:57 PM

EC

“ Dear Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda and Greg and families, I sorrow with you over the passing of John and will be praying for you in the coming days. I remember his enthusiasm when coaching our sons in junior baseball many years ago.

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**Evelyn Craig** - April 11, 2021 at 11:12 PM

MA

“ Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg and families..... so sorry to hear of Johns passing. He will be missed in the neighborhood. Take care of one another and cherish all your memories. R.I.P John.

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**Marcia Ayrey** - April 11, 2021 at 10:01 PM

LA

“ We were very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a real character and will be remembered fondly for giving back to his community.  
May you all find peace at this time.  
LaVoun, Loryn and Jadenn

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**LaVoun** - April 11, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LM

“ Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe



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**Lorna McLean** - April 11, 2021 at 08:06 PM

WS

“ Sorry for your loss lots of great hockey memories and time spent at the Metcalfe house. Sincere condolences to the entire Metcalfe family.



Wade Schultz - April 11, 2021 at 07:59 PM

K(

“ Kyla McAllister (Ayrey) lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvn Metcalfe



Kyla McAllister (Ayrey) - April 11, 2021 at 07:35 PM

RW

“ Our heart goes out to the Metcalfe family,so sorry to hear of John's passing. Sending much love in the days ahead.

Ryan&Tracey Wilson - April 11, 2021 at 05:07 PM

RS

“ Rayane Symon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvn Metcalfe



Rayane Symon - April 11, 2021 at 04:54 PM

WY

“ *William Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**William Young** - April 11, 2021 at 01:54 PM

CM

“ *Charlene Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Charlene Malmberg** - April 11, 2021 at 01:03 PM

AM

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Metcalfe family on the loss of John, he always had a smile and a quick chat ready if you crossed paths with him.*



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**Angie McCormick** - April 11, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Debbie Greenwood** - April 11, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SM

“ Dear Carolyn and family, May the sadness you feel now be replaced by all the loving memories you have of John and his life. Time will help you heal. My deepest sympathies go out to all of you. Sylvia Moore

Sylvia Moore - April 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM

RC

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Thinking of all of you. Rob and I always enjoyed his company. Sincerely, The Rob Connor Family.



Rob Connir - April 11, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss 💕💕

Michelle Hammond - April 11, 2021 at 03:29 AM

TB

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences - sending you all much love in the days ahead 💙



Tammy Beach - April 11, 2021 at 12:57 AM

BN

“ My heart goes out to the Metcalfe family.....so sorry to learn of John's passing

Brenda Norrie - April 11, 2021 at 12:50 AM

LE

“ *Mrs.Metcalf, Heather and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you,  
Lesley Ewing*

Lesley Ewing - April 10, 2021 at 11:36 PM

LB

“ *Louise Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
John Irvn Metcalfe*



Louise Barlow - April 10, 2021 at 10:39 PM

LC

*My thought and prayers to all of the family.*

lynda Cowling - April 10, 2021 at 11:12 PM

DS

“ *Donna Swanston lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
John Irvn Metcalfe*



Donna Swanston - April 10, 2021 at 09:32 PM

BE

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear of John’s passing. He always had an idea, a question and a smile on his face. We all have our hockey stories of John, his plan was always ‘ go big or go home’ and we tried to keep up! You were a great couple and fun to be around. I know he will be missed by you and the kids. My thoughts are with you. Brian Erickson

Brian Erickson - April 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe



Sharon Doll - April 10, 2021 at 08:06 PM

DJ

“ Sending my love to the Metcalfe family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Diane Jack - April 10, 2021 at 03:08 PM

LH

“ We cherish many warm memories of John and his wonderful family. Love to you Carolyn and to all the family. Keith and Lauren Hitchner

Lauren Hitchner - April 10, 2021 at 02:22 PM

BG

“ *Bev Gammel lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Bev Gammel** - April 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RW

“ *Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Russ & Sharon Watkins** - April 10, 2021 at 10:28 AM

SL

“ *Sheila And LawrenceStoroschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Sheila and LawrenceStoroschuk** - April 10, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DM

