



## Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson

July 30, 1939 - May 29, 2023

Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson of High River, Alberta passed away at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary on May 29, 2023, at the age of 83 years. Merv is survived by his wife of 63 years, Donna; daughters Sherry (Craig), Connie (Nick); grandchildren Courtlin, Colin (Julie), Caiden; great granddaughter Cameron, sister Norma Jean (Charlie), sister-in-law Peggy and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents George and Ruth, his brother Lloyd and his sister Donna Marilyn.

Merv was born in Calgary, lived briefly in Strathmore, and grew up in Hanna, AB. Merv was a hard worker and loved the variety of jobs he had through out his life. He worked for CN Railroad and was a bit of an entrepreneur, owning his own yellow cab, a small trucking company, an office furniture repair business and even a stint as a bartender so that he could save a little extra and take his family to Disneyland.

Merv loved to camp with his family and friends. One of his favourite spots was George Lane Park. Thus began Merv and Donna's love for High River; eventually leading them to move to an acreage west of town. He started up his hobby farm with some horses for the girls and himself. He grew the hobby farm to raise chickens, pigs and lambs. Merv became known as High River's original 'Chickenman' and Donna 'Chickadee'. He could often be found fishing at the end of their yard on the banks of the Highwood River.

Merv was a volunteer with the High River Ag Society. He and Donna loved to take their RV to various rodeos and chuckwagon races throughout Alberta. Often in tow were his daughters and/or grandchildren. He loved his dogs and was especially happy to see Sassy and Simba visit him at the hospital.

“In all honesty”... Merv loved to gamble and especially enjoyed his trips to Vegas. He loved Mexican rum, Hawkins Cheezies, Oh Henry Chocolate Bars, Pepsi, the Calgary Flames, and the Toronto Blue Jays. He also loved to meet people and visit (TALK). His favourite place during retirement was his home with Donna in Palm Springs. There he learned and loved to garden and to bake for their neighbours. These hobbies continued until his passing. Merv often had a nickname for friends that came into his life. He said his most cherished memories were time spent with his family. Merv and Donna never missed an opportunity for a family gathering or attending their grandson's numerous school and sporting events. He was beyond proud of his grandsons and his new great-granddaughter. If he couldn't get Cameron's name straight, he would just call her 'my baby'.

The family would like to thank Dr. Grace Simmons, and all the staff and Physicians on Unit 47 at FMC.

A Celebration of Merv's Life will take place at Sheppard Family Park on Friday, July 7, 2023 from 1:30PM - 5:00 PM.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 7. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Sheppard Family Park  
1201 5th Street SE  
High River, AB T1V 1J2 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Dear Sherry,  
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved father. He sounded like an amazing fellow who loved his family deeply. No wonder he raised such a beautiful daughter. Sending hugs to you and your family.



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**LEE-ANN KING** - September 28, 2023 at 08:49 PM

RR

“ Donna, Sherry & Craig and Connie & Nick-We are so very sorry to hear of Merv's passing. We have great memories regarding "River Road" Please have Big hugs and love from us all. xxoo Roberta & Ross

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**Roberta & Ross** - July 18, 2023 at 08:30 PM

SJ

“ Donna, Sherry, Connie, and family. Our deepest condolences to you all. Merv was a great man whom we loved a lot. He will be dearly missed and we will cherish the memories we shared with him through the years.

*Mark, Susan, and Hunter Egeland*

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**Susan Jeffery** - July 10, 2023 at 12:21 AM

GC

“ *Gina Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson*



**Gina Crawford** - July 07, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MB

“ *Dear Donna and family, my sincere and heartfelt condolences .... I didn't get to spend much time with you but what we had was cherished and genuine. So very sorry we could not have had more time together. Know that my heart and prayers are with you.....Merv will be watching over you always.* 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

**Marj Bird** - June 14, 2023 at 12:45 AM



“ *Louise Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson*



**Louise Harrison** - June 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JA

“ *Julie Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson*



**Julie Allan** - June 12, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MT

“ I will never forget when we went to the parkland colony to get mervs 1st batch of hens in the mciums van I think he only paid about 5 bucks for about 20 of them. Of course they were all molting so they didn't lay eggs and you could barely eat them.....what great memories ! of a 1000

marlin tetachuk - June 09, 2023 at 11:57 AM

BW

Donna and family our thoughts and prayers are with you may God give you the strength to get through this sad time with loving thoughts Jason Betty and family Cayley

Betty Walter - June 12, 2023 at 11:27 AM

LS

Donna and Family. My thoughts are with you. I grew up in Hanna and Mervyn was always a happy and kind person. We always kept in touch and have great memories of Mervyn and lots of laughs of our times together.

