



Mr. Randy Nauta

August 22, 1952 - March 19, 2016

Randy Nauta was taken suddenly to his eternal home in heaven on March 19, 2016, at the age of 63 years.

He was born in High River and farmed in this area all his life. He said farming was not a job but a privilege and a lifestyle, and he wouldn't trade it for anything.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 40 years, Gerry, his son Dan (Laura) of High River, and daughters Heather (Scott) Langelaar of Waldheim, SK and Karen (Cliff) Jacobi of Hepburn, SK, as well as 12 precious grandchildren who were the joy of his life: Sandra, Carol, Graham, and Diane Nauta; Dylan, Nathan, Brayden, Abigail, and Halle Langelaar; Chelsea, Alicia, and Justin Jacobi. He is survived by his father Archie Nauta of High River, two brothers Brian (Christine) of Granum, and Allen (Barbara) of High River, and one sister Marilyn (Carl) Vanderploeg of Brant. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Aleda Emmelkamp of Fort Macleod, and sisters and brothers-in-law Joanne & Ed Groeneweg and Lorna & Dan Vanee and special cousins Bill & Marie Poelman, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Randy was predeceased by his mother, Hilda in 2013.

Randy had a strong faith in God which was evident in all areas of his life. He loved his family and his Lord and Savior. He worked diligently in the High

River Christian Reformed Church. Randy always had a song in his heart and was often singing as he worked. He loved to sing in the church choir.

He liked nothing better than to pack up the family and spend time in the mountains, fishing, hiking, and enjoying God's beautiful scenery. He enjoyed gardening and grew hundreds of sunflowers every summer. Randy touched many lives with his caring personality, Godly leadership, and wonderful sense of humor. He will be deeply missed by his family, his church, and his community.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, March 26 at the High River Baptist Church (East side of highway 2. Take the service road access from highway 23).

Memorial donations may be made to World Renew: PO Box 5070 Stn LCD 1, Burlington ON, L7R 9Z9

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - April 01, 2016 at 11:31 PM



“ *Dear Gerry, Archie and family:*

I will always remember Randy's wonderful and gentle nature while visiting his mom at the High River Hospital second floor. His memorial service was wonderful. May he rest in peace.

Doug MacKenzie

Doug MacKenzie - March 29, 2016 at 08:24 AM

CB

“ Dear Nauta family,
I was so sorry to hear of Randy's death. I have great memories of watching him sing in the choir at church, or auctioneer at the ladies bazaars. Though I was just a young girl, his sense of humor struck me...and I knew he was a man of God. I am praying that Christ's peace overwhelms and strengthens you in this time. I was encouraged at our Easter service about the idea that even death dies in Christ's victory over the grave. May you know and cling to that hope in this time.
Chelsea Bustin (Kooistra)

Chelsea Bustin - March 28, 2016 at 10:38 AM

HC

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Gerry and the family. -from Helena, Tina and Meips.



Helena Clute - March 27, 2016 at 07:43 PM

CC

“ Gerry and family, my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you all. Prayers for you all and asking God for his love and guidance to carry you.
Carol Crawford

Carol Crawford - March 26, 2016 at 10:09 PM

RT

“ Gerry & Family; Our sincere sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. We pray for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you and loving memories to help you smile again. He will live on in the hearts of many. Our condolences. Paul & Rose Tarrant

Rose Tarrant - March 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM

PS

“ Gerry & family: My prayers and thought have been with you continually since I heard of Randy's death. May God give you strength for the services today. May the hope of eternal reunion and everlasting life in Jesus, grounded in his glorious resurrection, give you the peace that passes understanding. John 14:1-6, 27
Tomorrow our whole congregation will also be praying for all of you.
Philip Stel

Philip Stel - March 26, 2016 at 04:23 AM

AB

“ To the Nauta family,

Our condolences to you and yours. Remembering you in our prayers.

The VanderKooy girls

Annelies Bates - March 25, 2016 at 02:35 PM

CC

“ I met Randy while singing in the choir and was thankful for his friendly, warm presence in the choir. Gerry, I'll be praying for you as you go through this great loss.

