



Mr. Lorne John Pukas

December 5, 1970 - November 5, 2022

Lorne Pukas of High River, Alberta passed away surrounded by his family at the High River hospital on November 5th , 2022 after a very brave battle with cancer.

Lorne is survived by his loving wife Roxanne; children Lindsay Pukas (Wyatt Bezak), Cole Pukas and Danielle Pukas; as well as two beautiful grandchildren Kase Bezak and Harper Bezak. Lorne is also survived by his mother Carol Young, father Peter Pukas (Virginia); and sister Leesa Salviulo (Gino).

Lorne was born in Golden, B.C and had an avid love of the outdoors enjoying camping, hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycles. His adventurous spirit employed him with BC Forestry as an initial attack firefighter; after which he and Roxanne settled in High River in 1999, and Lorne began his career as a powerline technician in 2001 with Fortis Alberta. Lorne was extremely proud to work for Fortis and this pride was always evident in his work ethic and commitment to every aspect of his job. However, his greatest pride was his children. He was always front and centre in all their activities, lending a hand and being their greatest cheerleader. Lorne loved hard, worked hard and played hard.

Lorne will be greatly missed. His quick wit and sense of humor were next to

none and for those that were lucky enough to have experienced his personality most likely have a memory or story that will live on forever.

A very special thank you to Dr. Adam Vyse and Dr. Derek Kuechler of the High River Hospital, along with numerous nurses that tirelessly helped Lorne through his hardest days, and the doctors and nurses at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre for doing the hardest job imaginable and keeping the fight alive. A huge thank you to our friends and family that have offered their love and support, and to the many people who have brought flowers, food and gifts and an endless amount of love to help our family through this time

A Celebration of Life will be held to honor Lorne at the High River Memorial Centre on December 13th at 11:00 am.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (MT)

Highwood Memorial Centre
128-5th Avenue SW
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)
info@highwoodcentre.ca
<http://www.highwoodcentre.ca>

Tribute Wall

WB

“ I will never forget watching Lorne as he guided, taught and shared with my son (Dan) his tree trimming skills. I was gifted then, witnessing Lorne being a protective, wise and loving mentor and friend to Dan. Lorne generously came by (more than once) to help me deal with some trees in my yard. A soul that left an indelible impression, even in the short moments I was in his presence. I'll never forget his teaching me... "trees are weird", amongst other things. In deep gratitude to Lorne, and with my condolences to his family, friends and co-workers.

Wendy Brothers - December 14, 2022 at 01:57 PM

CW

“ Lorne was always kind to my children: I am saddened to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to Roxanne and the children.
Clara Wright

Clara Wright - December 12, 2022 at 08:17 PM

JK

“ I was also hired the same day as Lorne and went through tradeschool together.

Lorne was like a big brother to me making sure I didn't get in too much trouble in Red Deer and making sure I passed my exams. I got to know Lorne's family by stopping in every week on our way to school.

Every week Lindsay would have a new picture she had colored for me, Cole would show me his hockey stick and net downstairs and of course we all remember the crazy night Lorne left Red Deer when Dani showed up early.

Even more then the great example that Lorne set for me as a Lineman was the amazing father and husband I saw him as and he was a wonderful role model for me as a young man.

Even though many years went by without seeing one another when we did meet it was like never a day had passed.

Many thanks to the world for sharing Lorne with me.

Jesse Karn - December 12, 2022 at 11:11 AM

RB

“ I was hired the same day as Lorne(at Utilcorp Networks Canada back then). Lorne was a guy who would give you the shirt off his back. I'll never forget when we were at (I think it was 2nd year), he had to head home in the middle of the night as his daughter was born. It was crazy but he took it in stride. Even though we didn't work together alot over the years, we always stayed in touch. You couldn't leave a conversation with Lorne without laughing so hard it hurt. He was one of the good ones and will never be forgotten. My condolences to his wife Roxanne and kids and grandkids.

