



## Mr. Mel De Paoli

September 4, 1936 - November 3, 2019

Amelio (Mel) De Paoli passed away at the family farm in Cayley at the age of 83.

He is survived by his wife Bev, daughter Sylvia Welsh (Derek Welsh) and son Gino (Kelci Nicodemus) and grandchildren Julia and Lainey.

Mel was born in Michel, BC and moved to the farm in 1943. He worked at the farm alongside his father and brother Checker for many years and started his own operation in 1987.

He married Bev in 1985 and had their two children Sylvia and Gino.

A sports fan, and armchair referee Mel was also an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed competitive shooting. He loved to curl, travel and looked forward to playing poker every Monday.

Mel was a prominent member of his local community and an active supporter as a member of the Cayley Oddfellows and Stavely Elks.

He was very pleased to have spent so much time with his granddaughters Julia and Lainey. He enjoyed just watching them play and grow and took great pleasure in teasing them. He was proud to see them exploring the family farm

and happy to share the dinner table with them almost daily.

Passionate and proud of his Italian heritage, he loved to have people gather together to enjoy good food, good wine and good company.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cayley School Learning Commons and the Cayley School Strings Program, 904 Ross Avenue, Cayley, AB T0L 0P0.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Stavely Community Centre, 5109 - 52nd Street, Stavely, AB.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV **12**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Stavely Community Hall  
5109 52 street  
Stavely, AB T0L 1Z0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Bev & Family*

*We were so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. So glad we got to have a great visit with him at mom & dads anniversary. Thinking of you folks. Rob & Geri McKeage*

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**rob mckeage** - November 18, 2019 at 05:37 PM

UR

“ *Udo & Maria Stey Flys Etc. High River lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Udo & Maria Stey Flys etc. High River** - November 13, 2019 at 05:36 PM

UD

*Bev and Family.*

*Our sincerest condolences to all of you,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Udo & Maria Stey  
Flys Etc. High River, AB.*

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**Udo** - November 13, 2019 at 05:43 PM

AZ

“ *Bev - so sorry to hear about Mel passing. You have many memories to treasure. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Anita Zarn*

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**Anita Zarn** - November 13, 2019 at 12:23 PM

WL

“ *My Condolences to Bev and family sorry to here of Mels passing.*

*Wayne and Lloyd Lyman*

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**Wayne Lyman** - November 12, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ *Oh Mel*

*I'm going to miss our visits.*

*You were such a great guy - I will miss you*

*-Dee (the Barber) ❤️*

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**Dee Leigh** - November 12, 2019 at 11:27 AM

FT

“ *Bev and family, Mel was just one of those fun loving guys, who made this world a much happier place to live. May those great memories he left us all with, help with the days ahead. Sincerest sympathy Wayne and Faye Thurber.*

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**Faye Thurber** - November 11, 2019 at 02:48 PM

RM

“ *Condolences to All.*



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**Ray & Maureen Moncrieff** - November 11, 2019 at 02:37 PM

LA

“ *Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time Ken, Laurie, Travis and in memory Adam Powell*

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**Laurie** - November 11, 2019 at 01:26 PM

MA

“ *Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Marcia Ayrey** - November 11, 2019 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ *So sad to lose a great friend- Mel was a friend to all and a great community man, involved in so many ways helping others. My memories of High School with him are hilarious and that is the way I will always remember him- living life with a smile and a joke and enjoying every minute of it! My condolences to Bev and all the family in the loss of a great man! Cherish every precious memory!*  
*Denise (Birkness) Siemens*

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**Denise Siemens** - November 11, 2019 at 01:02 AM

TA

“ Dear Bev, Sylvia, Gino, and the extended dePaoli Family;  
We were shocked and saddened to learn of Mel's passing. We know words cannot compensate for your loss, but hope they can bring you a small measure of comfort at this most difficult time. We will fondly remember Mel, and will picture him in his IOOF apron as he worked tirelessly at the Cayley turkey suppers, and at Stavely Elks' functions. It was evident through the posting of photos on Facebook that his granddaughters, Julia and Lainey, enriched his life immeasurably. Be as proud of his life well lived, as he was of his family; you brought him much joy. Our sincerest condolences to all of you.  
Sincerely,  
Terry and Patty Atkinson



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**Terry and Patty Atkinson** - November 10, 2019 at 08:56 PM

FS

“ Was the best friend and neighbor when we lived on the farm (Petersons) and after. Great memories and stories. Will be missed.

