



Mr. Larry Keith Nelson

November 10, 1954 - March 16, 2020

Larry Keith Nelson of High River, Alberta passed away at the High River Hospital on March 16, 2020 at the age of 65 years. He put up a brave battle against the cancer that took a kidney and eventually spread through his body over the past seven years.

Larry is survived by his mother Emma (Ray) Nelson-Yanke of High River, AB; sisters Susan Nelson of Bowen Island B.C.; brothers Rick (Debbie) Nelson of Okotoks, AB and Glen Nelson of Stettler, AB; Ray's daughters Kim (Cam) Simpson of Medicine Hat, AB and Kari (Jim) Matsella of Medicine Hat, AB; nephews David (Cheryl) Boyce and Kurtis (Jen) Boyce as well as his nieces Kyla Nelson and Brandie (Doug) Woods and their daughter Isla.

Larry was predeceased by his father Norman Nelson.

Larry was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan on November 10, 1954. He resided in Medicine Hat and Redcliff, AB during his school years where he made some close childhood friends and began a career in banking. Before recently retiring he had explored other work options in the petrochemical field, as a prison guard, construction from pools to bridges and golf course maintenance. He eventually worked his way west residing in numerous communities most notably Calgary, Okotoks and finally High River where he lived at his passing.

Larry enjoyed sharing stories and his quirky sense of humour with family and

friends, camping, fishing, hiking, movies, driving cars and motorcycles and dabbled in astrophysics. He was very easy going and kind with all who knew him.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre www.albertacancer.ca or the High River District Health Care Foundation - www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca .

A Celebration of Larry's Life will be held at a later date.

To send condolences and view Larry's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall

HS

“ This came through my brother Peter, and although it has been 60 years plus, I have fond memories of spending many hours in the Nelson home on First Street in Redcliff. At the time we lived a block away on Second Street.

Mr. Nelson (Larry's father) sold us our first TV and our second, third and fourth. We kept buying the cheapest TV he had, and he kept dutifully replacing them as they broke. I don't think very much money was made on us as he was an exceptionally kind man, as was "Mrs Nelson".

I could go on, but one indelible memory was that on those -30 or colder winter mornings we would often walk to the Nelson's home instead of the many blocks to Redcliff Elementary School, hoping to get a ride in their VW bus for most of the way. Those VW buses weren't the most reliable in those days and especially when the thermometer was all the way in the bulb and the ice was an inch thick on the house windows.

One especially cold morning there must have been a dozen or more kids from that end of town who all had the same idea, and it took two trips for Mr. Nelson to get everyone into school. We all came trooping in half an hour late, which just wasn't done. Anyway, he didn't volunteer for that job and had work to do, but that's the kind of man he was.

Quite a few parents in Redcliff had very open homes in those days and were kind, but the Nelsons stood out for me.

Larry was a year younger than me, and a very close friend of my brother Pete, but we knew Ricky, Susan and "Mister" and "Mrs" Nelson. A very special family and special childhood memories for myself and my brother. (There are two more younger brothers, Martin and William. We left Alberta for Ontario in 1967.)

Henry Slofstra - April 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM

HS

Sorry, 50 years plus, not 60.

Henry Slofstra - April 23, 2020 at 11:45 AM

GN

Thank you for the memory. Story of the t v.'s made me laugh. We went through through the same thing with having a t.v. I think my dad just brought home ones that did not work, repaired them, and t.v. became ours for that time been. I don't recall owning one. I remember it was either yourself or brother who had a vibrating metal CFL football game. Somehow Larry ended up with it. Maybe was a trade off for a t.v. as one noisy toy! I was the youngest of the family but remember tagging along with Larry when he visited your family. I was Martin's age. Great memories. Thank you.

Glen Nelson

Glen Nelson - April 25, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ I was very sorry to hear about Larry. Growing up in Redcliff, you pretty much knew everyone just because you or one of your siblings went to school with them. This was the case with our family. Our time goes back to when Larry's Dad was the TV repairman and this was in the day when house calls were made. I also remember when Larry and Rick(I think}, lived in their former family home on 1st street in the late 70's and renovated it. I went to school with Susan. I have fond memories of your family. Emma (we called you Mrs. Nelson of course), I can only imagine how difficult this has been on you as a Mother. On behalf of the Schritt Family may all of you have fond memories of Larry to carry you through the days ahead. Thank you for placing Larry's remembrance in the Medicine Hat News giving those of us who grew up with your family the opportunity to send condolences.

Dianne (Schritt) Smith

Dianne Smith - March 31, 2020 at 09:18 AM

RN

*Thank you for the kind words.
I wanted an opportunity to mention to your family that I met an old acquaintance of your family named "Tex". He worked as a brick layer with your dad and brother. We ate at his restaurant in downtown Calais, Maine. He has bought many old downtown buildings there and restoring them.*

Rick Nelson - April 25, 2020 at 10:51 AM

DE

“ Rick, Emma and Family

I was so saddened to hear of Larry's passing. I have many happy memories of the times shared with all of you. Take care and our thoughts are with you. Deb Eresman

Deb Eresman - March 30, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ Emma and family, I remember meeting Larry a few years ago when some of us went to Frank Lake together. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet him. I can only imagine how hard it must be for a mother to watch her son go through what he has. Rest In Peace, Larry. And Emma, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear son. Jill

Jill Bhar - March 28, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ *To Larry's Family,*

Please accept our sincere and deepest condolences in the passing of Larry. Our thoughts are with your family.

With warmest regards,

*The Hope Family
(Redcliff, AB.)*

Jacqueline Hope-Hammel - March 28, 2020 at 05:57 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Crawford And Darryl McLeod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Keith Nelson*



Shirley Crawford and Darryl mcLeod - March 27, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LV

“ *Emma I am saddened to learn of Larry's passing. I know we can never fully prepare for such a loss but I have watched you face this challenge with dignity and courage. Please let us know when a service or celebration of life is planned.*

Linda Vander Velde (Buzzum Buddies)

Linda Vander Velde - March 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

BH

“ I didn't meet Larry personally but my Dad found out not too long ago that he was related to him. They did get to meet at least once so I am happy they got to do that. Coincidentally they both passed away within a day of each other and both of them were at Lyle Reeves Funerals. Rest in peace Larry and Douglas (Dad).

Bonnie Hoffart - March 24, 2020 at 12:25 PM

CJ

“ Emma and Ray. I am so very sorry to hear of Larry's death. You've had so much on your plate lately but just want you to know that you are in my heart and prayers at this difficult time. I enjoyed meeting Larry when he came to a couple of the Simple Suppers and do hope his last days were peaceful and that you had time with him. Blessings to you both and other family members at this time.

Connie Jewell - March 20, 2020 at 04:42 PM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Keith Nelson



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - March 17, 2020 at 02:05 PM