



## Mr. Laurel Edwin Shewchuk

June 18, 1938 - June 4, 2022

June 18, 1938, Newdale MB

June 4, 2022, High River AB

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our brother, uncle, buddy and friend, Laurel Edwin Shewchuk on June 4, 2022, at the age of 83.

Laurel was born June 18, 1938, in a midwife's home in Newdale, Manitoba. Laurel started his teaching career at the tender age of 17, after taking a six-week teacher's course at what was then known as the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg. This was a time when there was a critical shortage of teachers in Manitoba and after a six-week crash course in teaching, you were generally placed in a one-room country School, teaching grades 1-8. His first teaching position was in a remote area of Manitoba in the Moose Bay area. He was provided with a small teacherage to live in. He spoke fondly of his first year of teaching and had many amusing tales to tell of his adventures and misadventures that first year. Thereafter, he spent many of his summer breaks upgrading his degrees at the University of Manitoba. He and his wife, Marlene, taught in many areas of Manitoba, at Sinclair, Elm Creek, Carmen, Miami, and Roland. He was principal in all those schools. After his retirement at age 55, he continued with crop insurance and hail adjusting in the rural areas of Manitoba and Alberta.

He and his wife, Marlene, moved to Alberta from Manitoba in 2002 and settled in High River. He met his wife, Marlene Martin, while at Provincial Normal School and they were married in 1958. They had an adventurous life as they enjoyed worldwide travelling and were happy snowbirds for many years in the Rio Bend RV & Golf Resort in the El Centro area of California. Creating new friendships and golfing too up a lot of their time. Unfortunately, Marlene passed away in 2005.

Laurel was predeceased by his wife Marlene, and his parents Marvin and Ethel Shewchuk.

He is survived by his sister Gladys Mark (Harold), his brothers Barry (Sylvia) and Wayne (Charlotte), his nephews Curtis (Jennie), David (Monica), his sister-in-law Sharon Mullaney (Paddy), his nephew Ryan Mullaney (Stacey) and niece Riley (Grant) Gettens.

He lived a life well-lived and well-loved with no regrets. He was never at a loss for words and to hear him talk, to hear that hardy laugh, and to see him smile, you knew that he enjoyed life to the fullest.

Laurel expressed his heartfelt thanks to his family doctor, Dr. Jeeva, with whom he connected so well because of their similar sense of humour. A great deal of gratitude is also extended to Dr. Kuechler, his on-call doctor, and to the High River Nursing Staff. He described his care as “awesome” and was so appreciative of the excellent care he received.

At Laurel’s request there will be no funeral service. A casual and informal Celebration of Laurel’s Life will be held at the Highwood Golf & Country Club on Monday, June 20", at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to come and share some of your “Laurel stories” with his family and friends.

He bid a fond farewell to the many bar girls and friends he visited every Tuesday on his bar run in High River.

To send condolences, please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com). Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Highwood Golf & Country Club  
400 7th Street NW  
High River, AB (CA)  
<http://www.highwoodgolf.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laurel was such a fun loving guy. He was a friend of my brother and sister-in-law Glen & Marion Eamor where we got to meet him. I also did some chemo sessions with him and he always lighten the mood in the room. He will be missed by many. Sincerest sympathy to all.*  
*Faye and Wayne Thurber.*

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**Faye Thurber** - June 17, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Gladys, Harold, Barry, Wayne and all the Shewchuk families in the passing of Laurel. We will sure miss him. His hearty laugh, his stopping for visits and Murray's golf partner. Our friendships started in Manitoba in our little town of Sinclair where Laurel & Marlene came to teach school. Years later they came to visit us in High River and later decided to settle here. We had lots of laughs, happy hours and just good times. There was never a dull moment with Laurel around.*  
*Rest In Peace Dear Friend.*

*Murray & Wilma Williamson*

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**Wilma Williamson** - June 17, 2022 at 12:44 AM

“ *Sorry to hear of Laurel passing. We enjoyed his stories and laughter! Miami will miss a great man! Dale and Caroline Stepler*

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**caroline steppler** - June 15, 2022 at 10:03 AM

JM

“ *Laurel and Marlene were our neighbors in Miami and we had many good times and laughs with them whether it was golfing, curling, camping or Happy Hours. Jim & Donna Moreton*

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**Jim & Donna Moreton** - June 13, 2022 at 08:03 PM

JG

“ *Out thoughts and prayers are with Gladys and family 🙏❤️. Will miss seeing Laurel on the golf course has*

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**Julian and Darlene Gushulak** - June 10, 2022 at 08:30 PM

MF

“ *Our sincere condolences to Laurel's family. We met Laurel and Marlene at Rio Bend and enjoyed so many fun times over the years. Marlene's passing left a large void in Laurel's life but he carried on and remained a Snowbird where he was a delight to all whether golfing, dancing, just visiting and entertaining us with his humorous tales and hearty laugh. He was indeed a man who savoured life and we felt fortunate to be among his many friends.  
Marleen and Bob Steele*

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**Marleen Ferguson** - June 10, 2022 at 06:50 PM

DW

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. We have know Laurel for many years at Rio bBend..many golf f games, dinners, happy hours and lots of laughs  
He will be missed*

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**Dave and Rita Wilson** - June 07, 2022 at 11:38 PM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to Gladys and Harold and the Shewchuk family.

*Gina and I had many good times and laughs with Laurel and Marlene over the years at Riobend, not to mention numerous card games. Laurel will always be remembered by his sense of humor and boisterous laugh which could always be heard throughout the entire park.*

*Dave Smith*

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**Dave Smith** - June 07, 2022 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Fond memories of a character with character, introduced by common friends, whom I send my condolences as well as the family.*

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**Roy Elderkin** - June 07, 2022 at 05:58 PM

CZ

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Shewchuk family*

*Laurel will be remembered a great teacher, and a great ball player.*

*Laurel leaves behind a impressive legacy.*

*Our thoughts are with you Gladys & Harold.*

*Ken & Carole Zelmer*



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**Carole Zelmer** - June 07, 2022 at 05:36 PM

BJ

“ Our thoughts are with Gladys, Harold and the rest of the family. Laurel was a fun loving human being who enjoyed life. We will remember good times with him in Edmonton and during our visits to High River. Rest in peace Laurel.

*Barb and Jim Tutton*

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**Barb and Jim** - June 07, 2022 at 04:32 PM

KZ

“ Had lots of good times with Laurel and Marlene in Carman, Mb. RIP Buddy. Ken Zeiler

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**Ken Zeiler** - June 07, 2022 at 03:33 PM

SE

“ Susan Eamor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Edwin Shewchuk



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**Susan Eamor** - June 07, 2022 at 10:46 AM

EC

“ Our Sympathies Gladys and Harold....will miss his smile and sense of humour, always enjoyed seeing him at the Legion and on the golf course.



*Ernie and Eileen Cross*

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**Eileen Cross** - June 07, 2022 at 09:48 AM

Leslie  
Wegener-  
Wendt

“ You will be missed by many, RIP Laurel ❤️  
Ed & Leslie Wendt



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**Leslie Wegener-Wendt** - June 06, 2022 at 07:41 PM

AR

“ Alana & Rob lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Laurel Edwin Shewchuk



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**Alana & Rob** - June 06, 2022 at 06:35 PM