



Mr. Richard Bruce Newman

February 14, 1934 - July 9, 2025

Richard Bruce Newman of Gladys Ridge, Alberta passed away at the Foothills Country Hospice July 9, 2025 at the age of 91.

He will be remembered by his wife of 67 years Hazel, daughters Val (Dave) Borth of Red Deer and Bobbi Bourque of High River, sons Ross (Marg) and LeRoy (Robin) of Gladys Ridge. Grandchildren Danielle (Corey) Burgess, Christopher (Jaymee), Thomas (Megan), Aaron (Amber), Rochelle Bourque, and Mitchell. Great grandchildren Cady, Nolan, and Hank. Richard is survived by sisters Marjorie and Judith, in laws, Muriel Moser, Anne DeWitt, Peggy & Norman DeWitt, Arthur DeWitt, and Peggy Newman. Richard was predeceased by his parents, Neva & Gerald, sister, Dixie, and brother Gordon.

Richard was born on February 14, 1934, and grew up in Gladys Ridge where he also went to school at Ridgeview until it closed. He went to Mount Royal for 2 years then hauled gravel to make money so he could continue his education at Olds College. Richard's sister Dixie also went to Olds and roomed with Hazel DeWitt, and the rest is history.

Farming Richard's grandfather's land and living in his grandfather's house gave him great pride. Cattle, including Chianina, grain, horses, and miniature donkeys kept him busy on the farm until he moved into High River in 2016. In 2004, the Newman family had a 100-year celebration held on the original, still

operating, homestead of LA Newman, and Newman Farms received the Farm Family Award. Richard and Hazel also received the Clifford & Louise Lougheed Award from the High River District Health Care Foundation.

Richard & Hazel travelled across Canada and visited the USA and many other countries including Denmark & Holland to visit men who worked for them.

Richard believed in supporting the community, and neighbors and friends were important to him. He volunteered for many years at organizations like Calgary Chamber of Commerce, UGG, Masons, Shriners, Gladys Hall Board, Warden at St. Thomas, and he and many other High River Hospital Board Members were instrumental in having the new hospital built back in 1982.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Richard's Life will be held at the Viking Centennial Centre in Okotoks on Thursday, July 17th at 1:00 p.m. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed via Richard's Tribute page at www.lylereeves.com

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 17. 1:00 PM (MT)

Okotoks Centennial Centre
204 Community Way
Okotoks, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - July 15, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Groeneveld And John Bath lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Lisa Groeneveld and John Bath - July 24, 2025 at 12:54 PM

B(

“ *Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Hazel and the whole Newman families. Dick was an amazing man, and we feel blessed having known him. We are confident that the many memories and your incredibly strong family bond will help you through this. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you. ❤️*



Bob and Phyllis Kinzner (Spangler) - July 19, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ Gerry and Jesse Allen send heartfelt condolences to Hazel and the family. In memory of Uncle Dick, we raised a bottle of Mateus, picked gladiolas from the garden, and took a spirited bareback donkey ride through the city. May his stories, laughter, and love live on in every memory.

jesse allen - July 17, 2025 at 11:43 PM

SB

“ Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Hazel and the whole Newman families. It was a pleasure taking care Richard during his stay at Tudor Manor; he is already been missed in the neighbourhood; he is one of our active participant when it comes to activities/recreation and always wearing that proud smile.
Rest in Peace "Dick"



Steve&Angel Brausse - July 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM

SE

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Newman Family for your Loss...

Dick's sincere presence was a gift to all of us, with that "Contagious Smile",
"Quick Wit", and "Generosity", to Help and Brighten our Days,
Always.
We are all fortunate to have had an Opportunity to Experience so many "Wonderful Memories".

The Heavens above now have a Bright Star to Welcome!!!

Susan

Susan Eamor - July 17, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SE

“ Our sincere condolences to the Newman families. Dick was always present with leadership and a helping hand when it came to family, friends, or community with Hazel at his side. Friendship was golden and he will be missed by so many. Selma Thurber and family



Selma - July 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM

DK

“ Dwight And Angela Koster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Dwight and Angela Koster - July 17, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LM

“ Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop - July 16, 2025 at 11:50 PM

TF

“ Deepest condolences to Hazel & the entire Newman families. Dick's devotion to family & dedication to community is his legacy. He will be missed.

The McIntosh family - July 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM

ML

“ Sincere condolences to Hazel and the family. It was always a pleasure to visit with Dick and we will miss him very much. Margaret and Rick Lomheim

Margaret and Rick Lomheim - July 16, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DA

“ We will miss our great friend DICK His nick name was igy when we attended Olds school of Agriculture Where we had a great time with good memories our harts are with you at this time Sincerely DON and MARY ALTHEN we will mis our great friend MAY GOD be with you

DON ALTHEN - July 16, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SC

“ Scott Caron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Scott Caron - July 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

SC

Our deepest condolences to the family.

