



Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan

November 8, 1940 - March 27, 2022

Len loved to be outside. As a young adult he worked for Brewster's in Banff and guided horseback trail rides from the Banff Springs Hotel. His time in the saddle was short though when he married the love of his life, Leanne, and they began a lifetime of camping adventures starting with a humble tent trailer and culminating with the 28' fifth wheel trailer that they camped in as recently as the summer of 2021. They camped anywhere and everywhere, for the most part staying in and around Southern Alberta. He was particularly fond of mountain camping and in the last few years grew more and more fond of Sandy McNabb just west of Turner Valley.

After more than 40 years of battling heart disease, Len passed away quietly on the morning of March 27, 2022, with Leanne and his two boys by his side.

Len was born on the kitchen table in their Elbow Park home on November 8, 1940 to loving parents James and Phyllis.

Len's first son, Trevor was born in 1968 when Len began working for his father-in-law, Lee Cook. He was a law-abiding man and performed long-haul safety inspections for Thompson/Olsen & Sherban Insurance company, the corporation that employed Lee. He later struck out on his own performing the same role, independently, then known as The Shadow.

Len's second son, Travis was born in 1972 and so began a long life of jobs ranging from farm-hand to automotive service writer. Len was a loyal and dedicated worker whether as an employee or a small business owner. Two careers that exemplify these traits the most were the Waterbed Hut in the mid-80's and most recently SunMountain Energy. Len started Waterbed Hut with his best friend, Gary Ragan, and saw great success and growth for a number of years. Most prominent though, was Len's final small business adventure, SunMountain Energy, a rural recycling pick-up service that Len started and passionately operated for 10 years. His passion and dedication to this small business proved to everyone his commitment to helping reduce our carbon footprint on the planet.

When the physical requirements of recycling pick-up became just too much, Len reluctantly (he really did enjoy recycling, a lot!) moved into retirement. He and Leanne found themselves able to camp more often, whenever they wanted. And they loved it!

Due to its incredible growth, Len chose to visit Calgary less as time went on. However, he was very proud of his Calgary heritage; heritage that runs deep into Calgary's beginnings. Len was a direct descendant of the Riley family. The Riley's emigrated from England in 1863 and settled on a 146,000 hectare parcel of land (now Hillhurst/North Hill/Sunnyside/Hounsfeld Heights) between 1888 and 1909 (note: Calgary was only incorporated as a town 1884!) The Riley family made and left their mark on the city; Thomas Riley Building on the SAIT campus (Len's Great Uncle), Louise Riley Library (Len's 2nd Cousin) and Riley Park (donated to The City of Calgary by Len's Great Uncle Ezra) just to name a few.

Len will be remembered as a kind, loving and caring man with the heart of a giant. Len was predeceased by his parents James Lennox and Mildred Phyllis, and his sister, Antoinette. Len is survived by his loving wife Leanne,

admiring sons Trevor (Johanna) and Travis (Sarah), mother-in-law Aileen Sells, sister-in-law Jonelle Johnson (Larry) and adoring grandchildren Tycen and Eryka.

A Celebration of Len's Life will be held on July 16, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Celebration will be held at the home of Travis and Sarah. Eulogy and storytelling at 1:30 pm. Food, drinks and celebrating to follow.

Travis and Sarah are located at 224037 Highway 546, exactly 4 km west of the 4-way stop in Turner Valley (see windflowerbandb.ca for more detailed directions). Please drive down the gravel driveway and park in front of Travis's shop.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Travis Allan (Windflower B&B)
224037, Hwy 546
Turner Valley, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry to hear of Len’s passing. Condolences to you & your family.

Carol Ball

carol ball - July 01, 2022 at 01:37 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Allan family, Cathy

Cathy Couey - April 20, 2022 at 10:44 AM

GT

“ My thoughts and smiles are with you all. He was always so much fun and put a smile on my face.

*Hugs
Gayle Tarasoff*

Gayle Tarasoff - April 18, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Leanne and family we are sending our love and deepest condolences to you on the passing of your beloved Len. Ron and I always enjoyed our visits with you both when we were camping in Lethbridge or Drumheller and we would get together for a meal at a restaurant or a picnic. We always had lots to chat about and laugh.*

Len will always be remembered as a kind gentle man and he will be sorely missed.

Sending hugs dear friend.

Marilyn and Ron Richardson

Marilyn Richardson - April 14, 2022 at 04:17 AM

BV

“ *Leanne, Trevor, and Travis: our sincere condolences on the passing of Len. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed.*

Bill & Barbara Voys - April 08, 2022 at 06:57 PM

JN

“ *Our condolences go out to you Leanne and family. We so enjoyed our dealings with Len over the years.*



Jacqueline Nelson - April 06, 2022 at 11:40 AM

JN

“ *Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort.”*
John and Sue Nibourg

John and Sue Nibourg - April 04, 2022 at 11:21 AM

JN

“ I was a co-worker of Leanne's for almost 20 years. The story I remember most was about Len and his buddies replacing the living room window with a new bay window - lots and lots of work and lot of laughs.

Our sympathies to you all Leanne, Trevor and Travis
from Jan and Clair Noad

jan noad - April 04, 2022 at 10:47 AM

SW

“ My condolences to the Allan family.



Sherry Whitford - April 03, 2022 at 11:39 PM

WG

“ Leanne, Trevor , Travis , and family. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Len was so special to so many people and one knew it as soon as you met him. We worked together at Keith Pontiac, where he taught me how to be a service person. Even when I left we remained friends and he would tell me tales of when he was “The Shadow “. Some pretty scarey times from my recollection. He was often in my thoughts and it is sad to know he is gone. My family remembers him fondly are grateful that he was in our lives.

