



Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson

August 10, 1958 - June 9, 2025

Merridell Richardson of High River, Alberta passed away at her home on June 9, 2025 at the age of 66 years.

After growing up in Calgary and High River, Dell married and moved to India to support her husband Nigel's career in offshore oil drilling. They lived overseas for over ten years and enjoyed expat life in Bombay, Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City. Following that Dell returned to High River to start over as a single woman and began her second chapter where she embraced her local community.

Over the years she managed her own cleaning business, working for both Morrison Homes as well as local RCMP detachments. In recent years, she also worked as a guard for the RCMP, primarily in the Turner Valley and Okotoks detachments.

Dell was an amazing cake decorator. No concept or idea was too difficult for her to master. Best of all, she was happy to create a cake for any occasion knowing how much it would add to the celebration.

Like her father, she was caring and loved a good joke. Halloween was her favorite occasion to dress up and decorate - the scarier the better.

In recent years Dell directed her passion to researching family history. Through this journey, she located a new brother Larry, and enjoyed getting to know him.

She will be missed terribly by her close friends Cathy, Karmen and Sarah, her dogs Stitches and Winston, her many RCMP friends and of course her loving family.

Dell is survived by brothers Greg (Perla) and Jeff, step-sister Wendy, nieces Genny and Kate, nephews Michael and Dillon as well as many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. Dell is predeceased by her dad Bill and his wife Lois, mom Eileen, step-sister Carrie, and niece Jennifer.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Narrow Road Society in High River would be appreciated.

A Celebration of Dell's Life will be held on July 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn in High River. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via Del's Tribute Page at www.lylereeves.com .

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (MT)

Heritage Inn, High River
1104 11 Ave. SE
High River, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lyle Reeves Funerals - July 19, 2025 at 05:51 PM

CB

“ Del was an absolute gem of a soul, always with a smile and knew how to make everyone around her feel special and loved. she will be missed by so many far and wide.

Cathy Brown - July 14, 2025 at 04:38 PM

ES

“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Eunice Schmuland - July 11, 2025 at 10:16 PM

CB

“ My condolences to Dells family. I met her in 2007 when I visited Canada for 6 months and we were neighbors. Dell was sooooo kind to me, always smiling and listening and sharing.... she took me to church every Sunday, to brunch, to share a cup of wine and we would just talk in the sunroom for hours. She got a beautiful pixie haircut and I loved it. I will always remember her with a smile. I lost contact due to email, phone and messenger changes. I wish we had stayed more connected all these years and that I would have shared with her the prolife work that I am doing because I know she would have been rooting for me and so happy. I pray for consolation for your hearts.

With Love, From Bogotá, Colombia, South America.

Claudia Bravo



Claudia Bravo - July 05, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RA

“ Robin Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Robin Alexander - July 04, 2025 at 10:30 PM

TB

“ Being next door neighbours to the Petersen family on 23rd street in Calgary meant becoming almost siblings with Greg, Sis and Jeff, as we spent so much time together. Sis was my first best friend. I lost contact with Sis when she and Jeff moved to High River with Eileen although “Uncle” Bill kept us up to date on his family. Decades later by happenstance I reconnected with Sis through social media. She always offered assistance to my youngest daughter while she was attending university in Calgary. Although I was only able to meet up with Sis in person once in recent years we remained in contact, updating each other on family and agreeing on politics. I’m sorry we didn’t get more time to chat and catch up over a coffee. My sympathies to Jeff and Greg; Merridell was taken much too soon

Tammy Bricker - July 04, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JJ

“ We said good morning and good night to each other for many years, always checking in with each other. And was she ever knowledge on hockey. And then one morning, she didn't text back and when I found out why, and when I found out why I was so sad. She was very courageous going through what she did. I will see you on the other side.

Jim Justinick - July 04, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JB

“ Dell you are going to be so missed.
A heart of gold an Angel on earth. ❤️

Joanne Burton

Joanne Burton - July 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Merridell was one of a kind, the one of a kind that you always wanted to run into and have a chat. She was always amusing and upbeat despite what life had thrown at her. Rest in peace Merridell. Sincerest sympathy to her family. Wayne and Faye Thurber.

Faye Thurber - June 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ I am so sad to hear about Merridell 😞 I will miss her posts on FB and her political musings. I loved how she didn't care what others thought, she was so authentic, a straight shooter as we say :) She had one of our puppies, Winston, and her and I would giggle over his antics. During one of her earlier medical events she sent me a beautiful song called Come Jesus Come by Stephen McWhirter. Jesus came and took her home and I know even now she's laughing about the marvels of heaven and asking Jesus so many questions but mostly she's healed and whole and at peace ☐🙏 <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=RZbU7k6ZOcg&si=MlyHOsvROF6sBVa>

Gail Groeneveld

Gail Groeneveld - June 26, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Dell's passing. We have many fond memories of her! Our condolences to her family.