Ryan and Lorrie Becher

Ryan Becher - December 06, 2022 at 10:49 AM

DP

“ *Condolences to Lorne's family. Lorne was always great to chat with when our paths crossed over the years at Fortis and he was always willing to go the extra effort!*

Rest in peace!

Darryl Pederson



Darryl Pederson - December 05, 2022 at 01:04 PM

JG

“ *Lorne you will never be forgotten. Your love for your family and friends is truly remarkable. Rest in Peace my friend and ever ride I make I know you will be there.*



Jon Gillis - December 03, 2022 at 05:25 PM

CH

“ *Connie Haraldson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Connie Haraldson - November 29, 2022 at 10:38 PM

SJ

“ Steve Judge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas



Steve Judge - November 23, 2022 at 09:51 PM

NF

“ I am so sorry for your loss Roxanne! May your memories bring you comfort during this most difficult time.

Nita Finley - November 21, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JL

“ Saddened to hear of Lorne's passing. Great guy and was a pleasure to have known Lorne and share some of his great sense of humour and his kind nature. Gone but not forgotten.

Jim Lewis - November 20, 2022 at 01:58 PM

VM

“ Roxy and Family. I am still at a loss with Lorne's passing, we will all miss his fearlessness, his drive for adventure, his charisma, and his extreme witiness. Every day with Lorne was adventure, you always knew where you started from but would never know where you'd end up. Thank you for the many memories my friend...Vince Myers

Vince Myers - November 13, 2022 at 07:40 PM

GM

“ I am so sorry to hear this news...this is another example of how life is not fair...Lorne was an exceptional person...he was a very competent lineman...many people looked up to him as a leader and a friend...our condolences to the family love Greg and Dana

Greg Marchbank - November 12, 2022 at 07:08 PM

SC

“ We are shocked and sad to hear of Lorne's passing. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

Stacey & Todd Christianson.

stacey christianson - November 11, 2022 at 09:15 PM

LH

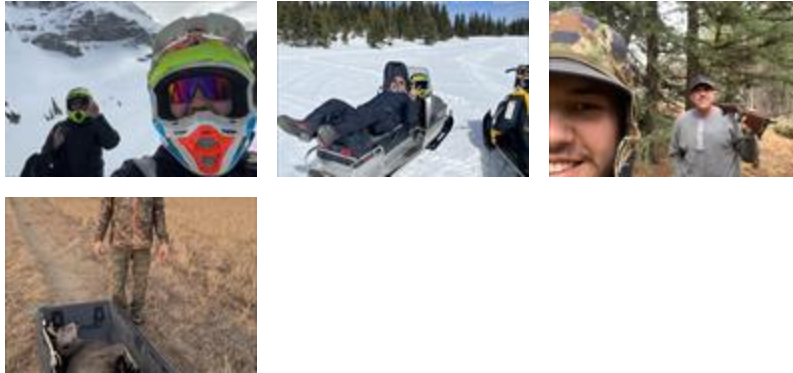
“ *Lizabeth Hergert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Lizabeth Hergert - November 11, 2022 at 08:55 PM

CP

“ Love ya dad gunna miss our adventures together!



cole john pukas - November 11, 2022 at 08:25 PM

NA

Beautiful pictures ❤️

Nancy Alexander - November 12, 2022 at 06:16 AM

DE

“ *Roxanne, Lindsey, Cole, Dani and extended family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincere condolences,
Joe, Debi Eldridge and Family*

Debi - November 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Such a great brother-in-law. Will always remember the fishing trips to the Yukon, making chicken wings and handing out candy on Halloween, and the times at the lake. A big part of a lot of people’s lives and will be missed.*



Kent White - November 11, 2022 at 01:18 AM

JC

“ *Lorne was a great father, fierce friend and an incredible advocate for his team. He always cared about people and positivity impact all our lives. In the face of his biggest challenge he said with a smile: I’m a bad ass from way back...I’m coming out throwing haymakers!*

We will miss you big guy.