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**Faye Switzer** - November 09, 2019 at 05:45 PM

CI

“ Carrie & Randy Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli



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**Carrie & Randy Irwin** - November 09, 2019 at 04:28 PM

DP

“ *A Bev, Sylvia, Gino e famiglia,*

*seduto con le  
mani sulla pancia—la  
soddisfazione...*

*Addio, Mel*

*Con affetto,  
Deanna*

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**Deanna De Paoli** - November 09, 2019 at 01:53 PM

DE

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino and family*

*he sat, hands resting  
on his belly, smiled—sated  
by his taste for life...*

*This is the quintessential image I have of Mel. I've sat at many  
tables with him, here and in Italy. He was always satisfied to be  
among family and friends, sharing good food and good company.*

*There is an empty seat at your table now, but he has an enduring  
place in our hearts.*

*With love,  
Deanna*

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**Deanna** - November 09, 2019 at 01:27 PM

WY

“ *Bev and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Mel was the salt of the earth, and  
heaven is a richer place now.*

*Karyle and Bill Young*

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**William YOUNG** - November 09, 2019 at 10:58 AM

JS

“ *Bev and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are  
with.*

*Jen, Tim, Megan, Stephanie, Jake and Josh.*

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**Jennifer Skory** - November 09, 2019 at 12:21 AM

GC

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino and family,  
We were saddened to hear of your loss of Mel who was a wonderful  
husband, father and grandfather. He truly was an honourable  
special man. We hope your special memories of Mel help you in the  
days and months ahead.*

*Enjoy the picture of you and Mel from our family's special  
anniversary celebration on September 15, 2019.*

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Gerry and Glenda Cutforth** - November 08, 2019 at 10:54 PM

DS

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino our deepest sympathy to you all. Mel will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with you. Love Darlene, Brian and family.*

**Darlene and Brian Sweet** - November 08, 2019 at 08:16 PM

DJ

“ *He was a good man and will be missed*

**Darrell Jones** - November 08, 2019 at 07:12 PM

DO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. 🥺  
Our deepest condolences Bev, Sylvia and Gino. Hug from the Cayley Twins, Donna and Diane*



**donna** - November 08, 2019 at 06:22 PM

KF

“ *Ken Fleury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



**Ken Fleury** - November 08, 2019 at 12:59 PM

TG

“ *So sorry to hear of your dads passing 🥺 Deepest sympathy to you and your family*

**Tim and Faye Gould** - November 08, 2019 at 12:24 AM

FM

“ *Bev and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mel. He was such a warm  
welcoming man who knew how to live life to the fullest. It was a  
privilege to know him.*

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**Fay Mascher** - November 07, 2019 at 11:28 PM

AJ

“ *Bev & Family , sending you All our Deepest  
Condolences of the loss of this Great Man .  
Always to the point with integrity, honesty and  
whit and truly a very generous person !  
There is a huge hole in our hearts ,  
community with the loss of Mel De Paoli , RIP Brother 🙏*



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**Al Jones** - November 07, 2019 at 10:43 PM

BK

“ *Brady & Debi Kidd lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Brady & Debi Kidd** - November 07, 2019 at 10:20 PM

DN

“ *Deb Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel  
De Paoli*



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**Deb Nelson** - November 07, 2019 at 06:14 PM

JC

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Derek and Girls, and Gino,  
Shocked to hear of Mel's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you all.  
Mel was such a personality we know there are no shortages of  
wonderful memories and stories to reminisce. We are all better off in  
our lives having known Mel.  
We value the moments we were able to share over the years!  
Hugs and our condolences to you all.  
John and Tami Cartwright*

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**John and Tami Cartwright** - November 07, 2019 at 05:25 PM

RW

“ *Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Rusty & Fran Wong** - November 07, 2019 at 05:15 PM

EK

“ *Erika Keller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel  
De Paoli*



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**Erika Keller** - November 07, 2019 at 04:04 PM

LM

“ *Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop** - November 07, 2019 at 03:01 PM

ME

“ *Bev, Gino, Sylvia and family  
So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Our deepest condolences.  
Mike and Sandy*

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**Mike Evans** - November 07, 2019 at 01:39 PM

AP

“ *Bev, Gino, Sylvia and family - we will remember Mel as an incredibly loving and generous person who brought family and friends together. I still remember that first trip to Italy fondly; as well as all of the maccanin breakfasts.  
Thinking of you and sending our love.*

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**Andrea De Paoli** - November 07, 2019 at 01:23 PM

F(

“ *Bev and family— So sorry to hear of Mel's passing I'll always remember his larger than life personality, his laughter and his hugs. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Fran (Humphrey) Yip*

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**Frances (Humphrey)** - November 07, 2019 at 01:04 PM