Catherine Cass - March 24, 2016 at 07:07 PM

RD

“ My condolences to the Nauta family, extended families and friends. Praying for the eternal peace and perspective that passes all understanding. May we keep our hope and eyes fixed on Jesus and heavenward in this most difficult time.



Richard Dees - March 24, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TR

“ Gerry and family. Thoughts and prayers go to you at this difficult time and hugs all your memories close to your heart 🌹🌹🌹



Tillie Ring - March 23, 2016 at 07:40 PM

LE

“ Our sincerest condolences Gerry and all of your family as you face this difficult time.

John & Lee-Anne Coleman

Lee-Anne - March 23, 2016 at 01:34 PM

KD

“ to Jerriy and family; we were so sorry to hear about Randy; hug all your memories tight; we are thinking of you; been a long time since our banking days. Doug and Kathy Davies

kathy davies - March 23, 2016 at 01:00 PM

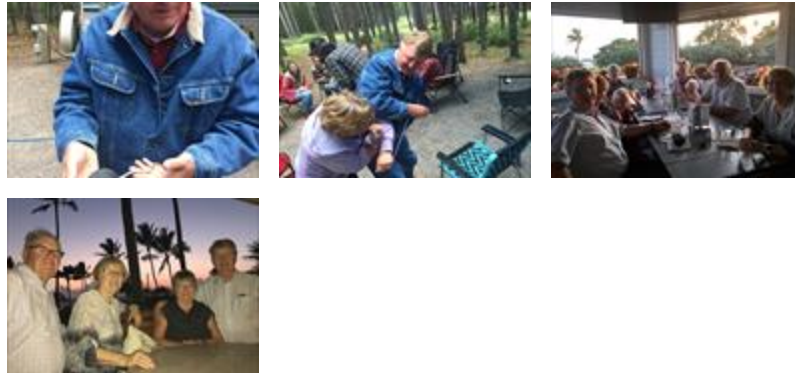
MB

“ *Randy was an amazing man. What a tragic loss. He was such a great speaker, practical joker, a leader in the church, a father & grandfather, and a man of strong faith.*

One of my favourite memories of him was when we went camping in Kananaskis and he scared the wits out of his sister in law, Joanne.

Another fun memory was when we spent time with him and Gerry in Hawaii.

He will be greatly missed by all. Our prayers and thoughts are with Gerry, the kids, the grandkids, and Archie.



Marlen and Susan Buitelaar - March 23, 2016 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ *Gerry, Dan, Heather & Karen and families - You are in our thoughts during this sad time - Will always remember our fun times together showing horses and riding - may the memories always fill your heart.*

Eric, Cheryl, Jesse, Sarah and Ila Heinz

Cheryl Heinz - March 23, 2016 at 11:20 AM

NB

“ Gerry, Dan, Heather and Karen, and all the in-laws and grandchildren, our hearts and prayers go to you all at this difficult time. May your memories and love for Randy brighten this time for you and help you to celebrate his life. Our deepest sympathies to the whole family.

Nancy, Colin and Joshua Bigam-Bosscha

Nancy Bosscha - March 23, 2016 at 10:07 AM

JQ

“ We were very saddened to learn of Randy's passing. We knew Randy so well through our electrical business. A great guy. Our sympathies to his family.

Brian and Jean Quigley

jean quigley - March 23, 2016 at 09:45 AM

NS

“ Gerry, I was so sorry to hear of Randy sudden death. Condolences to you and your family.

Nellie Scanlan

Nellie Scanlan - March 22, 2016 at 05:53 PM

BN

“ To everyone in the Nauta family: I grieve with you with the sudden passing of Randy. He was a very special man, always spreading contagious joy and laughter to those around him, yet a man of deep faith and integrity. This is an incredibly difficult time for all of you. Cling to God's countless promises in His word. Find your comfort and strength in the Lord. I continue to keep you in my prayers. "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." Psalm 55:22
Hugs and love from Beth Nederlof

Beth Nederlof - March 22, 2016 at 04:58 PM

RR

“ Gerry, Dan, Heather and Karen. I am deeply saddened to hear of your sudden and tragic loss. I have many memories of the kindness that Randy and your family extended to others as your family was always willing to lend a helping hand or kind words to encourage others. Your beautiful godly family is an inspiration and a blessing to all who have been lucky enough to meet you. I am praying for strength, peace and comfort for your family during this tragic time.

