



Mr. Robert James Graham

December 30, 1941 - April 25, 2023

Mr. Robert Graham of High River passed away at the Foothills Country Hospice on April 25, 2023 at the age of 81 years. Robert is survived by his wife Sandra; daughter Sarah (Greg); son Chris (Janna); grandchildren Sophie, Claire, Liam, and Noah; brother Neil; sisters Janet, Sharon, Linda (Alan), and Kelly (Bob).

Robert was born in Bassano, Alberta and was raised in Olds, Alberta. He left Olds for Edmonton to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, followed by nine years in marketing and management of industrial computer control systems in Montreal. In 1974 he returned to the family farm in Olds, and ran Graham Seed Farms with his wife Sandra for 31 years. Following in his father's footsteps, Robert served as director of the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association for several years and was President in 1983-84. He also served on a variety of other agricultural boards and committees including the Alberta Pulse Growers Commission and the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute. In addition to the farm, Robert founded Graham Seed Treating Systems and patented the G3 seed treatment system in 1991, which were sold both in Canada and abroad. In 2004 Robert was honored with the GENIUS award, recognizing him as a world leader in the field of seed treatment.

Robert loved to fly fish, a sport that led to the purchase of a beloved vacation

home in Fernie, BC. More recently, he & Sandra shifted to Casa Grande, Arizona where he enjoyed golf, pickleball and the desert landscape that featured in the Western movies he loved.

At Robert's request, there will be no service, his ashes will be spread at his favorite fishing spot.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Foothills Country Hospice (www.countryhospice.org)

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

Tribute Wall

WR

“ I got to know Bob in the 80's when we were both new at growing pulse crops. He helped a lot of farmers at the time and was always full of interesting and useful information.

Condolences to the family from Will Van Roessel

Will Van Roessel - May 15, 2023 at 10:38 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the family. Cherish the time I got to spend with him in his farming days.

Craig Shaw - May 15, 2023 at 09:02 PM

JR

“ When I first met Robert in Casa Grande, AZ, he was a tall dude who was always up for something fun to do in our retirement community. He was full of smiles and encouragement for everyone. We played cards, dominoes, drank a little, and enjoyed our new found friends for 10 years. Robert was great fun to be around. Don and I will miss his smile and chats. Thinking of you, Sandra and your family at this sad time. Janis & Don

Janis Ryerson - May 02, 2023 at 02:52 PM

VC

*Thinking of all the Graham family and friends during this time of celebration of Roberts life. His memory will live on in our hearts.
Graham and Vicki Calder
Brad Neal*

vicki cslder - May 05, 2023 at 03:55 PM

KC

“ I was sorry to here of Bob's passing. I have spent many hours and days over the last several years fly fishing, having lunch with a little wine at our fishing lake with Bob and other members. Will very much miss those times with Bob.

My condolences to Sandra and the family. Keith Cooley.

Keith Cooley - May 01, 2023 at 05:08 PM

KH

“ I'm so sorry to hear the sad news of Roberts passing. I always enjoyed my chats with him at family gatherings! Our deepest condolences, Hauser family

Kris Hauser - May 01, 2023 at 12:07 PM

BC

“ A wonderful man, and a great father and grandfather, Robert will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Bob & Margot Clerkson - May 01, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CA

“ Getting to know Robert a little bit over the last couple of years through our shared passion for fly fishing was a pleasure. So sorry to hear of his passing, I'm sure he will be missed by all those who knew him.

Chris Alexander - April 28, 2023 at 06:44 PM