



## Mr. Marian Rakusan

February 14, 1966 - January 16, 2023

Mr. Marian Rakusan of High River, Alberta passed away on January 16, 2023 at the age of 56 years. Marian is survived by his wife Dasha, son Tomas, daughter Nikol, father Vlastislav, and brothers Pavel and Petr. He was predeceased by his mother Dobromila.

Marian was born on February 14th, 1966, in Zlin, Czech Republic. Like his father, he fell in love with flying and at the age of 15, he started his training with gliders, and later on powered planes. His other passion was technology, which is why he decided to study Electrical Engineering in Brno, Czech Republic. This was though a very hard time for Marian as during it, he had to not only study, but also help his father take care of his mother. He was only 20 years old when his mom passed away.

He did his best to live life to the fullest and loved to travel. His brother Petr reminded us of one funny

story from one of his travels with Marian:

In the summer of 1989, Petr and Marian decided to travel out of the country in the old vehicle Octavia

named "Red Arrow." At one point they were in Yugoslavia near Banja Luka when they needed to fix a wheel that had fallen off. Luckily despite being in the middle of nowhere, the locals decided to help them. While waiting for a bearing locals decided to fill them up with their alcoholic beverage named

Rakija. It didn't go too well though, and Marian and Peter had to spend the night in a house that was still under construction with the permission of the locals.

After he finished University of Electrical Engineering in 1989, he took the job in TOS Hulin. This company was engaged in manufacturing a variety of machinery and machine tools. Unfortunately, he worked there for only a couple of months as in the Czech Republic at that time, military service was mandatory and so Marian had to join. Later, after one year of it, he started to work again for TOS Hulin.

Between flying and working he didn't have time for anything else, or at least he thought he didn't. That is, until a new girl signed up for gliding training and fell in love with this young man. It took her 3 years to convince Marian that she was the right girl for him, and became his wife.

Marian and Dasha's first child Tomas was born in 1996, and 2 years later they had a girl named Nikol. After the children were born, Marian took a job at TOS Varnsdorf which that required a lot of travel to North America. Because of this, Marian decided to move his family to Canada in 2006. First year was very challenging for everyone, but after a couple years it felt like home. Later, Marian became a gliding and private power pilot again and enjoyed seeing the world from the sky. He loved spending time with family, talking about cumulus clouds, selling machinery parts, joking around with friends, and talking about cumulus clouds again :). He joined the gliding competitions in Canada and the USA. His last success was in Chipman, Canada where he joined the Club Class Nationals and finished second with 6,422 points. Just 87 points behind first.

He decided to move with his family to Alberta 2 years ago, and he absolutely loved it. Unfortunately, he didn't have enough time to enjoy it more. His

passion was to fly high over the mountains.

A visitation/viewing will be held at the Lyle Reeves Funerals Atrium on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Lyle Reeves Atrium  
140 6th Ave. SW  
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)  
(403) 652-4242

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Marian Rakusan*



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - January 24, 2023 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ *Dominik Skrenek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marian Rakusan*



**Dominik Skrenek** - February 22, 2023 at 06:48 PM

MA

“ *Martin Andrysek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marian Rakusan*



**Martin Andrysek** - February 03, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RZ

“ To Dasha, Tomas and Nikol, We were so sorry to hear that Marian passed away so unexpectedly. You are all in our prayers.



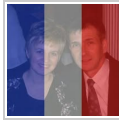
Ray and Betty Zmaeff - January 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

HE

“ Mila Dasa, Nikol a Tom. Velmi nas zarmutilo ked sme sa dozvedeli o Marianovom nahlom odchode. Sme s vami v myslienkach a citime s vami v tejto smutnej chvíli. Marian bol nas priatel, poznali sme sa skoro 15 rokov. Budu nam chybat jeho nazory, jeho pohlady na situacie, jeho zmysel pre humor a nadhľad. Zelame vam vela sily na prekonanie tejto bolesti, dnes a do buducich dni, sme tu pre vas. Hela a Henro s detmi.

