



## Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths

August 4, 1934 - June 1, 2021

Reverend Robert Griffiths of High River, Alberta passed away at the High River Hospital on June 1, 2021 at the age of 86 years. Robert is survived by his loving wife Judy; step-sons Jeffrey Woodgate and Phillip Woodgate.

Robert was born in Calgary, Alberta where he completed his high school and then attended University of British Columbia at the Vancouver School of Theology. He served many parishes throughout Alberta and B.C. as well as short stays in Toronto and Saskatchewan. Robert finished his Priesthood at St. Benedict's Anglican Church in High River where he and Judy retired.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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

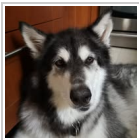
# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Bob had so much love for his fellow human beings. I remember in 1990, when our beloved uncle was in his final hours, Bob sat with him through the night.  
With gratitude and prayers,  
Jeanette Rousseau*

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**Jeanette Rousseau** - June 19, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Dear Judy  
We were saddened to hear about Bob's passing but we know he is in better place now. He was a wonderful man and we are grateful that we got to know you both.  
Our thought and prayers are with you  
Max and Kathrine Schmid*

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**Kathrine Schmid** - June 19, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SM

“ *Dear Judy,  
We have such fond memories of our times with you and Bob. From staying at your home in High River (with Jordie and Phil!) to meeting up with you in Victoria for a bookstore shop and tea and goodies at Murchies -- so many good times. We are thinking of you and your family with love.  
Susan and Michael McGee*

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**Susan McGee** - June 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

CB

“ Dear Judy,

*Sincere condolences from us both.*

*We well remember "single" Bob at Christ Church and how delighted so many of us were when you were married. Although we initially knew you both from different circumstances, we admired you both and I am sorry our paths didn't cross more often.*

*You are very much in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Caroline and Stephen Brown*

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**Caroline Brown** - June 16, 2021 at 09:30 PM

EH

“ *Condolences to Judy and family from The Rev. Eric and Amelia Haffenden. I first met Bob while we were both at Camp Kananaskis in 1959. Always admired him.*

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**Eric Haffenden** - June 14, 2021 at 07:09 PM

PH

“ Dear Judy,

*Derek and I have many happy memories from when we lived in Fort Macleod of Bob's visits on his way from Pincher Creek to Lethbridge. He always brought a brightness with his many interests and wide reading.*

*It was a wonderful surprise when we learned Bob and you were getting married.*

*Our visits with you in the railway restaurant and in your home were wonderful times.*

*We admire your love and care for him and your insistence on the best possible care for him.*

*We know this is a great loss. We hope happy memories and your great faith will help you through these difficult times. May Bob rest In peace in God's loving arms.*

*Pauline and Derek Hoskin*

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**Pauline Hoskin** - June 14, 2021 at 01:49 PM

PC

“ Dear Judy,

*Meredith and I would like to add our thoughts about Bob to the wonderful (and deservedly so) reflections that have already been posted. We met Bob at Christ Church to discuss our marriage. As a divorced recovering Catholic, he asked me quite properly for assurances about my intentions and I shared with him what my experience had been. Bob could not have been more gracious to us, got us ready for event, married us and remained a valued friend and spiritual leader for the remainder of his time at Christ Church. We've been fortunate to encounter you and Bob at a number of occasions since, always a pleasure. A wonderful man and an exemplary priest...*

*Pat Cashion*

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**Pat Cashion** - June 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM

DA

“ Dear Judy:

*Sorry for your loss and ours indeed. So many wonderful tributes here! I met Bob as a friend of the Davenports and was pleased for the years he had with you. Bless you dear one.*

*David Asher*

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**David Blake Asher** - June 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM

KH

“ Dear Judy,

*Derek sent me an email today with the news that Bob died. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace Katharine Hoskin Hunt.*

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**Katharine Elizabeth Erskine Hunt** - June 12, 2021 at 09:53 PM

RG

“ Dear Judy:  
Lucille and I enjoyed the time we all spent together in High River during my two interims. He was a wonderful priest and man of God. We will miss him.  
Rev. John and Lucille Gishler

