



Mr. Laurie George Derbecker

June 29, 1948 - January 21, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Laurie Derbecker announce his peaceful passing on January 21, 2018 at the age of 69.

Laurie will be dearly missed by his children Michele (Darren) Connors, Renee (Jon Ruigrok), Darren (Kim), and four grandchildren: Shelby and Cody Connors, and Dylan and Shea Derbecker. His sisters Lin (Ted) Schaus of Walkerton, ON and Ruth (John) Kovalik of Orlando, Florida and many nieces and nephews.

Laurie was a dear friend to many and will be fondly remembered for his great sense of humor, the stories he told, and frequent big belly laughs. He loved spending time with friends almost as much as he loved spending time in a backhoe or trackhoe. Operating a machine brought him so much joy (as if you couldn't tell by the giant smile on his face).

We would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Finnigan and Dr. Graham. A special thank you to the compassionate staff at the High River Hospital for their tireless efforts and exceptional care. Our lives have forever been touched by everyone that cared for Laurie and our family during some of the most difficult times of our lives.

A Celebration of Laurie's Life was held on Friday, January 26th at the High

River Royal Canadian Legion #71. (25-8th Ave SE, High River, AB).

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To send condolences and view Laurie's Tribute Page please visit 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

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River Royal Canadian Legion #71
25 - 8th Ave. SE
High River, AB T1V 1E8 (CA)
(403) 652-3770

Tribute Wall

HW

“ So sorry to hear of your family’s loss.
I remember many afterschool dates and sleepovers with Michele.
“Mr. Derbecker” was patient and allowed for loud music and lots of
laughter! May light hearted memories comfort you all in these hard
days.

Hilary Lobe Welte - February 03, 2018 at 10:13 AM

PL

“ Sorry to hear of Lauries passing. I did not get to know his family but
grew up with him and his sister's at Ayton, Ontario. By his picture I
can see he had not changed much with age. Our condolences to all
his family.

Pauline Barfoot her Liesemer - January 31, 2018 at 05:56 PM

PL

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Pauline Barfoot her Liesemer - January 31, 2018 at 05:57 PM

MT

“ My condolences to Laurie's family. What a great man!! I will never
forget his big laugh and the knowledge he passed along to me. I am
grateful and honored to call Laurie my friend. Cheers bud !!!

Mike Taylor - January 26, 2018 at 09:46 PM

GN

“ Darren, Kim & families, My sincere sympathy with the loss of your
father. May all your wonderful memories bring you comfort and
healing.

Gail Noad - January 25, 2018 at 03:56 PM

NG

“ *My deepest condolences to Renee and her family in this difficult time.*

Natalia Gomez - January 25, 2018 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ *Sincerest condolences are sent with love to the entire family. The love and memories will live on in your hearts.*

Carleen Bil - January 24, 2018 at 02:54 PM

MA

“ *Sad to hear about Laurie 's passing. R.I.P. Laurie, your battle is over.*

Marcel - January 24, 2018 at 01:51 PM

FM

“ *Florence Mckenna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie George Derbecker*



Florence Mckenna - January 24, 2018 at 09:57 AM

BP

“ *Bob & Evelyn Pearce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie George Derbecker*



Bob & Evelyn Pearce - January 24, 2018 at 08:26 AM

SD

“ To all of Laurie’s family,
John and I are very saddened to hear about Laurie I have to say
he and Rosie were the best neighbours ever !, so many stories so
many laughs. John & Rosie would go to work, Laurie and I would
take care of the kids and not once did we forget to pick the
kiddies up from school. Great times , great memories

Love , John & Sharon

sharon Dale - January 23, 2018 at 07:36 PM

NC

“ I have very fond memories of Uncle Laurie...from his pig roasts to
his famous cherry cheesecake that he made, his full belly laughs
and the smile on his face. He had the ability to make friends so
easily and always made you feel welcome in his home. You will be
missed Uncle Laurie...may you Rest In Peace...

Nancy Nuhn Conan - January 23, 2018 at 07:04 PM

LA

“ Kim and Family - much of our time together has been spent talking
about Laurie and I'm so glad I got to know him through you. He
loved you for the great care you gave him but most of all for being
there for him always. Hugs and love sent to you and Darren and the
kids. Lynn

Lynn Ardiel - January 23, 2018 at 04:17 PM

RG

“ *Ron & Helen Gadke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie George Derbecker*



Ron & Helen Gadke - January 23, 2018 at 03:31 PM

LG

“ *I got to know Laurie at Roseburn. Amazing man, always cheerful.... and a legend on a backhoe. Condolences to Laurie's family.*



Laura Gardener - January 23, 2018 at 02:52 PM

CD

“ *Our family was saddened to hear of Laurie's passing, we send our deepest condolences. We did not know Laurie for a long time but each time we saw him at a family gathering he always wore a big grin and had a funny story to tell. He was a gentle and humble man who loved his family dearly. Embrace all your memories and hold them deep in your heart - he may have left your life but he will never leave your heart...*

All our love, Cathy, Tom & Christine and Tyler Delay xoxo

Cathy Delay - January 23, 2018 at 12:31 PM

JR

“ Jane And Joe Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurie George Derbecker



Jane and Joe Russell - January 23, 2018 at 08:55 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences, to Renee, Darren, Michelle, Rosie, & all of your families. Laurie was such a great spirit, & will always be remembered for his great smile & his hearty laughter, & great sense of humor. Always, a great love for his family, & a hard worker, & ready to get the job done. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery

Bert Montgomery - January 23, 2018 at 07:46 AM

GC

“ Michele & Darren, Ashley, Shelby, Cody, Renee, Darren & Kim, Dylan, Shea, Lin & Ted , Rosie and all Laurie's family- Sending condolences following the passing of your Dad/Grandpa/Brother. Laurie was a hard worker, and had a great heart. He was very talented in his trade of choice and was instrumental in helping us build our new home in 1999. May all your memories of Laurie keep him close to your heart and help you through your difficult time. How wonderful you could all share your stories with him at the hospital the day before he passed. What a wonderful send off for him and memory for all of you! RIP Laurie!

Love and hugs,
Greg and Denise Connors

Greg and Denise Connors - January 22, 2018 at 07:52 PM

CR

“ Courtney Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Laurie George Derbecker



Courtney Russell - January 22, 2018 at 03:04 PM