



## Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki

May 18, 1954 - August 3, 2024

Kelvin Joseph Holitzki, born May 18th, 1954, passed away at the age of 70 in Calgary on August 3rd, 2024.

Kelvin was born in Edmonton where he spent his first 15 years. The family then moved to Calgary where Kelvin stayed until relocating to High River in 2014.

Kelvin attended St. Mary's High school, the University of Calgary, and SAIT where he earned a programming certificate. He worked in IT and computer programming for the Credit Union, Telus, and Alberta Health Services. He had a love of learning that saw him enrolling in various continuing education classes, both in computer technology and fields of interest, such as woodworking and welding. He continued his love of creativity and craftsmanship by pursuing woodworking and 3D printing.

Kelvin was highly involved in his community and gave of himself through acts of service. He held leadership, committee, and treasurer roles in organization such as St. Michael's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Toastmasters, Children in Dance, High River Pickleball Club, Fairway Greens condo board, and the Highwood Men's Senior Golf League.

Above all, Kelvin cherished his family and friends. His kindness, good humour, and quick wit will be lovingly remembered by his wife Cindy; daughters Janice

Dougherty (Christopher) and Laura Wellsman (Nathan); siblings Donalda Paton (Brad), Blaine (Anne), Mark (Sarah Rudd), Rae Rees (Doug); grandson Cecil Dougherty; as well as nieces, nephews, and godchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Martin and Marian, and brother Keith.

A Memorial Service for Kelvin will be held on August 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheppard Family Park Barn in High River.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sheppard Family Park  
1201 5th Street SE  
High River, AB T1V 1J2 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Juanita Finley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki*



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**Juanita Finley** - August 24, 2024 at 10:24 PM

MR

“ *My relationship with Kelvin spanned over 50 years.*

*We flowed through life together. We were young and carefree, we matured, changed, played, worked and aged together. Family was important to both of us, and I cherish the memories of many wonderful joint family activities.*

*My predominant memories of Kelvin are those of easy conversation. We had long discussions on nothing in particular, we reminisced on the past, sought solutions to current problems, ragged about the state of the world and shared our hopes for our children.*

*Kelvin and I shared the passing of time, and it is difficult watching time take the ones you love.*

*Kelvin will live on in my memories as he touched my life and the lives of my family.*

*Mike & Marianne Robertson*



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Michael Robertson - August 24, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LJ

“ Dear Cindy and family,

*Thank you for sharing Kelvin with us. His calmness, his caring, his curiosity brought a breadth of knowledge and experience into our lives.*

*We will remember Kelvin for his acceptance of each of us, along with the respect he gave to those he met. His example of living life with dignity will continue to be a beacon.*

*Linda and Al*

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**Linda Marie Johnson** - August 15, 2024 at 02:02 PM

FP

“ I had an opportunity to Facetime with Kelvin 3 times, prior to his passing.

He was funny, relaxed, and calm. His dry wit with his subtle deadpan delivery always cracked me up. He was very nostalgic.

Kelvin loved the carefree fun loving high school years and enjoyed reliving the

memories of some very meaningful times shared with our close band of buddies.

We reminisced about our teenage golfing years at Shaganappi.

Our group, all typically had starter sets of only 7 clubs each and a cheap carry bag.

Playing for hours, immediately after school until the “long shadows’ of dusk cast eerie

shapes across the greens, right up until the approaching night made it impossible to see

where our drives had landed. We left exhausted and exhilarated ready to do it all over

again tomorrow. Each season we played hundreds of holes of golf.

Golf can be a challenging game.

It doesn’t just build character it reveals it.

It helped shape Kelvin and all of us.

Kelvin was a man of integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, competitiveness, humility, and he relished the occasional bragging rights .....strutting off the green after posting a birdie He was always striving to better himself at the game he loved.