Scott Caron - July 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

JF

“ Jim And Bonnie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Jim and Bonnie Ferguson - July 16, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TG

“ *Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Toni Groeneveld - July 16, 2025 at 12:26 PM

BM

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and the family, Hazel. I will fondly remember Dick's dry sense of humour and the happy family celebrations. Love and hugs to you all.*
Barb Mckeage



Barb McKeage - July 15, 2025 at 10:25 PM

LG

“ *Hazel, Val, Roberta, Ross and Roy, my heartfelt sympathy in your loss of such a great man. He was a community focused person, who strived to make positive changes for everyone in the Foothills region. You have fond memories to last for years while having each other to lean on. Richard had a life well lived.*

Lynette Gillanders - July 15, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BG

“ *Buck & Pam Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



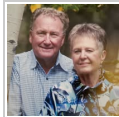
Buck & Pam Groeneveld - July 15, 2025 at 09:27 PM



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Faye Thurber - July 15, 2025 at 08:50 PM



Hazel and family you are all in our thoughts. Dick was a man that contributed so much to our surrounding community . You truly have a lot of memories to be proud of . Loved his dry sense of humour. Sincerest Sympathy Wayne & Faye Thurber.

Faye Thurber - July 15, 2025 at 08:57 PM

RW

“ *Richard Wakeford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



richard wakeford - July 15, 2025 at 11:08 AM

GL

“ Grace Ledoux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Grace Ledoux - July 15, 2025 at 09:31 AM

AM

“ Hazel sincere condolences to you and the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
Frank and Agnes McInenly

Agnes McInenly - July 14, 2025 at 10:27 PM

C(

“ Carla Elfring (Sewell) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Carla Elfring (Sewell) - July 14, 2025 at 08:04 PM

LA

“ Sincere condolences to Hazel, Val, Bobbi, Ross, Roy, and all of your families. Dick was a proud family man and an important pillar in our community. Rest in peace RB, and thank you. Your community contributions made a difference.

Laura Gardener & Barb Andersen - July 14, 2025 at 05:06 PM

RC

“ Robert And JoAnne Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Robert and JoAnne Corbett - July 14, 2025 at 01:26 PM

MW

“ Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Murray and Kendra Wegener - July 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Newman family. Richard left many lasting legacies throughout our area, the most notable was his work on the development and building of the hospital. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Richard, Wilson Sutherland and Charles Clark this facility has been and will be around for generations to care for our family, friends and neighbors. I will remember Richard for his dry sense of humor, unhurried laugh and good conversation. May your memories bring a smile to your face and warm your heart. Condolences, Cathy



Cathy Couey - July 14, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DL

“ To the Newman Family: Our condolences on Dick's passing. He was a true gentleman that made so many lasting contributions to our community - he will be missed.

Camille Laycraft

David and Alison Laycraft

David James Laycraft - July 14, 2025 at 10:53 AM

GC

“ Hazel and family. Dick was one of a kind. He was proud of his family history as well as the family he and Hazel shared. When we used to attend the McKeage luncheons I was always happy when I would spot Hazel and Dick sitting there. I always knew that it would be a great lunch with them there.

Thank you to both Hazel and Dick for all the hours of volunteering they did and Hazel still continues to do. We would not have the convenience of the hospital in High River without hard working individuals, like Richard Newman.

Please know, that Dick will be missed, not only only by his friends and family but the community at large. May he rest in peace. 🙏

Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - July 13, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



lynda Cowling - July 13, 2025 at 09:35 PM

SL

“ I often enjoyed a quick visit with Dick when I would see him in High River in the last dozen years or so. He was always upbeat and a pleasure to run into. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Steve Laycraft - July 13, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Deepest condolences to the entirety of the Newman family. May your fond memories keep you strong through this trying time. Dick will be missed for his quick wit and killer smile!

Angie & Roger McCormick

Angie McCormick - July 13, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RL

“ Rick And Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Rick and Shirley Laycraft - July 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

AD

“ My sincere condolences to Hazel and all the Newman family. Always so enjoyed visiting with Dick, His dry sense of humour made him one of a kind and leaves us with happy memories of him. He contributed much time to make a better community for us all and will not be forgotten. RIP

Arlayne Davies - July 13, 2025 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ Sincere condolences to the Newman family- Dick was one of a kind - his winning smile & great sense of humor will always make us smile - ❤️
Eric & Cheryl Heinz

Cheryl Heinz - July 12, 2025 at 11:51 PM

EC

“ ERNIE AND EILEEN CROSS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



ERNIE AND EILEEN CROSS - July 12, 2025 at 11:19 PM

TF

“ Deepest condolences to Hazel and all of the Newman Families, Dick left a lasting impression on everyone, and will be missed by all.