Joel Cisar - November 10, 2022 at 10:57 PM

SR

“ *It is with sincere sadness to hear of Lorne’s passing. He was a great fella to work with always willing to help . We lost a great friend and co-worker. He was just a great person. Sincerest condolences to Roxanne and entire family*

Stu and Char Rowley

Stu Rowley - November 10, 2022 at 10:33 PM

LP

“ *The very best Dad and Grandpa! Although he never got to hold his newest granddaughter, he still loved her the same. We miss him so much ☹️🕊️ See you later Dad.*



Lindsay Pukas - November 10, 2022 at 08:59 PM

TT

“ *The good old days with Crew 2.*



Todd Turnquist - November 10, 2022 at 08:02 PM

CW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Lorne's passing. He was a wonderful guy and a great co-worker at Fortis. Our deepest condolences go out to Roxanne and families.
Clay and Lorna.*

Clay Wegener - November 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM

AD

“ *The best day ever! Will miss you buddy! Adam Demchuk*



Adam Demchuk - November 10, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *Sincere condolences from everyone at St. Luke's Outreach. We are incredibly sad to hear this news. You will be in our prayers over the coming weeks. May he rest in peace.*

Jade Boland - November 10, 2022 at 04:13 PM

JD

“ *Blessings from the staff of Notre Dame Collegiate. May his soul rest in peace.*

Jodi deKlerk - November 10, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DM

“ *Roxanne, Lindsay, Cole and Dani so sorry for your loss. Lorne's positive attitude was amazing. Roxanne and Lorne's bond was inspiring. Lorne, you live on thru your children - Lindsay loves the outdoors, Cole would always rather be hunting and Dani has your determination to accomplish whatever she sets her mind to. Dwayne and I always heard your voice at the hockey rink before we could see you standing on the sidelines pacing. Every time we step in the back yard we think of you - thank you for the tree and friendship.*

Dwayne and Susan Messer - November 10, 2022 at 01:12 PM

RP

“ Our life together was an amazing journey, full of love, adventure and the most wonderful memories. Even though we never got to our next chapter, you were such a huge part of our story.



Roxanne Pukas - November 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

KF

Roxanne I am so sorry, I really don't know what to say. May you & the family know you are all in our Thoughts & Prayers . Lorne was a Wonderful Man that had a deep love for life . My Brother Trevor & him were very Close & are probably having a great reunion with all the Family that have gone on ahead of us.

Lots of Love to you all ,
Kimberly Pukas

You will always be family . 💔😭💕🏍️

Kimberly Pukas Froese - November 10, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JJ

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember him as a ver kind and thoughtful person. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Lee and I remember you often

judy jamison - November 13, 2022 at 01:52 PM

RW

We will forever grieve the loss of our fantastic son-in-law. Lorne was a huge part of our family for the past 25 years and we spent many celebrations together. He gave Lynn and I three very beautiful grand children, for which we will be forever great-full. The times at the lake, the fishing trips, and our trip to Disney will never be forgotten!

Richard & Lynn White

Richard White - December 03, 2022 at 04:50 PM

DH

“ Thoughts and prayers Roxanne to you and the family. Lorne’s pride, spirit, determination and friendship will be sadly missed.



Derek Hendry - November 10, 2022 at 10:57 AM

BP

“ Roxanne, Lindsay, Cole and family, We are so sorry to hear about Lorne. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Bonnie Perras - November 10, 2022 at 09:27 AM

GT

“ Lorne cared about the people around him, and he will be missed by many. I was fortunate to have experienced Lorne’s wonderful laugh as well the opportunities we had for some quiet conversations. Lorne will be missed by many. On behalf of the UUWA Board, staff, and Lorne’s fellow UUWA members, I extend our condolences to Roxanne, family, and dear friends.

Grace Thostenson - November 10, 2022 at 09:09 AM

GC

“ Roxanne, Lindsay, Cole, Dani and family please know you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏💙🙏
We are wishing you peace, to bring comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - November 10, 2022 at 12:20 AM

ME

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Lorne’s passing,
forever in my heart... much love to all ❤️



Monique Etienne - November 09, 2022 at 09:52 PM

TB

“ Terri Berthot lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lorne John Pukas



Terri Berthot - November 09, 2022 at 07:53 PM

SW

“ I know there are no words that can ease your
pain. Just know that We are always here for
you.
Sending healing prayers and comfort during
this tough time.