As we Facetimed we also talked about his accomplishments as a woodworker and 3d

printer. He showed me numerous projects and examples of his work and I was amazed

at his skill and what he had accomplished. He was particularly proud of the wooden

truck he made for his grandson using various types of native and exotic woods

*It was a true work of art...beautifully detailed and stained and lovingly sanded by Cindy.  
He also sent me photos of the gazebo he built and the Zen garden he and Cindy created to complement this beautiful structure. It was a very contemplative and peaceful landscape space. Kelvin was a very talented man.*

*During one of our conversations he changed the angle of his phone and the camera picked up the wall behind him.  
Over his shoulder I could see a crucifix on the wall and it appeared to be illuminated by either an overhead spot light or a narrow beam of sunshine.  
It seemed to be aglow on the wall. It struck me as very symbolic I think his faith contributed to giving him the strength to endure the ravages he experienced. I sensed he seemed to be at peace with his destiny and resigned to the unfair fate which was soon to befall him. He was comforted by the fact that he left a legacy as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Family was most valued.*

*I think he was very confident of his place in the afterlife...he was a good man....and he courageously went forward....inquisitive and stoic and proud.*

*Our friend Kelvin...who loved to laugh and loved life....we had so many more memories to create as grumpy old men and lots more trouble to get into...but ...A LIFE SADLY AND UNFAIRLY CUT SHORT.*

*Frank*

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**frank l pohland** - August 13, 2024 at 06:16 PM

DB

“ Sincere condolences. May your memories of Kelvin bring you comfort during this difficult time.

*Dale and Donna Burn*



**Dale and Donna Burn** - August 13, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ Sympathy and Condolences Cindy to you and your Family..



**Darlene Beutler** - August 10, 2024 at 09:52 AM

NH

“ Our thoughts are with Cindy and family.

**Nelson and Trish Ham** - August 08, 2024 at 09:11 PM

MS

“ Mavis And Terry Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki



**Mavis and Terry Smith** - August 08, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MS

*Dear Cindy and Family,*

*You are in our thoughts as you go through this difficult time.*

**Mavis and Terry Smith** - August 08, 2024 at 03:48 PM

JK

“ *Judi Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki*



Judi Kemp - August 07, 2024 at 05:42 PM

TL

“ *My condolences to the family. Didn't know Kelvin well but had numerous conversations on the golf course and the driving range and it was always enjoyable. A nice man for sure. He will be missed.❤️*

Terry Lavoie - August 07, 2024 at 05:35 PM

GH

“ *It's going to be hard to not have the guy I was so evenly matched with on the golf course or around the pool table around any more. The guy that would create and print parts for my quirky projects. I'm going to miss you popping into my garage or cutting those pieces of wood for me in yours. As a devoted Husband and Father, I wish I could have been half as good of a man as you were. I'm proud to have been able to call you my friend. I know you had to go Kelvin but I will think about and miss you ever day.*



Gary Hansen - August 07, 2024 at 04:01 AM

FP

*Great photos..happy times...Kelvin in his element!*

**frank I pohland** - August 14, 2024 at 11:02 AM

RB

“ *Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki*



**Rhonda Bews** - August 06, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BP

“ *Our pickleball friend Kelvin was a down to earth family member who was always there to support us or just play a game. He also loved his 3D printer, golf and being around friends. Our hearts and prayers go out to Cindy and the family. You will be missed my friend*



**Brian Popowitch** - August 06, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DG

“ *Darlene & Julian Gushulak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kelvin Joseph Holitzki*



**Darlene & Julian Gushulak** - August 06, 2024 at 06:26 PM

DA

*So very sorry to hear of Kelvin's passing - our prayers are with you and your family.*

**Darlene** - August 06, 2024 at 06:27 PM

AW

“ *Cindy and family, we are so sorry of the passing of Kelvin. He always had a smile on his face and was such a down-to-earth great guy. Hugs to all. ❤️*  
*Alana and Rob*



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**Alana Williamson** - August 06, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DW

“ *Kelvin will be missed by all of us at Highwood Golf. He was a great member and an even better man.*

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**Dan Warwaruk** - August 06, 2024 at 11:33 AM

EC

“ *My Deepest Sympathies Cindy and to all your family...I know he will be missed.*



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**Eileen Cross** - August 06, 2024 at 09:51 AM