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Rev. John Gishler - June 12, 2021 at 05:57 PM

AM

“ Dear Judy,  
Just received a call this morning about Bob's passing. So many memories. When we were children and he was a young priest at Okotoks he came to supper at our Black Diamond home every Wednesday and many Fridays, just walking in with a 'Hello' - really a family member. He and Dad did a lot of laughing together. He was one of the group of then-single priests that met at the Gant house when Dad was Rural Dean. We loved them all but Bob was especially close. He had such a wonderful sense of humour. I can still hear his special voice saying things like "all covered over with whelm" and "all ghassted over with flabber". He was a good priest, a fine man and a great friend.

We were so happy when you entered his life and we got to know you as well. You have both meant much to all of us, especially Mom and Dad. We were grateful for Bob's words at Dad's funeral and so glad we saw you both at Mom's funeral. You have shared so much love with our family! We're thinking about you now and sending our love and condolences to you and yours. God's blessing be upon you.

Much love,  
Anne Macklin

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Anne B. Macklin - June 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM

LW

“ Dear Judy and Family:  
I am sending my deepest condolences for your loss. Bob was not only a wonderful Priest but a kind and caring man. I have a lot of fond memories of our coffee time after Church on Wednesdays. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.

Linda Welwood

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Linda Welwood - June 12, 2021 at 01:05 PM

CH

“ Dear Judy and family,

My name is Christopher Hunt, and my mom Connie (in Tudor Manor, Okotoks) wanted me to send a note to you.

"Dear Judy.

I was very sorry to hear about Bob.

He was always so kind to our boys when they were growing up.

And also so very kind to me when David died.

I hope that you're doing okay.

love,

Connie"

Sincere condolences to you and your sons, Judy.

Chris

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Christopher Hunt - June 10, 2021 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ Dear Judy,

*Barb and I were saddened to learn of Bob's passing. We remember him fondly from his time at Christ Church. He had a wonderful sense of humour, a large laugh and a quiet reverence, which, as parishioners, made us feel very comfortable.*

*We send our love and support to you and family.*

*Mike & Barb Morin*

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**Mike Morin** - June 10, 2021 at 01:18 PM

TP

“ Dear Judy,

*Helen and I were just jolted by the news of Bob's death. Your friendship and Bob's has meant more than what we have ever said to you. I valued him as a soul mate in church affairs and theological and societal affairs. While he was at Christ Church we saw each other frequently and I greatly valued his wisdom and have long considered him one of the finest theological thinkers in our church.*

*Bless you, dear soul. May love lift you up during this period of great loss and in the years ahead*

*Bob and Helen Pynn*

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**The Very Rev. Robert Pynn** - June 09, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ Dear Judy,  
I remember Bob well from his time at Christ Church. I am sorry we did not manage to cross paths regarding the history of Christ Church, for which he would have been wealth of information. I am thinking of you at this time of loss. John Mendham

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**John Mendham** - June 09, 2021 at 07:23 PM

DA

“ Mrs. Griffiths - I was much saddened to learn of Rev. Griffiths' passing. I remember him so well from Christ Church, and especially from our wedding and saying grace at our wedding reception. He was a kind and quiet man and much respected. May the wonderful tributes I see on this page, your faith, and the knowledge that Rev. Griffiths' mortal woes are behind him, help you through this time of much grief.

*Deborah (and Tom) Ambrose (nee Barton)*

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**Deborah Ambrose** - June 09, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ Dear Judy - How well do I remember Bob and your wedding! Betty became a virtual mother of the bride. I particularly remember how full the Church was. Swanny was heard to say - "Boy, I'll bet the wardens wish hy could take collection"

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**David and Betty Milner** - June 09, 2021 at 02:47 PM

DB

“ Judy - I do know how you have shouldered and handled the very difficult and lingering illnesses and aging deteriorations in health of your much loved Bob and you have my sincere condolences. Bob was a cherished friend of Des and of me. His support and availability when each of us served as Rector's Wardens, and on Selection Committees was constant and appreciated. I remember your attendance and Bob's prayers and Thanksgiving Grace when Deborah and Tom were married, and I certainly remember attendance when you and Bob married at Christ Church. Please accept my sincere sympathy to you and your boys. Drina

