

## Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke

April 2, 1956 - June 4, 2026

Ken grew up on a farm just outside of Cayley. He was the youngest of five children: Judy (Steve Anderson), David, Larry (Sandra). He was predeceased by his mother, father, and sister Bonnie.

Ken met and married Marj in 1978. Together they built a life centered on family and friendship. They were blessed with two children, Jeff (Shannalee) and Coby (Greg Mackillop), and three grandsons, Layne, Davin, and Daxtyn.

Throughout his life, Ken held many jobs. From driving a mixer truck for H.R. Concrete to selling vehicles at Country Chrysler. He did well in sales as his honesty, personality, and genuine care for people earned him many repeat customers and lasting friendships.

His dream job came when he purchased his red Kenworth and went to drive for French Livestock. He spent many years hauling fat cattle into Cargill and took great pride in maintaining "Big Red," spending countless hours washing and polishing his truck.

In 2006, Ken and Marj purchased a run-down greenhouse business in Pincher Creek. Although it meant leaving the High River community, they embraced the challenge together. Working side by side for 13 years, they transformed the business and made many lifelong friends through the greenhouse and the

Pincher Creek community.

Many a laugh was shared in the lunchroom, as Ken was the only man among 14 women.

When Ken turned 60, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. The diagnosis led to the sale of the business and a move to Nanton so he could be closer to family.

Family was always at the center of Ken's life. His extended family included the High River Fire Department, where he volunteered for 25 years. He treasured the friendships and many great memories made during his years of service alongside his fellow members.

Ken spent the last three years of his life at Vulcan Extendicare. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff for the care and compassion they showed Ken, and to all those who took the time to visit him.

A devoted husband of 48 years, loving father, proud grandfather, and loyal friend, Ken will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Ken was also an animal lover and shared his life with many cats and dogs over the years. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to an animal shelter or a food bank in his memory.

A Celebration of Ken's Life will be held on Sunday, June 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Munro Barn at Sheppard Family Park in High River.

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



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Munroe Barn located at the Sheppard Family Park  
1201, 5th St SE  
High River, AB (CA)

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Gail Lewis** - June 16 at 06:03 PM

CC

“ *Marj, Jeff, Colby and families, the memories and laughs shared with you all are countless. Ken's goofy faces and antics still put a smile on my face, may your memories of him do the same. He was genuine man, good friend and family man who quietly by proudly celebrated his passions. Thanks for the good times, laughter and memories. Sending you all my heartfelt sympathy. Cathy*



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**Cathy Couey** - June 15 at 12:36 PM

AW

“ *Deepest condolences Marj and Family. Ron & Ann Weston*



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**Ann Weston** - June 12 at 04:29 PM

BB

“ *Our Deepest Condolences Marj & Families, Ken was awesome at the Greenhouse before it was sold. May your wonderful memories get you all through this difficult time*

Bob & Diane Bergen - June 12 at 01:09 AM

BB

“ *Bob & Diane Bergen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



Bob & Diane Bergen - June 12 at 01:08 AM

JO

“ *Joanne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



Joanne - June 11 at 11:20 AM

LH

“ *Our deepest condolences Marj and Jeff. Ken is a legend, always enjoyed sitting around listening to his tales. Learned more about driving and operating a pump truck from him than any course.*



Layne Hrycyk - June 10 at 03:55 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beutler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Judy Beutler** - June 08 at 03:29 PM

MK

“ *Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Mike and Cathy Kendal** - June 08 at 03:07 PM

KJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Marj and family. I always enjoyed my visits at the greenhouse, and the pride Ken took in showing off his truck! May great memories bring you all peace and comfort.*

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**Karen Jorgensen-Wammes** - June 08 at 01:51 PM

CS

“ *Craig Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Craig Schmuland** - June 08 at 12:12 PM

