



Mr. Orest Ernie Lukey

August 30, 1929 - December 23, 2015

Orest passed away peacefully at High River Hospital with his family by his side, after 23 years of dealing with the effects of Guillain-Barré Syndrome. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Frances (nee Zutter), his two daughters, Susan Lukey (& David Robertson of High River) and Donna Wiebe, and his grandchildren, Scott & Christy Wiebe, Ryan Wiebe, Jason Wiebe, Jessica Wiebe, Micah Lukey-Robertson and Noah Lukey-Robertson, as well as his two dear great-grandchildren, Ben & Ava Wiebe. Also remembering him in love are his sisters, Vera (& Winston) Wylie of Marmora, Ont. and Doris (& Albert) Plett of Winnipeg, Man., brother Metro (& Gwen) Lukey of Chetwyn, B.C., sister-in-law Virginia (& Len) Bertram of Calgary, brother-in-law Ron Gordon of Athabasca, Alta, life-long friend Wilton Carol of Claremont, Alta., and many, many nieces and nephews to whom he was a favourite uncle.

Orest grew up in Canora-Norquay, Sask. living with caring aunts and grandparents Lukey & Nahnybida after the early death of his mother. Starting at age 14, he worked many years on the Rutledge Ranch near Monitor, Alta., before finding his way to Acme, Alta., where he worked for the Greenway family and met the love of his life, Frances, at her Grade 12 Christmas prom. They made their home first in Swalwell, Alta. where Orest worked for the Fytens, before settling on the farm where Frances was born and raised at Bircham, Alta. near Acme. One of Orest's great accomplishments was being

able to own his own farm, where grain, cattle, chickens and eggs were the main stays. In May 2013, Orest & Frances moved to High River, where they have enjoyed getting to know their new community.

Orest lived his life giving to others and was a great volunteer, participating in many community organizations such as the United Church, Elks, Masons & Scouts and committees such as for the Acme Swimming Pool, the Library & the Golf Course. He founded the Acme Food Bank, and offered many years of service on the Canadian Egg Board and for the Calgary Stampede. He was always helping out in some way in the Acme community and beyond. He loved his experiences of volunteering with the 1988 Olympics in Calgary and working for 2 years on the ranch at Heritage Park, especially enjoying giving wagon rides to visitors with black Percherons, Sonny & Duke.

He was a proud Ukrainian, an avid Saskatchewan Rough Riders fan, a master builder of parade floats, a superb carpenter, always inventive and creative as well as a lover of music (playing the harmonica), scotch, chocolate and games of crib and solitaire.

If Orest were writing this, the first thing he would do would be to express his gratitude to Frances, his family, his friends and all of the homecare workers, Adult Day Program folk, doctors, nursing staff, clergy and others who cared for him through the years. Frances and all of the family join in saying, "Thank you" to all who were part of Orest's journey.

Orest will be remembered for his generosity, his sense of humour, his big smile, his great strength of character, his wisdom, his unconditional love and acceptance, his deep commitment to his family and friends. He faced many difficulties in life, but out of it all created a good life for himself and, more importantly to him, for his family. He will be greatly missed by his family as well as the many, many friends he made along the way. Be at peace, Orest – you've earned it!

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 29th at the High River United Church, with cremation following. At a later date, a graveside service and luncheon will be held in Acme, to which the community is invited. In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to one of the following:

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children (www.elks-canada.org)

1st High River Scouts (Box 5067, High River, AB T1V 1M3)

Acme United Church Memorial Fund (Box 293, Acme, AB T0M 0A0)

High River United Church Memorial Fund (Box 5520, High River, AB T1V 1M6)

To send condolences and view Orest's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 1:30 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Orest Ernie Lukey*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 29, 2015 at 11:45 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family, from a past student from the Rural School, regards Elaine (D uMontier) Gidyk*

Elaine Gidyk - January 08, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Frances, Susan and Donna, & their families. Sorry to hear of Orest's passing. He shared a great legacy with you, & everyone he touched. He was always great welcoming factor! Always there, with his smiles & cheerfulness... Acme's annual sports days were better for everyone & former residents who came home, to share in days', or weekends' events. I especially think of Orest & Frances with great warmth & appreciation. Their contributions to the Acme community and Alberta, over the years, have been invaluable. Their values were imparted on Acme's people, & were crucial to its development, as well as their dedication to its spirit, especially for days gone by... His life meant a great deal to Acme, & all of Alberta, for his contributions. He & Francis both hold a special place in my heart. Most sincerely, Denice Thibault (nee Jamieson)*

Denice Thibault (nee Jamieson) - January 06, 2016 at 04:49 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear of Orest's passing. He was a wonderful man and a great addition to our agriculture team at Heritage Park.