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**Drina Barton** - June 09, 2021 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ Dear Judy and family, I was deeply saddened by Bobs death. I have fond memories of you both at Christ Church. Please get in touch with me when you come to Calgary or just 'phone. Know I'm thinking of you all and you're in my prayers. Jacky Bashford

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**Jacqueline Bashford** - June 09, 2021 at 11:34 AM

LT

“ Judy,

*Know that you are in my thoughts at this sad time. I have fond memories of you and Bob and how warmly you welcomed me to St. Benedict and of the lovely visits we had over lunch in your home and elsewhere. Bob was such a kind and gentle man. He will be missed.*

*Lorna Thomson*

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**Lorna Thomson** - June 08, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Dear Judy, Jeffrey and Phillip, my sincere condolences for your loss. I have fond memories of Bob and all of you. Sending hugs

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**Kim Musselwhite** - June 08, 2021 at 09:37 PM

KL

“ Judy we are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

*Chad, Kathy and Trista Lambourn.*

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**Kathy Lambourn** - June 08, 2021 at 06:54 PM

KR

“ Rev. Bob and I at Christ Church Anniversary.

*Rev. Kathy Ratuski*



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**Kathy Ratuski** - June 08, 2021 at 06:37 PM

KR

“ Mike and I were blessed to get to know Bob and Judy when we attended St.Benedicts several times and enjoyed good conversations over lunch afterwards. So nice to feel their love and welcome to their parish. I (Kathy) had always heard only great things about Bob when I was a Priest at Christ Church and everything said about him was true! Judy, I still remember when we dug potatoes with Mike and Bob standing by in the garden of St. Benedicts after "the flood".. . God bless you and your family in the coming days and always.

Love,  
Rev. Kathy and Mike Ratuski

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**kathleen ratuski** - June 08, 2021 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ Sending you my heartfelt condolences Judy. Your love for each other was very evident and your care for him this last few years has been amazing. Not only was I fortunate enough to get to witness this but you also took this other patients/residents under your capable wing and supported and cared them as well. May your many memories fill your heart with joy. Cathy

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**Cathy Couey** - June 07, 2021 at 11:42 AM

MM

“ Judy,  
My thoughts have been with you on your journey with Bob. May he Rest In Peace. With deep sympathy and God's Blessing to you.  
Margot (Judy's cousin)

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**Margot McDermott** - June 07, 2021 at 12:10 AM

JF

“ Judy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Bob was such a kind man and it was my pleasure to have both of you in the store for those many years.

*Jennifer Foreman*

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**Jennifer Foreman** - June 06, 2021 at 10:43 AM

FS

“ I met Father Griffiths at the University of Trinity College, Toronto, back in the late 1960s. He mentioned Pincher Creek AB, of which I had never heard. Many years later I stayed with him for several days in Pincher Creek. Ah, the ironies of life. We were friends for many years until life got in the way, but would meet at diocesan synods and conferences. I will always treasure his support, help and wise counsel. RIP, Bob, and rise in the Glory of our Saviour!

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**Fr Douglas Skoyles SSC** - June 05, 2021 at 04:51 PM

RB

“ Bob was a gentle soul and a wonderful listener. One always felt at ease in his company. He will be missed by many, but many will have fond memories of him. God speed. Deepest sympathies to Judy and her family.