JC

“ *Jo-Anne Chipchase lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



Jo-Anne Chipchase - June 08 at 11:21 AM

CD

“ *Corey Jenny Van Dine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



corey jenny van dine - June 08 at 09:46 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. Our sincerest condolences to your family. Tom & Rhonda Neufeld*



Rhonda Neufeld - June 07 at 03:50 PM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



Eunice Schmuland - June 07 at 02:40 PM

DW

“ Heartfelt condolences to you Marj and family. Good times remembered by Lloyd being on the HRFD with Ken. Lloyd and Debra Weselak

Debra Weselak - June 07 at 02:11 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - June 07 at 01:27 PM

DO

“ Dennis Ochs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Dennis Ochs - June 07 at 10:21 AM

SS

“ Sandy Selgensen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Sandy Selgensen - June 07 at 01:21 AM

DB

“ *Many good times remembered with Ken during my time with him on the HRFD. Our sympathies to Marg and family.* ”

Dale Belley - June 07 at 12:46 AM

CM

“ *Sending my support to you Marj, Jeff, Coby and your families. Ken was such a wonderful person and so admired in the community. I hope that all your good memories together will form a blanket of comfort.* ”



Carla Mitton - June 06 at 11:54 PM

BM

“ *Glad to hear Ken is at Peace. My deepest condolences to Marj and the entire family. I have so many great memories of Ken, always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Many good times with a great guy. Rest In Peace Ken.* ”

Brad Mason - June 06 at 09:57 PM

GB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences Marj, Jeff & Shannalee, Coby & Greg and Grandchildren. Ken & Marj were the best neighbours we could have asked for. So many wonderful times over the years making memories. Ken always lent a hand, had a big heart, love to laugh or just sit by the fire telling stories with a cold one. He loved his family and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them. Ken will be deeply missed! RIP Dear Friend* 💙 ”



Grant & Debbie Braaten - June 06 at 08:23 PM

ME

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to Marg and family.  
Ken was a 2nd cousin.*



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**Murray Elliott** - June 06 at 08:13 PM

CT

“ *With deepest sympathy to you Marj and your  
family.*



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**Colleen Neish Tucker** - June 06 at 08:12 PM

LC

“ *Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Lynda Cowling** - June 06 at 08:00 PM

DS

“ *May the many memories be a blessing.*

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**Dean Starke** - June 06 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ *Janie Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Janie Walker** - June 06 at 06:58 PM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences Marj & family in the loss of Ken. May all your wonderful memories of someone so special get you through this difficult time*



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**Diane Bergen** - June 06 at 05:21 PM

CW

“ *Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Our hearts go out to all of Kenny's family he was a lovely man.*



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**Colleen & Kevin Warren** - June 06 at 05:04 PM

GC

“ *Marj and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Thank you, for all the hours Ken volunteered for our community, especially as a member of the High River Fire Department. High River has lost a dedicated and committed volunteer who helped keep our community safe for years. Thank you Ken. RIP*



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**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - June 06 at 04:43 PM

HM

“ Heather Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



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**Heather Morgan** - June 06 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ My heart goes out to the family, Ken was definitely my BFF . Working and goofing around with Ken are some of my fondest memories. One of the hardest thinks moving to BC was leaving my good buddy behind.

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**Doug Jackson** - June 06 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ Marj, Jeff, Coby and families- I am so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. Thinking of you all.

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**Jennifer McDonald** - June 06 at 04:15 PM

DE

“ Sorry for your loss Marj. Condolences to you and your family.

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**Delilah** - June 06 at 04:11 PM

LM

“ Condolences Marj, Jeff, Coby and families on Ken's passing - thinking of all of you in your loss of a loving husband and special dad.