DO

“ *Dennis Ochs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Dennis Ochs** - November 07, 2019 at 10:47 AM

AM

“ *Bev & family, so sorry to hear of Mels passing. May your fond memories bring you strength to get you through this trying time. Our deepest condolences to you all. 🙏*



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**Angie McCormick** - November 07, 2019 at 03:07 AM

AG

“ *Mrs. De Paoli, Sylvia and Gino, I fail to find words that could do even small justice to the loss of such an amazing man. Your dad and family were very important in my life growing up, and I am grateful for the memories with you and him. I hope that you find some comfort in your cherished memories during this difficult time. Sending you so much love. On behalf of my family, we are very sorry for your loss.*

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**Allyssa Grant** - November 06, 2019 at 11:35 PM

CZ

“ *Bev, Gino, Sylvia and family,  
Mel will be sorely missed by many people...  
and remembered for his love of family,  
community spirit, generosity, and sense of  
humour. I will never forget his big bear hugs,  
his laughter, and the way his eyes lit up in the middle of his stories  
(that usually meant the punchline was soon to be delivered). I wish  
for all of you that many fond memories will surface over the coming  
months, and that they will help you through the grieving of his loss.  
Many hugs and much love,  
Cindy, Rob, Sara, Ben and Sara Zampa*



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**Cindy Zampa** - November 06, 2019 at 11:04 PM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear about Mel. Condolences Bev to you and your family*

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**DELILAH MILLER** - November 06, 2019 at 10:40 PM

RR

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino and Families,*

*Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of Mel. Hugs to you  
all.*

*Roberta and Ross*

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**Roberta and Ross** - November 06, 2019 at 09:55 PM

CH

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino & families*  
*So sorry to hear of Mel's passing - he will be missed by all who knew him - cherish the memories, the good times*  
*May he forever be in the hearts of all who knew him*  
*Eric & Cheryl Heinz*

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**Cheryl Heinz** - November 06, 2019 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ *Judy Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Judy Crawford** - November 06, 2019 at 09:12 PM

TR

“ *Tom And Dee Riehs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Tom and Dee Riehs** - November 06, 2019 at 09:01 PM

TB

“ *Thinking of you and sending my most sincere condolences* 💕  
*Tammy Beach*

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**Tammy Beach** - November 06, 2019 at 08:57 PM

LM

“ Gino, Bev, Sylvia and family,

*Words can never express our sympathies, but know that memories live forever in our hearts and minds. So thankful that we were able to share some of those moments with a great man.*

*The Morales Family*

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**Lorrie Morales** - November 06, 2019 at 08:28 PM

LS

“ Lorna Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli



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**Lorna Schultz** - November 06, 2019 at 07:40 PM

GD

“ Bev, Sylvia, Derek and Girls and Gino,

*We all share in your tragic loss. Mel was special to everyone he met. His larger than life personality, hospitality and welcoming manner was something we all cherished. He is a huge part of the DePaoli Family and for me was part of the old Guard. His sincerity and accomplishments are something we all cherish and can learn by.*

*We hope you can stay strong in this very difficult time and period of adjustment. We are all sending our best thoughts. His flame has gone out but the memories and laughter we all shared with him will stay with us forever.*

*All our Love and Hugs,  
Rose and Garry*

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**Garry DePaoli** - November 06, 2019 at 07:18 PM

DS

“ *To all of Mel's family we are so sorry for your loss. Mel was a wonderful man and we pray for all of you at this difficult time.*

**Dan and Jackie Sawley** - November 06, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Dave Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



**Dave Banks** - November 06, 2019 at 06:42 PM

FR

“ *Bev, Sylvia and Gino so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy for the loss of Mel. Fran Randle*

**Fran Randle** - November 06, 2019 at 06:21 PM

CP

“ *Colin & Mary Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



**Colin & Mary Pearson** - November 06, 2019 at 06:13 PM

AF

“ *April Russell And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**April Russell and Family** - November 06, 2019 at 05:51 PM

LT

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Tom and Louise*

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**Louise @ Tom** - November 06, 2019 at 05:18 PM

VR

“ *Deepest sympathy Val Robinson and family*



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**Val Robinson** - November 06, 2019 at 04:39 PM

JM

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino and Family; So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. He spoke often of how proud he was of his family how close all of you have remained; His family, his friends and his community were his passion. His community leadership will be missed. My thoughts and I know the thought of all who were touched by Mel are with you and your family. We have lost a very, very good friend.*

*Jon McGovern*

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**Jon McGovern** - November 06, 2019 at 04:28 PM