*Rosalind Belanger  
High River*

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**Rosalnd Belanger** - June 04, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JJ

“ My wife, Esther, and I Rev. Gordon Jackson send our condolences to his wife, Judy and her family. I shall remember Bob as a very kind and loving person who, at challenging times in my life, Bob reached out to me in support and understanding. He served the Church in the Diocese of Calgary carefully and well. He was a faithful and a good Priest and we thank God for him

James G. Jackson - June 04, 2021 at 07:58 PM

HM

“ Sending our condolences to Judy . We have many fond memories of St Aidans and so many of them had Bob at the center including our marriage almost 30 years ago. We remember Bob with a smile and joy in our hearts. Heather (Robertson) and Lockie McPhie

Heather Mcphie - June 04, 2021 at 05:37 PM

GL

“ Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths



gail lewis - June 04, 2021 at 04:58 PM

DF

“ Judy we are saddened to hear of Bob's death. Be assured of our prayers. Dennis and Dianne Frayne



Dennis Frayne - June 04, 2021 at 04:51 PM

WT

“ My wife Olivia and I remember Bob well. He served a long time at Christ Church Elbow Park, where we belong. He actually performed the wedding of our son, Colin to Angela on 1986. I remember taking both Bob and Judy with me one day in the summer a few years ago, to help me check the nest-boxes which I had placed near St. Aidan's Church and on the Cartwright Ranch. He was an excellent preacher. His sermons were always deeply researched and insightful. He was a lovely man.  
Bill Taylor

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**William Taylor** - June 04, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DJ

“ Dear Judy,  
We're so sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and remembering Bob with fondness.  
Diane and Shane Jack

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**Diane Jack** - June 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM

HF

“ Dear Judy and family

*Bob was an amazing man - so caring and intelligent, interested in all subjects and willing to share his knowledge and talents with everyone. When we came to High River, he and you, Judy, welcomed us into your home and took us for drives showing us parts of southern Alberta that we would not have seen otherwise and explained subjects that we knew nothing about. The world is a better place because he was here. My deepest condolences on your loss. May your faith help you through this difficult time.*

*Helen Foreman*

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**Helen Foreman** - June 04, 2021 at 10:40 AM

TC

“ *Trudy And Dan Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths*



Trudy and Dan Campbell - June 03, 2021 at 11:44 PM

KC

*Dear Judy, Jeffrey, Philip, and family- sending love and hugs at this time of change. Bob' legacy for me is his love of the Lord, and his family. Such a wonderful and caring man. Always in your hearts, so grateful for the time at St. Benedict's. Thank you Griffith family.*

karen crawford - June 04, 2021 at 12:59 AM

GC

“ *Dear Judy, Philip , Jeffrey and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We have no doubt that Rev. Bob was welcomed with open arms in heaven. You shared a deep true love which will give you strength to endure your loss of loosing your loved one. Bob was an incredible caring man who is now cradled in the arms of our saviour. Rest In Peace, dear friend.*



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - June 03, 2021 at 02:14 PM

RB

“ *Rosemary Brocklebank lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths*



Rosemary Brocklebank - June 03, 2021 at 02:11 PM

EC

“ Dear Judy,  
So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have many good memories of fellowshipping with the two of you in times past. You both have been a blessing. Much love and prayer as you travel the days ahead.  
Evelyn

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**Evelyn Craig** - June 03, 2021 at 02:08 PM

GL

“ Grace Ledoux sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths



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**Grace Ledoux** - June 03, 2021 at 01:13 PM

LW

“ Dear Judy, you're in my heart and in my thoughts these days. Bob was one of a kind and will be missed by so many. I've no doubt that the incredible love the two of you shared will carry you through this difficult time. With much love to you and your family.  
Linda Walsh

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**Linda Walsh** - June 03, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ He and Alex were wonderful room mates and we shared many smiles and outright bursts of laughter. Dear Judy and family my best wishes to you and your family, love you Fay

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**Fay Beaton** - June 03, 2021 at 10:46 AM

DP

“ *Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths*



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**Diane Porter** - June 03, 2021 at 10:00 AM

FW

“ *Dear Judy and family, Rusty and I are saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful influence in my return to the Anglican Church and both of you seemed to welcome me with open arms. Both of us enjoyed spending time with both of you. We will always remember him as a loving and caring man and a true theological historian. Memories of Bob will hopefully make this transition much easier for you. Sending hugs and love.*

*Fran Wong*

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**Frances Wong** - June 03, 2021 at 08:38 AM

KC

“ *Karyn Conradson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Rhys Griffiths*



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**Karyn Conradson** - June 03, 2021 at 01:41 AM