Roseanne Pasveer Regush and family

Roseanne Regush - March 22, 2016 at 04:37 PM

CL

“ Carol Lyall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Carol Lyall - March 22, 2016 at 03:08 PM

BF

“ Gerry & Family,
You are in our thoughts & prayers.
Sincerely,
BeaAnn & Wendell Friesen

BeaAnn & Wendell Friesen - March 22, 2016 at 11:43 AM

GT

“ My Dear Friend Gerry, Dan, Heather and Karen and families
Randy was one of the nicest people that I ever knew. My thoughts
and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Love Gayle

Gayle Tarasoff - March 22, 2016 at 10:28 AM

WP

“ Walter Pasveer lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Randy Nauta



walter pasveer - March 22, 2016 at 09:49 AM

WP

My deepest condolences to all the family you are all in my prayers.

walter pasveer - March 22, 2016 at 09:51 AM

PP

Gerry and family: Randy was a very kind, gentle and intelligent person, who has diminished the world by his passing. Joe remembers how he taught him how to fish. My sincerest condolences. Phyllis Pope

Phyllis Pope - March 22, 2016 at 12:04 PM

KL

To the Nautas, it was a privilege to have known Randy, and I know that his passing leaves a hole that can never be filled. He truly was a family man. It was a pleasure to see how much he loved the busyness and chaos of having 9 of his 12 grandchildren plus my 4 children over for dinner just a month ago. I also remember him sharing out of his garden to Clint and I, when we were quite newlywed, living in Calgary. He had a very joyful spirit. Our deepest condolences, we are mourning with you. Karen Langelaar

Karen Langelaar - March 22, 2016 at 09:39 PM

CW

“ *Carolann Wambeke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Carolann Wambeke - March 22, 2016 at 09:23 AM

RR

“ *Rob & Sarah Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Rob & Sarah Richardson - March 22, 2016 at 08:49 AM

SG

“ Gerry, Dan, Heather, Karen and family,
You have been constantly in our thoughts and prayers since Saturday. Randy was a very special friend and mentor. Always ready with a helping hand, a kind word or thoughtful advice (or a combine ride). He touched each one of us and he will be missed! Praying for you all, and may God grant you strength and comfort during this incredibly difficult time.
Steve, Kristi, Brittany, Dan and Josh

Steve & Kristi Geerlinks - March 22, 2016 at 08:42 AM

TK

“ Dear Gerry, Dan, Heather and Karen..we are deeply saddened to hear of Randy's tragic and sudden passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you , but wish we could mend your broken hearts. Your Heavenly Father feels your pain and weeps with you, lean on Him who will hold you in His arms as He only can provide you with the strength, peace and understanding during this difficult time. We only met Randy a few times through Heather and Scott, but we remember his character of integrity but also his sense of humor. Take care of each other and treasure the beautiful memories of your husband, father and grandfather.

Terry and Carol Knippel

Terry and Carol Knippel - March 21, 2016 at 10:44 PM

JP

“ *Nauta family,*

We are so sorry for your loss, we pray that Jesus our Saviour may lift you up and give you strength through this difficult time. Your family is in our thoughts and our prayers.

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Jerry and Michelle Poelman

Jerry Poelman - March 21, 2016 at 10:25 PM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Jack and Carleen Bil - March 21, 2016 at 10:09 PM

JP

“ *Very shocked and very sorry to hear this! We are praying for strength and peace for every one in this beautiful family. I know you are a close family and my heart cries out for you in this difficult, difficult time. So much love from Janna, Jon, Isaac and Cecily.*

Janna Prins - March 21, 2016 at 09:56 PM

AJ

“ Dear Gerry and family. We are so saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Randy. Our hearts are torn and cannot express in words how we feel. One thing for sure , we know where he is , at peace with his Master whom he served with such confidence and pride. He was definitely a man of God with both is walk and talk. We will sure miss his Christmas messages from him, his update on fun vacations, new additions to the family and the funny side of life. It always brought smiles our face. Our prayers and thoughts and with you at this time. Love you Gerry.