MD

“ *Bev, Sylvia, Gino and Family....sending Hugs and Healing thoughts to you at this sad time In your lives. Michele and Richard Durand and Family*

**Michele Durand** - November 06, 2019 at 03:45 PM

BR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Gino and his family  
The Robson Family*

**Brad Robson** - November 06, 2019 at 03:42 PM

SW

“ *Sharon & Bill Wegener lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



**Sharon & Bill Wegener** - November 06, 2019 at 03:29 PM

KD

“ *Our condolences to the family.*

*Kaire, Arnie, Dylan and Aiden Davis*



**Kaire Davis** - November 06, 2019 at 03:19 PM

VH

“ *Bev, Sylvia & Gino ..... We are so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy. He is a significant part of our Cayley connection and past. It was an honour to be a Friend of a great man.*

*Viv & Dave Holowaychuk*

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**Viv & Dave Holowaychuk** - November 06, 2019 at 03:09 PM

CN

“ *Bev and family,  
Sincere sympathies for your loss.  
Cyril & Bev Norrie*

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**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - November 06, 2019 at 02:31 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Cruikshank lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Gwen Cruikshank** - November 06, 2019 at 02:30 PM

GW

“ *Bev and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

*Gail Wark & Family.*

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**Gail Wark** - November 06, 2019 at 02:29 PM

Shari  
Miner  
Porteous

“ *Shari Miner Porteous lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Shari Miner Porteous** - November 06, 2019 at 02:04 PM

RF

“ *Ralph, Brenda Bedson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Ralph, Brenda Bedson & Family** - November 06, 2019 at 02:02 PM

KC

“ *Gino, Bev & Sylvia, our condolences with the passing of Mel. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Katrina & Dawson Couey** - November 06, 2019 at 01:50 PM

MQ

“ *My Heartfelt condolences Bev, Sylvia and Gino. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Miriam Quarin (Burnaby, BC)*



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**Miriam Quarin** - November 06, 2019 at 01:44 PM

TF

“ *The Lewin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**The Lewin Family** - November 06, 2019 at 01:29 PM

VC

“ *Vern & Lynda Coate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Vern & Lynda Coate** - November 06, 2019 at 12:26 PM

JW

“ *Bev, Sylvia and Gino my sincere condolences with the passing of Mel.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Janine Winter*

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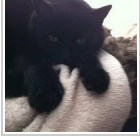
**Janine Winter** - November 06, 2019 at 11:58 AM

CJ

“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss of Mel. He was a very kind person. I hope your memories of Mel will sustain you in the upcoming weeks and years. Blessings to you all*

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**Connie Jewell** - November 06, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Bev, Gino, Sylvia and family, My deepest sympathy at the loss of Mel. Very shocked when I heard the news. Have sent link to Loris my sister and Marina in Vancouver. ?Wishing you courage and peace.*

*Jim Bertoia (Sparwood)*

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**Jim Bertoia** - November 06, 2019 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ *Donna Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Donna Wilkins** - November 06, 2019 at 11:07 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Clement Blouin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Sharon Clement Blouin** - November 06, 2019 at 10:57 AM

SB

*Sincere sympathy in the loss of this very special man. We are sure going to miss him Saturdays at the Legion. We will hold our memories close in our hearts.*

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**Sharon Clement Blouin** - November 06, 2019 at 10:59 AM

JB

“ Jay Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli



Jay Bradley - November 06, 2019 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ Milt And Deb Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli



Milt and Deb Shaw - November 06, 2019 at 10:42 AM

CL

“ Cheryl & Sten Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli



Cheryl & Sten Lundberg - November 06, 2019 at 09:49 AM

CL

*So sorry to hear! Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family!*

Cheryl & Sten Lundberg - November 06, 2019 at 09:50 AM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel De Paoli*



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**Callahan Family** - November 06, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to you Bev, & all your family. Mel will always be remembered for being a great corner post for his family & community, all the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery*

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**Bert Montgomery** - November 06, 2019 at 09:43 AM

KC

“ *Bev and family- my condolences to you at this time of sadness and farewell. Such good memories of Meadowbank softball, good times, with solid coaching and caring. Mel always had a smile and a hug to share. Karen Crawford*



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**karen crawford** - November 06, 2019 at 09:36 AM

CS

“ *So sorry Bev, I am sure he was greeted my many friends on his passing.*



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**Craig Schmuland** - November 06, 2019 at 07:44 AM



*Bev & Family*  
*Our Deepest Sympathies to you all in this time of sorrow.*

*Liz & Carlo Duri*

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**Liz Duri** - November 07, 2019 at 06:53 PM