



Mr. Robert Douglas Bjornson

September 25, 1945 - February 12, 2022

It is with sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Douglas Bjornson on February 12, 2022 at the age of 76 years.

Born in Kelvington, Saskatchewan to Magnus and Helen Bjornson. The family settled in the Regina area where Bob went to school and the University of Saskatchewan. He would marry (Marg) and have two boys (Robert Sean and Brennen Paul) settling in the Calgary area briefly before moving to Okotoks in the early 70's.

Bob was an excellent athlete and excelled in baseball being inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame with the 1964-1965 Regina Red Sox Baseball teams. He also had a love for hockey; having played for the Regina Pats at the young age of 15.

Bob was a very proud member of the Calgary Fire Department and considered himself very fortunate to work with a great group of people doing a job he loved. Prior to his career with the fire department he was a member of the Calgary Police Department where he graduated top his 1969 class.

He was an avid golfer in his younger days and had fond memories of the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club. He would have many long friendships and good memories of the summers in Turner Valley. He loved the outdoors

whether camping at one of his favorite spots, Blue Rock or fishing at Chain Lakes; these were his happy places.

Bob was a jovial man with a large presence. He was never one to hold a grudge, never one to avoid awkward interactions. He would always look to lighten the mood and find a common connection. His family was always his top priority and nothing made him happier than family gatherings. He took great pride in all his grandchildren, whether in the sports they played or excelling in their academics. He will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife of 20 years Barbara (Babs) Bastedo, his sons Sean (Diane) and Bren (Hilary), step-children Shannon (Jonathan) and Lindsay (Iain), grandchildren Dylan, Chrissy, Ty, Kyle, Grace, Crosby and Rohen, and great-granddaughter Evelyn, as well as his brother Ronald "Barney" Bjornson (Pat) of Cave Creek, Az, nephew Kris (Christen), nieces Candice Bjornson (Duane), Melissa Van Waes (Nelson), and nephews David (Marylou) Caron and Brent Caron, along with many cousins.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be scheduled for the summer. Please send an email to add your name to the contact list for more information:

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Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403-652-4242.

Tribute Wall

FT

“ *Dear Babs.
Our hearts are sadden with your loss. Bob was very special to us as we enjoyed, golf, bridge, happy hours and many hours of fellowship and laughter. He always showed kindness and we will continue his caring ways with those we meet in the future. What a good example he set for us all to follow.
Our thoughts are with you. May the memories you share help with your grief.
Frances and John Taillon*

Frances Taillon - February 22, 2022 at 01:41 AM

WH

“ *To Babs and all of Bobs family we were sorry to here of his passing. We first met Bob In Turner Valley at our daughters wedding to Sean. And have visited with Babs and him in okotoks over many of our trips to okotoks. We enjoyed those times with Bob. He had a good sense of humour, a hearty laugh and was good company. He will be missed by his family and friends....R.I.P. Bob. God bless. Annette and Bill Hill Nova Scotia.*

william hill - February 18, 2022 at 02:24 PM

MR

“ *Babs and family
My sincere condolences Merle Rahn*

Merle Rahn - February 17, 2022 at 08:10 PM

PW

“ *Peter & Carolann Wambeke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Douglas Bjornson*



Peter & Carolann Wambeke - February 16, 2022 at 08:16 PM

JB

“ Linda and I have known BJ (Bob) and his sons for many years living in Okotoks. He was often at the Elk's club in those days in the late afternoon and would light up the place with his humor and openness to all. He had an endlessly easy going way, and caught everyone's attention over the years.

Later, in retirement we regularly caught up with him and Barb in Arizona. That began with our first extended trip there when he talked us into going to a golf course/campground right on the Mexican border in the southeast corner of AZ. He and Barb were always welcoming there. We golfed, listened to the Mexican news being read out each morning on the Mexican side of the fence and worried about hitting a Mexican coming to the US side in a little dip of a draw on the course. So began our AZ winter holidays.

Later we lived on the east side of Phoenix in Apache Junction and were close enough for visits and dinners, movies, and trips to the American Legion near where we lived. BJ regularly showed up there on Thursday afternoons when our golf group would return for the prize handouts and was soon known as a friend to all. (I think he liked the drinks too!)

Bob was always there to help others whether moving to a new home as we did, or getting floats ready for Okotoks parade day, or anything else.

My memory right now stems from phoning him at HR Hospital every other day for the last weeks while he was there to get his foot fixed. During our last chat he expressed his feelings about soon being out and moving to his and Barb's new place in Okotoks. Linda and I are still astounded at the loss of him in all our lives. He was a wonderful, easygoing, friendly guy who would help others when needed, who made every day better with friendliness and laughter for everyone. Rest in peace Bob!

Jerry Blake - February 16, 2022 at 05:45 PM

MB

“ *Our sincerest condolences to you, Barb, and to all of Bob's family. He was such a sweet, happy, man with a big smile and a big heart. He will be missed...*

Mark & Terri Hanen, Dawson Creek, BC - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 PM

RM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of BJ's family, he was a wonderful gentleman.*

Ron & Debb McLaren - February 15, 2022 at 12:58 PM

 Lorna Laycraft

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We will miss his laugh in the hallway.
Warren and Lorna*

Lorna Laycraft - February 15, 2022 at 09:53 AM

AM

“ *Barb & Family, Our deepest sympathy to you all with the passing of Bob.
Our thoughts and prayers to you all
Al & Mary Myers (Streeter)*

Al & Mary Myers - February 14, 2022 at 09:28 PM

PA

“ Dear Babs, and all who mourn the passing of Bob,
My sincerest condolences to all of you on Bob's passing. With the emotions of this life experience still raw for me, I know words are not enough, but I also know there is nothing to be offered that can make this less wrenching. I appreciated your support as Terry faced his battle, and I moved along this difficult path. May knowing that others care for you bring a small measure of comfort to you. I know you will hold dear the time you had together.
Sincerely,
Patty Atkinson



Patty Atkinson - February 14, 2022 at 07:33 PM

MF

“ Malmberg Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Douglas Bjornson



Malmberg Family - February 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

BL

“ Bob & Alice Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Douglas Bjornson



Bob & Alice Lewis - February 14, 2022 at 02:39 PM