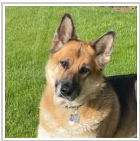


Helen - January 26, 2023 at 11:25 PM



Velmi pekne napisane, Helenka. S vynimkou poctu rokov, rovnako sa citime aj my.

Jarmila Baliova - January 27, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ To Dasha, Tomas and Nikol, we offer our sincere sympathy. We were so sorry to hear that Marian passed away so unexpectedly. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Sharon Cooke - January 24, 2023 at 06:07 PM

BA

“ Dear Dasha, Nicol and Tom. My heart goes out to you for the loss of your dear Marian/dad. I know how much he meant to you, how much Dasha treasured the special bond she had with Marian as a husband and how much the kids adored him. I cannot imagine your pain and heartache, and I am praying for your peace and comfort. We always admired you as a couple, a perfect fit for each other, complementing each other well. Marian was a well-mannered, collected, deep thinker who supported your family's often unordinary ideas and was such a great father! Nicol and Tom, the unconditional love he gave you was the best gift anyone could ever be given, and I know he loved you in good or bad. Please pay attention to the signs around you because he will let you know his soul is there. Dasha, over the few years I have known you, he made you a better person, patient, strong and willing to learn and make mistakes. God knows you will need these qualities now. You never give up, and I don't know who else would you need to have by your side other than Marian. God bless you both!  
Barb, Michael, Jonas, Toby and Emma

Barb - January 24, 2023 at 03:52 PM

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FUNERALS

“ 4 files added to the album Rakusan Family



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 24, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Mila Daso a Nikol, mily Tome!*

*Prijmete od nas uprimnou a hlubokou soustrast. Marian zustane navzdy v nasich srdcich a krasnych vzpominkach. Byl to skvely clovek a dobry kamarad, s kterym jsme prozili dva roky zivota - na nasich krasnych spolecnych akcich (toulkach prirodou, dovolenych nebo party aj.)*

*Vazili jsme si jeho zasadovosti, uprimnosti , laskavosti a ochoty vzdy pomoci.*

*Zdenka a Petr*

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**Zdenka Zizler** - January 24, 2023 at 09:50 AM

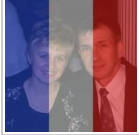
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“ *Melanie Paradis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marian Rakusan*



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**Melanie Paradis** - January 23, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Mila Daska, Nikol a Tom. Tazko vyjadrit sok, ktory nam priniesol zaciatok roka 2023. Najprv prva zdrvujuca sprava, a necele 2 tyzdne neskor dalsia, este viac zdrvujuca. Je nam to velmi luto, bol prilis mlady na odchod z nasho sveta. My sme stratili skveleho priatela - ale rodina stratila oveľa viac - manzela a partnera, otca, syna, brata... Nebolo to tak davno, co sme sa nahodou zoznamili u spolocnych priatelov, "klikli" me si, a od toho dna sa vyvinulo pekne priatelstvo. Pri vzajomnych navstevach sme si len utvrdovali, ze Marian inteligentny a velmi prijemny, vtipny spolocnik. Hovori sa, ze dobra zena je vhodna do koca aj do voza, ale myslime si, ze to kludne mohlo platit aj na Mariana. Bol "game" na sofistikovanu debatu aj na vychadzku do prirody.*

*Dear Dashka, Nikol and Tom. It's hard to express the heartbreaking news we received last week. This is not the kind of New Year's beginning we were expecting. We are very sorry for Marian, who was too young to die. And very sorry for his family - his wife, children, his father and brothers, and other extended family. We met Marian just about 4 years ago at our mutual friends, and it was an immediate connection with him and his family that developed in fast friendship. As a companion, he was witty, well read and educated, pleasant to talk to. Ready to challenge a sophisticated debate, as well as going for a walk in our tiny wilderness. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jarmila Baliova** - January 23, 2023 at 01:15 PM