“ *Dear Carolyn: We send sincere condolences to you and family at this time of deep loss. May your precious times in memories comfort you and help you gently progress to times where the hurt is not so great.*

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**Don & Joanne McCuaig** - April 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM

MC

“ *Mary Lou And Terry Carleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Mary Lou and Terry Carleton** - April 09, 2021 at 11:57 PM

RW

“ *Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irven Metcalfe*



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**Rusty & Fran Wong** - April 09, 2021 at 10:45 PM

LT

“ *Dearest Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg and Family I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. John was quite a character and always had a smile on his face. My boys and I spent many hours in the winter chasing that hockey puck. Randy was one of his hockey kids. I thank you and John for the many hours that you spent making sure the boys had a game to go to.*

*Lynda Thiessen and the Caravaggio Boys Loi, Devin and Randy*

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**Lynda Thiessen** - April 09, 2021 at 10:35 PM

TC

“ Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg & families. Our heartfelt condolences to you all. So many memories of so much fun, laughter & just great times during the hockey season when Terry was coaching the Atom “A” Rangers & John was the manager. He lined up 84 hockey games that year & the flames had only had 80. We sat around the Metcalfe table discussing games & tournaments but the one I remember most was the 24 hour tournament in Kimberly, BC. when we had a 2 AM game. What a great group of parents & kids where lifelong friendships were made. John & Carolyn came dressed up one Halloween to our house & we never did know who they were until weeks later. John you had a heart of gold & you said it like it was with your many funny sayings. You will be missed here but I am sure you will find your dream team again & that crack of thunder will tell us they scored that winning goal again.

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**Terry & Diane Charlton** - April 09, 2021 at 10:08 PM

GF

“ Dear Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg and Families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all for your loss of John. John was the manager of our sons’ hockey team for years. Thank you, John and family for all the bus rides, hotel reservations (even Porkies in Fernie!) and tournaments he helped organize. It was no easy task and we probably did not thank John nearly enough for the contributions he made to these young men during some really important and formative years in their lives. John, was John but he had a heart of gold. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Rest well, John.



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**Gerry, Glenda Cutforth and family** - April 09, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JG

“ Carolyn and family, sorry to hear of Johns passing. Heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow.

John and Deb Gross - April 09, 2021 at 06:17 PM



Jeanette  
Countryman-  
Smith

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you during this sad time.

Jeanette Countryman-Smith - April 09, 2021 at 05:46 PM

GP

“ Rhonda,

Our condolences to you and your family.



Geri and Al Polanchek - April 09, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's death. Holding each of you softly in my heart

Connie Lorraine Jewell - April 09, 2021 at 12:14 PM

DP

“ Diane. Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Irvn Metcalfe



Diane. Porter - April 09, 2021 at 10:02 AM

MD

“ Sending condolences to Carolyn, Heather, Rhonda, Greg and your Families. Hoping all your Good Memories will bring you peace. Rest well John

Michele Durand - April 09, 2021 at 12:23 AM

ED

So sorry for loss

Ev Doherty - April 09, 2021 at 08:16 AM

BO

Carolyn - I am so sorry to learn of John's passing. I am also so sorry he has passed at a time when I can not travel and be there to show my support and offer you condolences. Please know I am reaching out to you and prayers are being offered.

Bernadette O'Donnell - April 09, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BF

So many Great Memories of of John, AKA Uncle Buck. He almost single handed, organized a 16 team tourney, in High River/Blackie when your Greg was in Atom. Then as Greg moved up he did the same in Pee Wee and then Bantam The most amazing part of this is that even though his son moved up he still organized the tourneys for the younger players. Always with a smile but if he gave you a job to do, you'd better have it done yesterday. Great times at the Fertilizer plant, maybe too many Our family owes him & all of you a ton of THANKS The MacKillops

Bill & Susan MacKillop Family - April 11, 2021 at 09:58 PM

DH

Carolyn and family. So sorry to hear of John's passing. Let your many happy memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.  
Donna Hopkins

Donna Hopkins - April 12, 2021 at 12:31 PM

LR

*So sorry to hear of your loss, I hope you feel surrounded by love and cherish all your wonderful memories,*

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**Lisa Reinders** - April 14, 2021 at 08:41 PM