Shelley and Wayne - November 09, 2022 at 06:49 PM

TW

“ Tracey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lorne John Pukas



Tracey Wilson - November 09, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LH

“ *Linda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



linda Holmes - November 09, 2022 at 06:13 PM

SG

“ *Gord and I are heartbroken. We have been praying for all of you, and you were never more than a thought away. We love you all, and know Lorne's light will continue to shine on through your kids and grandkids. We are always here for you.*

Shannon and Gord - November 09, 2022 at 05:54 PM

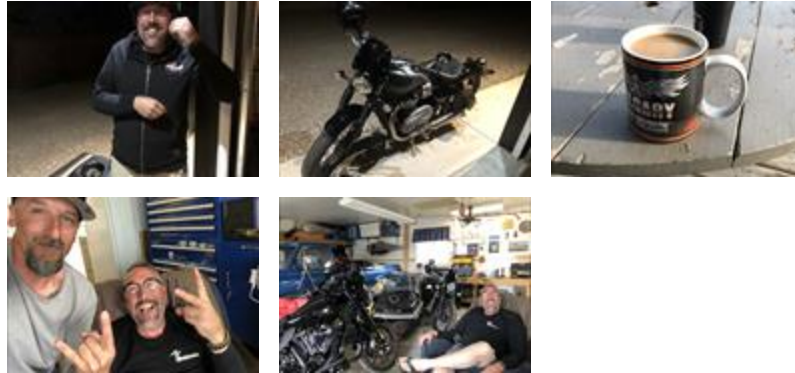
SB

“ *Sending so much love to the Pukas family after the loss of Lorne. I will miss his hearing his voice and seeing his big smile. Even when things were tough he always went at things with a positive attitude. Lorne was definitely one of the good ones.*

Stephanie Bakaluk - November 09, 2022 at 05:20 PM

RH

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Ryan Hartley - November 09, 2022 at 03:47 PM

KF

Thank you so much for Sharing!



Kimberly Pukas Froese - November 10, 2022 at 04:54 PM

RS

“ *I am saddened to hear of this loss. My sincerest condolences Roxanne and family.*

Rayane Symon - November 09, 2022 at 02:23 PM

KS

“ *Roxanne & family - our deepest sympathy with the passing of Lorne. I worked with Lorne through out his career with Fortis. Many laughs, great debates, and conversations over the years. He will be deeply missed by all ! Memories will keep Lorne alive in your heart! His great smile, fun loving personality. Sending blessings to you and your family!*

Kathy Stobbs - November 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

SB

“ *Stacey Babcock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Stacey Babcock - November 09, 2022 at 02:12 PM

SB

*Dear Roxanne, Cole, Lindsay, Dani and extended family, we are thinking of you and sending love and comfort during this difficult time. We have so many wonderful memories of Lorne...too numerous to mention. You will forever be our "Lake Family" and we look forward to reminiscing about the stories and hilarious times we have shared with Lorne. From campfires, coffee chats, horseshoes, boating, motorbiking, building stuff, and fixing stuff at the lake to the great memories Curtis has of working with Lorne at Fortis, there will be many moments to remember what a special man Lorne was in our lives. Hugs to all of you,
Curtis, Stacey and family*

Stacey Babcock - November 09, 2022 at 02:33 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Michelle Hammond - November 09, 2022 at 01:53 PM

MH

“ Thinking of you all at this sad time. Lorne sure did love life. Hockey days were where our first memories were made with you all. Such great times. I'll never forget the game of bones at the lake - not quite sure how we made supper that evening, and the losers in bikinis on the boat, still makes me laugh. Martin and Lorne never did make the bike trip they planned - buy one day it will happen. Lorne was the reason Martin got back on a bike and they enjoyed a few rides together.. always in our thoughts. A great person gone way too soon. Sending love to you all.
Martin, Michelle, Ethan and Molly 💕💕