Think of the fun times and his passing will hopefully be easier for you all.

God bless Len and all of you .

Wayne Gilchrist - April 03, 2022 at 08:47 PM

KT

“ Dear Leanne, Trevor, Johanna, Travis, Sarah, Tycen and Eryka,
Our hearts and thoughts are with you and we are mourning with you
the loss of Len, a husband, father and grandfather. You are not
alone in remembering a truly wonderful man that meant so much to
so many.
Lots of love ,
cousin Karen, Sam and family

Karen Thomas - April 03, 2022 at 06:12 PM

SM

“ We loved Len the recycling man , as my grandchildren called him.
He always had time for a short chat when he came by for the pick
up. Wayne and I got to know this gentle, kind man with a great
heart. My sympathies to all of you. Sylvia Moore

Sylvia Moore - April 03, 2022 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - April 03, 2022 at 08:18 AM

HN

“ Sincere condolences to the Allan family

Harvie and Judy Nielsen

Harvie Nielsen - April 02, 2022 at 07:25 PM

CW

“ I knew Len through his rural recycling service for which I was so grateful for. He always had a smile and such a cheerful attitude. My condolences to Leanne and family. Carolann Wambeke

Carolann Wambeke - April 02, 2022 at 11:52 AM

CM

“ Charlene Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Charlene Malmberg - April 02, 2022 at 11:14 AM

CK

“ Cathy & Mike Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Cathy & Mike Kendal - April 02, 2022 at 08:26 AM

RL

“ Rhonda Longson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Rhonda Longson - April 02, 2022 at 07:37 AM

RL

“ Leanne, Trevor, Travis and families, there are no words to express how sorry I am to hear of Len’s passing. Lenny has always been such a big part of my life and I have such great memories of him and your familyhe was a very special person to me and I feel so lucky to have had him as a part of my life. Will so miss our chats and the fun laughs we used to have when we visited and of course his bear hug that I always got when we saw each other. My love to you all and I so hope that your treasured memories will get you through this challenging and tough time. Xoxo. ❤️ Rhonda



Rhonda Longson - April 02, 2022 at 07:36 AM

GC

“ Leanne, Trevor, Travis and family. Len was one of the good ones and was a great neighbour. We are so sorry for your loss and please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - April 01, 2022 at 10:43 PM

KN

“ Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



kathy Niemans - April 01, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - April 01, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ Ann Holmes Zirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Ann Holmes Zirk - April 01, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Leanne Trevor Travis and family our deepest condolences Len was a great and will be missed,
Bernard and Connie Gillich



Bernard & Connie Gillich - April 01, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Karen Foley - April 01, 2022 at 04:15 PM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss.



Eldeen Barrett - April 01, 2022 at 03:27 PM

CM

“ Leanne, Trevor and Travis, we feel your loss as well. He was a special man and will be missed. Hugs, prayers for all. Charlie & Candys

Candys Mackenzie - April 01, 2022 at 03:04 PM

TC

“ Terina Cybulski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Terina Cybulski - April 01, 2022 at 01:54 PM

AH

“ Len was such a big old softy!! He was always so kind to me and I have great memories of doing things with your family over the years. Leanne, Trevor and Travis (and families) - today I give back one of those big hugs to you, that Len always gave to everyone else. He was a gem and will be truly missed. Angela Harrison



Angela Harrison - April 01, 2022 at 01:47 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Sharon Doll - April 01, 2022 at 01:46 PM

RB

“ Leanne, Trevor and Travis and family I extend my sincere sympathy to you all. Len's outgoing personality will be sorely missed in the community!



Rosemary Brocklebank - April 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM

SF

“ Most sincere condolences to the Allan family. May time and wonderful memories help you through the tough times.

Sharon Forbes - April 01, 2022 at 11:57 AM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Lynda Cowling - April 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM

MS

“ Absolutely one of the nicest people, genuine and kind! Leanne, Trevor, Travis and families, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Deepest condolences to all of you.

Myrna Shoults

Myrna Shoults - April 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM

NE

“ I'm sorry for your loss Leanne, Trevor, Travis and families

Neva - April 01, 2022 at 10:58 AM

LW

“ Linda Walsh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lennox "Len" Russell Allan



Linda Walsh - April 01, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CJ

“ Leanne, Trevor, Travis and families. I won't easier forget the "hug" that Len would give a person, along with his "big smile". I know your hearts are sad but what a great legacy Len has left in all of you. Rest well Len and may we all remember the man you were. Blessings to all the family.

Connie Lorraine Jewell - April 01, 2022 at 10:20 AM

BH

“ The world needs more men like Len. We are so sorry for your loss.

Bill & Dorothy Holmes - April 01, 2022 at 09:51 AM

ED

“ I have always enjoyed a gab session with Len and back in Active 20-30 years, a few drinks now and then, when Len and Gary would lend a hand. Ken would pick up the recyclables at the CIL plant and would always have time for a coffee and talk. Len will be missed. Our condolences to the family

Ev & Val

Ev Doherty - April 01, 2022 at 09:50 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Leanne, Trevor & Travis & all of Lens family. Len was a great friend & spirt to all who knew him, alway a great visit & a few good laughs to be had with Len. All the best to everyone, Bert Montgomery

Bert Montgomery - April 01, 2022 at 08:10 AM