Al and Kathy Jones - March 21, 2016 at 09:08 PM

MW

Dear Gerry and all of the family, Pamela and I, here in Minnesota, are very deeply saddened at the sudden loss of Randy Nauta. Words cannot describe this. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and all of the family, including Uncle Archie. Very thankful for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we know that Randy is with Him. God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble - Psalm 46:1. We love all of you.

michael withage - March 21, 2016 at 10:04 PM

DM

“ Dear Jerry and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss of Randy .It is so tragic news.
Our deepest condolences
Don \$ Lana Malmberg



Don Lana Malmberg - March 21, 2016 at 08:47 PM

AM

“ Heather and family,
I am saddened by your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
My deepest condolences...

Amanda Montford - March 21, 2016 at 08:20 PM

TP

“ Dear Archie, Jerry and the entire Nauta Family,
Such tragic news! Sending our deepest sympathy and love during this most difficult time. Randy will be missed by our family.
Such a kind, gentle, caring man with an infectious smile. His love for Jesus was so evident. Holding you close in our thoughts & prayers.
Hugs,
Rick & Tania Vander Ploeg
Arrick Emma Jevon & Kyrrah



Tania Vander Ploeg - March 21, 2016 at 07:23 PM

DZ

“ Dulcie Zazula lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Dulcie Zazula - March 21, 2016 at 06:13 PM

MS

“ We wish your family an abundance of strength in this very difficult time.
Marina & Spike Schoon

Marina Schoon - March 21, 2016 at 05:59 PM

PS

“Gerry & family: My heart breaks for you all. The comfort in Jesus is real but the pain and loss is devastating. May God's presence and promises and his people comfort you.

"This is what the LORD says — 'I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. I am the LORD, your God, your Savior. You are precious and honored in my sight and I love you. I am with you'." ~ Isaiah 43:1-5

Philip Stel

Philip Stel - March 21, 2016 at 05:40 PM

PS

“Philip Stel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Philip Stel - March 21, 2016 at 05:32 PM

DD

“We lost a cornerstone, foundational man of our community, the emotional pain of his passing is so widespread because of his loving, Christlike example and leadership.

Daniel Dees & family

daniel dees - March 21, 2016 at 11:12 AM

LN

“ *Laura Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Laura Niemans - March 21, 2016 at 11:01 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy Johnstone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Kathy Johnstone - March 21, 2016 at 08:57 AM

KJ

We are all thinking of you our sincerest condolences.

Kathy Johnstone - March 21, 2016 at 08:58 AM

TF

“ *Tanner Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Tanner Family - March 21, 2016 at 07:26 AM

LB

“ *Dear Gerry & family. You are in our thoughts and our prayers .May our Saviour give you Great peace , His peace,which passes our understanding. Blessings John & Linda Bakker*

linda bakker - March 21, 2016 at 12:40 AM

LS

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Hugs and prayers to you all through this sad time.....

Linda Schafer - March 20, 2016 at 09:36 PM

SM

“ We lost a great neighbour and wonderful friend yesterday. We were blessed to have known him. Our prayers go out to Gerry and the entire family during this difficult time.



Steven and Wendy Muth - March 20, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JC

“ We were saddened to hear of the tragic loss of life long neighbour Randy. The farming community has lost a good man. Condolences from the Callahan family.

Jeff Callahan - March 20, 2016 at 09:20 PM

SF

“ Scott Forbes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Scott Forbes - March 20, 2016 at 08:31 PM

KF

“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Karen Foley - March 20, 2016 at 08:04 PM

KM

“ Gerry, Danny, Heather, Karen and families, my deepest sympathy to you all. I will truly miss him very much.