Michelle Hammond - November 09, 2022 at 01:51 PM

TT

“ Sending all of our prayers, love, light and comfort to the Pukas family. Lorne was such a wonderful guy with the happiest smile, he will be so missed by all that were lucky enough to know him.
Todd & Amanda

Todd & Amanda Turnquist - November 09, 2022 at 01:22 PM

TB

“ Dear Roxanne, Lindsay, Cole and Dani - I'm so very sorry for your loss. What a great guy! May all of your beautiful memories help you through in the days ahead. Thinking of you all and sending you much love 💕💕



Tammy Beach - November 09, 2022 at 12:52 PM

LM

“ *Lorne will be greatly missed at the Fortis office. Lots of great memories and stories we shared.* ”



Lucas McEwan - November 09, 2022 at 12:32 PM

RK

“ *Roxanne & family - our deepest sympathy on the passing of Lorne. We truly enjoyed our 'hockey' days, and are fortunate to have known Lorne and consider him a friend. Hugs to you all.* ”

Regina Kossatz - November 09, 2022 at 12:09 AM

CR

“ *John and Colleen Hay* ”



Colleen Rehaluk-Hay - November 08, 2022 at 10:18 PM

RF

“ *Deepest sympathy from our family to yours.* ”



Rhonda Frondall - November 08, 2022 at 09:35 PM

NP

“ *Nikki Pahl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Nikki Pahl - November 08, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Sending the most heartfelt condolences to Lorne's family and friends. Wishing you all peace with his passing, hold onto your sweet memories.*



Tarrin Durand - November 08, 2022 at 08:38 PM

LP

“ *Such a good guy! Such a tremendous loss. Thinking of all of you as you go through this most difficult time. Will always smile when I picture Lorne in the hockey stands....cheering on all of his "boys".*



Laurie Pakenham - November 08, 2022 at 03:49 PM

RB

“ *Rhonda & Jack Bews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Rhonda & Jack Bews - November 08, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ So sad to learn about Lorne. I worked with him in High River and had plenty of laughs and discussions over the years I got to work with him. He was such a kind and thoughtful person. Sending his family my condolences and hugs.

Clint Kniss - November 08, 2022 at 12:16 PM

DG

“ My sincerest sympathies to you during such a difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers xo



Donna Gregg - November 08, 2022 at 12:03 PM

JN

“ Sincere condolences to Lorne's family and friends

Joanne Notdorft - November 08, 2022 at 10:27 AM

JN

“ Joanne Notdorft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas



Joanne Notdorft - November 08, 2022 at 10:25 AM

MW

“ *Murray Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Murray Wegener - November 08, 2022 at 10:25 AM

AW

“ *Roxanne and family,
Big hugs to everyone and know that you are
in my thoughts today and always. ❤️*



Alana Williamson - November 07, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - November 07, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SA

“ *Sabrina Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lorne John Pukas*



Sabrina Atkinson - November 07, 2022 at 07:23 PM

SA

Roxanne, Lindsey, Cole, Dani and Family -

There are no words to express our deep sadness for your loss. Lorne and your family have been a second family to Gunnar since he was little. Lorne treated Gunnar like his own and it was so deeply appreciated by Gunnar and our family. Gunnar thought of Lorne with such high regard and often shares stories of their time together with the "boys". He was a great man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Cory, Sabrina, Gunnar, Bridger and Sawyer Atkinson

Sabrina Atkinson - November 07, 2022 at 07:51 PM

NA

“ *Nancy Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorne John Pukas*



Nancy Alexander - November 07, 2022 at 07:07 PM

NA

“ *Roxanne, Lindsey, Cole and Dani. And Family...*

We are heartbroken by your loss of Lorne. Abbie and Sam have been telling us stories of their time spent with him and your family and how much they enjoyed his company ❤️ We know in time all the good, fun memories of Lorne will comfort you. But for now, know we are thinking of each of you and holding you all in our prayers and in our hearts.

Chris, Nancy, Sam, Gus, Abbie and Nick Alexander XOXO

Nancy Alexander - November 07, 2022 at 07:06 PM