Grant & Debbie Braaten - June 22, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - June 21, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *Denise Ney (Bolton) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Denise Ney (Bolton) - June 18, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Pam Hammond lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Pam Hammond - June 17, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ *Dell was a one of a kind person. I wish I'd have gotten to Okotoks this past while but battling my own stuff just didn't do it. Love you my dear. Will miss our visits. Adam & Carol*

Carol Stefanishyn - June 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MM

“ *Condolences to the family. It had been a pleasure to reconnect with you after all these years. You gave me strength from your strength. Thankyou*



Maureen Moncrieff - June 17, 2025 at 09:02 AM

RT

“ *Condolences to the family of Merridell. We have had lots of vacations years ago maybe 25 years ago Her Christmas baking was great. A supporter the poppy A lady with a backbone.*

rhonda taylor - June 16, 2025 at 10:44 PM

LS

“ How many can recall the exact date, time, and place you were when you were first introduced to someone?

My first introduction to Dell came to me by email on December 9th, 2021, shortly after 7:30 p.m. local Atlanta time.

She introduced herself by opening with; " Hi Larry!

My name is Merridell Richardson, I just received my DNA results. I'm sure you received the same email as I did. We are a 100% match as siblings. "

There was no preceding 'Hello. How are you' or 'Are you sitting down' or even any hint saying, 'After 60 plus years I'm about to rattle your world!'"

No, Dell was direct and to the point, exactly as I came to know her these past 3 years while simultaneously discovering our other astonishing similarities.

I'm not going to rehash the many kind things being remembered about Dell, I'm simply going to say it was a great privilege to meet Dell and true honor to know her as my sister.

I'll forever cherish those memories, albeit in the far too brief time we shared together, as I silently say my heartfelt goodbye and wish Godspeed.

Larry Smith - June 16, 2025 at 07:47 PM

ER

I remember the night Sis found you. She was so excited she called me right away to say I found my brother. I'm so glad you and Sis found each other. Precious memories you guys made in a short time. She got a brother and I got a new cousin. ❤️

Eleanor Radcliffe - June 17, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Murray and Kendra Wegener - June 16, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SP

“ Shari Porteous lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Shari Porteous - June 16, 2025 at 01:48 PM

CC

“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Cathy Couey - June 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

RM

“ Rhonda Meadows lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Rhonda Meadows - June 15, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LG

“ *Laura Gardener lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Laura Gardener - June 15, 2025 at 12:59 AM

RC

“ *Ray Chaffee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Ray Chaffee - June 14, 2025 at 06:42 PM

CS

“ *Craig & Deb Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Craig & Deb Schmuland - June 14, 2025 at 01:49 PM

KB

“ *Kelly Bakken lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Kelly Bakken - June 14, 2025 at 06:08 AM

LC

“ *Linda Comstock lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Linda Comstock - June 13, 2025 at 07:21 PM

CR

“ *Cathy Robertson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Cathy Robertson - June 13, 2025 at 06:22 PM

HB

“ *I'm so sorry and saddened to hear this news. You will always be very special to me and missed.*

Heather Bisschop - June 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ *Judy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Judy Buchanan - June 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Merridell, Sharon, Shelley and I shared a one bedroom apartment in the Mission area of Calgary early 1977 ish. We had some good times especially getting ready for the weekend shenanigans. Rest in Peace Dell 🙏

Debbie Monaghan - June 13, 2025 at 02:16 AM

SS

Dell and I were high school buddies and had the time of our life together. I moved away to Nova Scotia for several years .came back and I worked with her at her cleaning buisness..We always found our way back to each other thru the distance
Rest in Peace Dell
My sincere condolences to the family 🥺❤❤

sharon Sanford - June 13, 2025 at 08:16 AM

LB

The parties at that apartment were memorable - great times! So sad she's gone. Lots of school memories. My heart goes out to all who loved her. ❤

Linda Berti - June 19, 2025 at 09:40 AM

CJ

“ Sincere good thoughts go out to Dell's family at this time. Rest well Dell.

Connie jewell - June 13, 2025 at 12:31 AM

LW

“ Leslie Wegener-Wendt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Leslie Wegener-Wendt - June 12, 2025 at 04:54 PM

VB

“ Val Miner Buttimer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Val Miner Buttimer - June 12, 2025 at 01:45 PM

SH

“ Dear Dell,
Thank you for 35 years of friendship. I will miss you terribly. Not only were you a dear friend and mentor, but you were always there for me and our family. From being my bridesmaid, bringing us delicious harvest meals, sewing beautiful gifts, making wedding cakes for our children, and so much more —you were always ready to help. The coffee pot was always on, ready for a visit whenever we dropped by. Goodbye, my dear friend. ❤️
Love,
Sarah

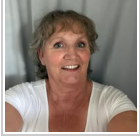
sarah Hari - June 12, 2025 at 01:04 PM

RL

“ Rick And Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Rick and Shirley Laycraft - June 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Angie McCormick lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Angie McCormick - June 12, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Janet Davies lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Janet Davies - June 12, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Linda Berti lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Linda Berti - June 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson



Bert Montgomery - June 12, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SL

“ *Susan Lovell-Stafford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merridell Eileen Richardson*



Susan Lovell-Stafford - June 12, 2025 at 12:16 AM