Karla Mitchell-Calvert - March 20, 2016 at 06:25 PM

RW

“ Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta



Russ & Sharon Watkins - March 20, 2016 at 02:49 PM

NC

“ Dear Mrs.Nauta, Heather, Karen and families we are deeply grieved over your painful loss. We remember Mr. Nauta's gentle smile and knew him fondly mostly through Heather's humorous and loving stories of growing up. Our family is carrying you in our hearts and uplifting your in our prayers.

Pietro and Nichole Cara and family.

Nichole D Cara - March 20, 2016 at 01:15 PM

PZ

“ *Pat & Len Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Pat & Len Zebedee - March 20, 2016 at 01:10 PM

TJ

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss, our condolences to you and your family.*

Trudy and Frank Jonkman

Trudy Jonkman - March 20, 2016 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ *Gerry, Dan, Heather, Karen, your children and Archie.. I am so so sorry to hear of your loss. Yesterday you lost your love, your dad, your papa and your son.. I only met Randy twice but I heard a lot about him via Gerry. Please know my heart aches for you all and that you are in my thoughts and prayers*

Jan Butler - March 20, 2016 at 12:05 PM

DD

“ *Jerry, I just now read of the accident. My condolences to you all. Randy will be greatly missed by the whole community.*
Donna Downey

Donna Downey - March 20, 2016 at 11:19 AM

SU

“ *Jerry and Family. Our deepest sympathies . Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

John and Sue Nibourg and Family

Sue - March 20, 2016 at 10:59 AM

PM

“ *Pat & Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Pat & Colleen Mastel - March 20, 2016 at 10:31 AM

BS

“ *Bob Slack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta*



Bob Slack - March 20, 2016 at 10:22 AM

BR

“ *Our deepest sympathy with the loss of Randy.....Bert Ruitenschild*

Bert Ruitenschild - March 20, 2016 at 09:09 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.* ”



Rick & Judy Harty - March 20, 2016 at 08:46 AM

KC

“ *Hearing about Randy's sudden and tragic passing only reinforces the importance of daily hugs and I love yous. Randy was a classmate throughout school and always a quiet presence. My condolences to his family.* ”



karen Crawford - March 20, 2016 at 08:43 AM

MK

“ *Jerry and family, we are so sorry to hear about Randy. Our prayers are with you at this time of loss. Mike & Cathy Kendal* ”

Mike & Cathy Kendal - March 20, 2016 at 07:23 AM

DG

“ *Doug And Janet Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Randy Nauta* ”



Doug and Janet Gardner - March 19, 2016 at 11:27 PM

KG

Gerry,

Sincere condolences to each of the family. Randy was a kind and caring man who will be greatly missed.

Karen and Mark Green

Karen Green - March 21, 2016 at 10:26 AM

JG

*Deepest Sympathy Mrs Nauta and Family in the loss of Randy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
George and Judy Groeneveld*

Judy Groeneveld - March 21, 2016 at 09:07 PM

CJ

Gerry and family,

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear Randy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Carolyn and Garry Jordan

Carolyn Jordan - March 21, 2016 at 09:11 PM

BD

Dear Heather, Scott, and family,

We were shocked and saddened to hear of your Dad's tragic accident! We did not know your Dad, but in reading the obituary it is evident that he was a great father, husband, and neighbor! It is so hard to lose a parent! We will be praying for you through this difficult time and for strength to deal with the months ahead!

*Our sincere sympathy,
Bob and Janis Dougherty*

Bob and Janis Dougherty - March 21, 2016 at 09:53 PM

LM

Dear Gerry, We mourn with you. Randy was a very special person and will be deeply missed by so many. We pray for strength from God to help you bear this loss. Much love, Jim and Louise Mantel.

Louise Mantel - March 22, 2016 at 09:05 AM

JV

Dear Gerry and family and Uncle Archie, As valuable as the words of loved ones are to us through our grief, no words are more powerful than God's. Is 41:10,Ps 147:3, Is 66: 13. Jack & Merry

Jack and Merry Vandervalk - March 22, 2016 at 11:40 AM

CR

My heartfelt condolences to you, your children and extended family and loved ones. May you find strength and courage to continue thru the love and faith you share together, as you mourn into healing from Randy's tragic loss.

Corry Detmers Roach

Corry Roach - March 25, 2016 at 04:18 AM