The Robins Family - July 12, 2025 at 09:48 PM

GK

“ Our condolences to the Newman families! Had such good memories of the cruise we were on with Dick and Hazel! Many laughs!



Gord and Lois King - July 12, 2025 at 08:57 PM

SM

“ *Sheila)Raycraft) Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Sheila)Raycraft) Macklin - July 12, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JF

“ *My deepest condolences to Hazel and family at this very sad time. Your memories will bring you comfort.*



Juanita Finley - July 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM

BH

“ *Cheryl and I would like to extend our condolences to everyone in your family at the passing of Mr Newman. He was such a kind hearted person and would always take time to talk and ask about family when we met. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Bill & Cheryl Holmes - July 12, 2025 at 03:36 PM

LG

“ *Lloyd And Alice Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Lloyd and Alice Groeneveld - July 12, 2025 at 02:48 PM

TC

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers, hoping your memories help through this difficult time. We loved our visit with Richard at the legion. Many laughs with my dad and Richard and their dry sense of humour. Miss those times.

Terina & Barry Cybulski - July 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SO

“ Shawn Ottewell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Shawn Ottewell - July 12, 2025 at 02:04 PM

AP

“ We loved you (Dick) from day 1. You have been in our hearts (despite the distance) and always will be. Condolences and love to Hazel and all your Family and Friends. We will join in for your celebration of life. You have left an amazing footprint. Bill,Anna and The Peterman Family

Anna Peterman - July 12, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DG

“ Darren Gillanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Darren Gillanders - July 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM

TM

“ I was so very saddened to hear of Richard’s passing . He was a good freind and neighbor to the Meadows family . Kind hearted humorous . he will be missed . Hugs to the Newman Family

Tammy meadows - July 12, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TM

“ Tammy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Tammy meadows - July 12, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ Sharon Blouin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Sharon Blouin - July 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MK

“ Mike & Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Mike & Cathy Kendal - July 12, 2025 at 11:08 AM

KI

“ Ken & Kate Ireland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Ken & Kate Ireland - July 12, 2025 at 11:01 AM

KI

Always enjoyed a visit with Dick, he was one of a kind!

Ken & Kate Ireland - July 12, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SB

Enjoyed so many laughs at Table 13 in the Legion at the Meat draw. Richard kept everyone on their toes. We all have cherished memories to comfort all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Sharon Blouin - July 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM

BG

“ It was always a pleasure to run into Dick, never knew what he was going to say.

Bev Gammel - July 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SC

“ Steve And Ruth Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Steve and Ruth Callahan - July 12, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LK

“ *Len & Kay Kidd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Len & Kay Kidd - July 12, 2025 at 09:42 AM

TW

“ *Wayne and Terry Wilderman*



Terry Wilderman - July 12, 2025 at 08:47 AM

 Sandra Locken

“ *Sandra Locken lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Sandra Locken - July 12, 2025 at 04:07 AM

CF

“ *Callahan Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Callahan Family - July 12, 2025 at 02:28 AM

HN

“ *Harriet Nash and Family*



Harriet Nash - July 11, 2025 at 11:58 PM

GL

“ *Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Gail Lewis - July 11, 2025 at 11:56 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Pat and Colleen Mastel - July 11, 2025 at 11:06 PM

EU

“ *Eunice(Brackley)Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Eunice(Brackley)Schmuland - July 11, 2025 at 10:21 PM

VB

“ *Val Miner Buttimer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Val Miner Buttimer - July 11, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *I was heartbroken to hear about Richard's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences during this difficult time. Richard's warmth, kindness, and unique spirit touched the lives of many, and he will be deeply missed.*



Karla Mitchell - July 11, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ *Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman*



Monty Southgate - July 11, 2025 at 06:20 PM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Hazel, Val, Bobbi, Ross, & Roy, & all of your families. Richard will always be fondly remembered for his deep devotion to his family, friends & community, also, his quick wit, & amazing dry sense of humor, that was his trade mark, & that everyone who knew him, had many a great laugh with Richard. That big smile, will be waiting to greet all of us, when we join Richard, on the other side. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery ❤️🙏

Bert Montgomery - July 11, 2025 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ Dale & Sharon Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Dale & Sharon Malmberg - July 11, 2025 at 06:13 PM

LE

“ Lesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



Lesley - July 11, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DS

“ DAVID STEWART lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Bruce Newman



DAVID STEWART - July 11, 2025 at 05:37 PM