Lorna Shoults

Lorna Shoults - July 08, 2023 at 01:10 PM

KW

“ Ken And Verena Wardley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson



Ken and Verena Wardley - June 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM

LC

“ Donna, Connie, Sherry and families. So sorry to hear of Merv’s passing. If there is a “camp kitchen” in heaven I sure hope he saves me a seat around the fire. Thanks for the parties and memories

Leah (Langenhoff) Collins - June 08, 2023 at 01:03 AM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of Merv’s passing. First met him and Donna in Palm Springs as we were privileged to be one of their neighbours and friends. Visited them in High River on our return trips to BC from California. He will be missed. Hugs. Cathy

Cathy Conran-Smith - June 07, 2023 at 09:48 PM

BP

“ Have some wonderful memories of great times with Merv and Donna in years gone by. You were both loved.

Bonnie Peattie - June 07, 2023 at 03:17 PM

SR

“ Shannon Davies Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson



Shannon Davies Rogers - June 07, 2023 at 12:28 PM

DD

“ I miss seeing you walk by with you dogs. RIP neighbour. Donna

Donna Downey - June 07, 2023 at 12:26 PM

WG

“ Dear Donna, Connie, Sherry and family, my heartfelt condolences to all of you. May your memories bring you peace, comfort and strength now and in the years to come.

Wendy E Gibson - June 05, 2023 at 10:19 AM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Mervs passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family Donna.



sandra Hagen - June 04, 2023 at 02:54 PM

RI

“ Randy And Carrie Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson



Randy And Carrie Irwin - June 04, 2023 at 12:09 AM

DS

“ Donna, Sherry, Connie and families so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. 💕. There will only ever be one chicken man! Wishing you comfort and peace to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart.



Debbie and Craig Schmuland - June 02, 2023 at 07:23 PM

CC

“ My heart, thoughts & prayers are with all the family. Merv was a real special, wonderful guy who will always have a special place in my heart. Will always cherish the fond memories from my younger years with the Anderson Family. Especially when Merv (Chickenman) and I were trying to get the pigs into the back of the truck so he could take the ‘piggy’s to market’. Lots of laughs with that adventure 🐷❤️ Sending tons of love, hugs and loving light to surround all the family. May all your cherished memories carry you through and keep you all in a loving space. 😊❤️🙏

Cindy Chisholm - June 02, 2023 at 07:18 PM

TR

Condolences to the families

Taylor Rhonda - June 09, 2023 at 07:11 PM

LS

I grew Up and attended School in Hanna with Mervyn. He was a great friend and we always kept in touch over the years. Love and cherish all the great memories, Mervyn was a kind soul and will miss him. Lorna Shoults

Lorna Shoults - June 11, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ To the entirety of the Anderson family, my deepest condolences to you all 🙏😊



Angie McCormick - June 02, 2023 at 01:14 PM

BH

“ Sincere condolences! We are so sorry to hear about Mervs passing. Hugs to Donna and family.

Bob and Yvonne Hartell - June 02, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mervyn Ross Anderson



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - June 02, 2023 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Merv, condolences to the family , Kelly Martens

kelly Martens - June 01, 2023 at 09:13 PM

JB

“ Sincere condolences to the Anderson family. Always enjoyed seeing and chatting with Merv. Many fond memories. Take care everyone. Jay Bradley

Jay Bradley - June 01, 2023 at 08:39 PM

CC

“ I don't know that I ever heard my dad call Merv anything other than "Chicken Man" but what I do know for certain is that they shared a lot of laughs as did I any during any visit with him. My deepest sympathy to the Anderson Family, Cathy.

Cathy Couey - June 01, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JG

“ *Our sincere condolences to Merv’s family. Such a great guy who will be missed by all who had the privilege of meeting him.*

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**John & Deb Gross** - June 01, 2023 at 01:02 PM

WL

“ *Good by chicken man a great friend .good drinking buddy..lots of laughs with chicken man & Donna RIP*

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**Wayne lee** - June 01, 2023 at 11:54 AM