Our deepest condolences to the family.

HERITAGE PARK SOCIETY

Rona McLeod - January 04, 2016 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ Frances, Susan, Donna and family. We are so sorry to hear of Orests' passing. We just finished watching the webcast video of the funeral. What a wonderful tribute to Orest done in the Euology and the funeral. Frank and Jeany Schwengler

Jean Schwengler - December 30, 2015 at 11:09 PM

MI

“ My heartfelt condolences, I have the fondest of memories of Orest from Heritage Park often over lunch at the Ranch House.

Mitchell Keiver - London UK

mitchell - December 30, 2015 at 03:31 PM

CJ

“ Frances and family. Although I was unable to attend the "Celebration" of Orest's life, I just listened to the service online. I am so very thankful to have met Orest in the past couple of years and just know that I would have enjoyed him all through his life, he was a character I can tell. Please know that you are in my heart and prayers and will be happy to be a support for you all in the months to come.

Connie Jewell - December 30, 2015 at 10:22 AM

TB

“ Mrs. Lukey, Susan and family & Donna and family,
We just wanted to pass along our condolences to all of you on the passing of Mr. Lukey. Having been a part of the Acme community for many years, we always appreciated his involvement in the community and enjoyed seeing him around town. We wish you peace in the days, weeks and months ahead and hope that your memories of him provide some comfort at this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Sharon Seiler, Tanya Braybrook (Seiler) & family, Steven Seiler & family

Tanya Braybrook - December 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SM

“ Dear Susan, David and family: I remember your dad from when I first came to this presbytery back in 1995(you folks arrived then too-in this presbytery). I often saw your mom and dad at presbytery.....I often thought how fortunate you were to have your mom and dad to be there for you and how they would come over to High River and cover for you with the kids.
Lots of good memories sure warms the heart at a time such as this. May your faith be a strong comfort to you bringing you a sense of hope, peace, joy and love....even in the midst of death.....especially in the midst of death.
Thinking of you!
Sue MacDonald & family

Sue MacDonald - December 29, 2015 at 03:36 PM

DJ

“ Dear Lukey Family...I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Orest, I will always remember him as a kind and giving man - a pillar of the Acme community.
Denise Jahn

Denise Jahn - December 29, 2015 at 01:09 PM

RM

“ Dear Lukey Family: Gwen and I send our deepest sympathy at the passing of our friend Orest. He was such a wonderful, caring, insightful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Robert and Gwen Moggey

Robert Gwen Moggey - December 29, 2015 at 11:17 AM

LS

“ Deepest sympathy to the Lukey family. I very much enjoyed working with Orest at Heritage Park and running into him over the years at turkey suppers in Swalwell and elsewhere. He always had a smile and was up for a visit and he will be missed.

Lisa Keiver Sharp

Lisa Keiver Sharp - December 28, 2015 at 10:01 PM

KC

“ To the Lukey family,
I am saddened to hear of your loss. Orest was the familiar face at many Acme activities. With sympathy, Kathy (Minchin) Chouinard.

kathy chouinard - December 28, 2015 at 09:37 PM

LK

“ Mrs. Lukey, Susan and family, Donna and family;
Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Lukey. May your memories help you through this difficult time. Sorry we are unable to attend the service.

*With deepest sympathy
Brian & Lois Kostrosky*

Lois Kostrosky - December 28, 2015 at 07:14 PM

MJ

“ Orest was a great figurehead in the Acme community as a member of the Elks and many other particular projects he dedicated time, to including the Acme pool. Acme sports days on July the 1st were always huge events that the Elks and Royal Purple ran and supported, and provided many many people with lots of fond memories over the years. He was a big sports fan which developed nicely in the late sixties and early seventies with lots of baseball, basketball, volleyball and many other teams and age groups, and liked to chat and kid with all the participants since it was such a small community and everyone knew each other. Orest also was a warm listener for people to talk to and provide comfort to people and provide support in anyone's time of need. Our family is so sorry about hearing of his passing, and send our thoughts along to Francis and the family. Merrill and Diane Jamieson

Merrill Jamieson - December 28, 2015 at 03:52 PM

DO

“ Susan, David & Family. Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He sounds like he was a well-loved man who created a full, successful life for himself, his family and his community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. - Bruce & Deb Olmsted

Debra Olmsted - December 28, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DK

“ Dear Frances and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. May your many loving memories help to give you comfort. Sincere sympathy, Della Keim and Family.