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**Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop** - June 06 at 04:10 PM

FR

“ *Fran Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Fran Randle** - June 06 at 04:01 PM

CF

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Marj.*

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**Cindy Frisk** - June 06 at 02:32 PM

SD

“ *Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Sharon Doll** - June 06 at 02:30 PM

TM

“ *Deepest condolences to you Marj, your family and extended family.*

*Tammy McGovern*



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**Tammy McGovern** - June 06 at 02:29 PM

RC

“ *Ray Chaffee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Ray Chaffee** - June 06 at 02:15 PM

KC

“ *Mark and family- sincere condolences on the passing of Ken. As stated earlier, his pain is gone, and is at peace*



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**Karen A Crawford** - June 06 at 02:05 PM

DE

“ *Darcie Shields Eamor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Darcie Shields Eamor** - June 06 at 02:02 PM

JR

“ *Jane Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke*



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**Jane Russell** - June 06 at 02:00 PM

DM

“ My heart goes out to you and your family Marj . Ken’s passing is such a sad loss . He will be in peace. Hugs



David & Tammy Meadows - June 06 at 01:37 PM

DD

“ Rest in peace, Ken. My thoughts are with you Marj. Donna Downey

Donna Downey - June 06 at 01:36 PM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Murray and Kendra Wegener - June 06 at 01:20 PM

JS

“ Jess Starke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



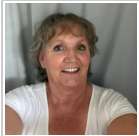
Jess Starke - June 06 at 01:08 PM

TW

“ Tracey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Tracey Wilson - June 06 at 01:08 PM



“ Condolences to you Marj, your family and extended family. May your fond memories keep you strong through this very trying time. RIP Ken



Sincerely Angie

Angie McCormick - June 06 at 12:11 PM

JN

“ Our condolences to Marj, Jeff and Cory and their families.



Jacqueline Nelson - June 06 at 11:17 AM

BL

“ Barb Lyall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Barb Lyall - June 06 at 10:53 AM

JA

“ *Ken was the best brother anyone could ask for. He will be missed.* ”



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**Judy Anderson** - June 06 at 10:50 AM

CJ

“ *Marj and family. I was very sad to hear of Ken's passing but understand it must also be a relief for him. Blessings go out to each one of you at this time of remembrance and grief.* ”

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**Connie L. Jewell** - June 06 at 10:47 AM

LP

“ *Larry Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke* ”



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**Larry Phillips** - June 06 at 10:40 AM

PT

“ *Penni Tebbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke* ”



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**Penni Tebbs** - June 06 at 10:21 AM

AL

“ Alison Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Alison Laycraft - June 06 at 10:01 AM

MW

“ Sincere condolences to you Marj and Family at this time. Marg & Brian Wheeler



Marg Wheeler - June 06 at 09:54 AM

CN

“ We have fond memories of Ken. Our sincere sympathies to Marj, Jeff, Shannalee, Coby, Greg and families.



Cyril and Bev Norrie - June 06 at 09:54 AM

EM

“ Ev Messerli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



Ev Messerli - June 06 at 09:35 AM

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“ Terry Strand (Gillis) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



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**Terry Strand (Gillis)** - June 06 at 09:12 AM

BM

“ Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



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**Bert Montgomery** - June 06 at 08:40 AM

SS

“ Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



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**Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk** - June 06 at 07:19 AM

RL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Our deepest condolences to you Marj and family.  
Rob & Leanne Edwards

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**Rob & Leanne** - June 06 at 12:24 AM

PZ

“ Our heartfelt condolences Marj, Jeff, Shannalee, Coby, Greg and families on the loss of Ken. He was such a caring person who had a heart of gold and was the best friend anyone could ask for. We will miss our visits with him and sharing some Timbits or sweets made by Marj. Rest easy our friend.

*Sincere sympathy and love Len and Pat Zebedee and family*



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**Pat Zebedee** - June 06 at 12:16 AM

PM

“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ronald Starke



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**Pat and Colleen Mastel** - June 05 at 09:23 PM

MD

“ Heartfelt Condolences at this sad time to you Marj and your Family, Rest Well Ken.

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**Michele Durand** - June 05 at 08:25 PM