Della Keim - December 28, 2015 at 01:44 PM

VK

“ *Dear Frances and Susan,*

We are able to live with many cherished memories.

Love always,

Verna and Lorne Kirkwold

Verna Kirkwold - December 28, 2015 at 12:33 PM

BG

“ *Dear Frances, Susan, Donna and family*

Just read of Orest's passing this morning, we are so sorry.

So glad we had a chance to visit at Swalwell this past summer.

We remember our good times at Acme in earlier years. Orest will be remembered with fondness.

Our prayers are with you all.

Bev & Margaret George

Bev George - December 28, 2015 at 11:52 AM

AB

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family, Frances. I was so saddened to hear of your loss and will always remember Orest's smile and wonderful sense of humor, his woodworking (especially the cane), and his generosity of spirit and kindness. I have so many fond memories from our time living in Acme and you and Orest will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts are with you. Love and hugs, Anna Bruce*

Anna Bruce - December 28, 2015 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincere condolences on the loss of this beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbor and friend! ~ Chaplain Virginia

Chaplain Virginia Battiste - December 28, 2015 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ Dear Frances, Susan. David, Micah and Noah: We were sorry to learn of Orest's death on the 23rd. We remember him as a quiet, strong and creative man with his wood creations in the Burrows' backyard here in Vancouver and the special relationship he had with the horses in Calgary's Pioneer Village. We know you will miss him very much. Our thoughts will be with you in the days ahead. Marilyn and Philip Harrison

Marilyn and Philip Harrison - December 27, 2015 at 07:13 PM

DG

“ France's so very sorry to hear of Orests passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you

Dallas Gibson

Dallas Gibson - December 27, 2015 at 06:23 PM

DB

“ Sorry to the family of Orest. We lost a great community worker Orest worked very hard in every function in community. RIP

Doug Barnard - December 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

BB

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Orest. I have such great memories of coming to the farm for Sunday dinners. His laughter and smile will always be with us.
Dave and Brenda Builder

Brenda Builder - December 27, 2015 at 01:35 PM

HH

“ *Dear Francis and Family*

*I was saddened to hear of Orest's passing. When I think of him, I think of his wonderful, light and generous spirit. It was always such a pleasure to visit with him and with you Francis.
Thanks to Donna for her email to let me know of Orest's passing.
He will certainly be missed.*

With deepest sympathy, Heather Hansen

Heather Hansen - December 26, 2015 at 02:55 PM

HE

“ *Dear Francis and Family,*

*It is with sadness that we received the news of Orest's passing. May the memories you have and the little glimpses you see in the following generation give you comfort today and the days to come.
Thinking of you all.*

Doug and Helga Price & Families

Helga - December 25, 2015 at 04:02 PM

CH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you,*

Carmen, Tim, Morgan and Parker

Carmen Hodges - December 25, 2015 at 11:45 AM

RS

“ *Dear Family of Orest's,*

I feel so lucky to have been able to meet such a great guy through our Adult Day Program! He was always good for a great joke and I will always remember how he would refer to his loving wife Fancis as his angel!! Orest will be greatly missed on Tuesday's. Thinking of you all at this time.

Richelle Stirling - December 24, 2015 at 09:53 PM

CP

“ *Dear Frances and Family:*

We are so sorry to hear of Orest's passing. We are sending you prayers of grace, peace, and strength. May you find moments of quiet reflection and stillness during this difficult time.

With much love,

Cathy Price and Family

Cathy Price - December 24, 2015 at 08:37 PM

MT

“ Dear Frances, Rev. Susan, Rev. David, Micah and Noah:

We have just learned of the passing of Orest. Our condolences to all of you. May there be comfort in knowing friends are here for you and they share in your sorrow.

Our deepest sympathy. Mervyn and Deanna Taillefer

Mervyn & Deanna Taillefer - December 24, 2015 at 05:26 PM

LB

“ Dear Frances, Susan, David, Micah and Noah. I am so sorry to hear of Orest's death. You are in my prayers.

Laurie Bilozyr

Laurie Bilozyr - December 24, 2015 at 02:18 PM