



Mr. Ronald Gordon Smyth

December 6, 1931 - July 19, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce Ron's passing after a lengthy illness. Ron is survived by his wife, Anne; his children, Daryl (Mary) Smyth, Wendy (Mike) Hanrahan, Rhonda Allen, Glenn (Barb) Smyth; and Anne's children, Roxanne (Mark) Johnson, Rita (Eugene) Elke, and Scott (Rhonda) Caron; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother Gladys and his father Gordon.

Ron was born in Souris, Manitoba during the Great Depression. Despite the hardships that he and his parents endured during that difficult time, he had many warm memories of growing up in that small town with his extended family and friends. His father Gordon was his hero and taught him the value of hard work and responsibility. The family later moved to Medicine Hat where Ron completed high school and pursued his love of playing hockey and golf. He moved on to Calgary and became a Chartered Accountant, articling with Morton & Hills and then spending twenty-two years with Western Securities Limited and the O'Connor family. He married Sylvia (Colpoys) in 1955 and together they raised four children first in Calgary and then moving to the Red Deer Lake area in 1968.

During these years Ron was active in the community and was named an Honorary Life Director for the Booster Club of Calgary. He also volunteered with and chaired several committees for the Calgary Stampede. This allowed

him to ride his horse in the Stampede parade, which thrilled his young children!

As a young man Ron took up hunting with his father, and that led to a passion for bird dogs & field trials, horses and fishing. His first horses, Wimpy Wasp and Peanuts, and his first dogs, Bess and Penny soon became part the family, and there were many more to follow over the years. Some of his fondest memories are of time spent with his father, friends and family at the field trials, in the bluffs, or on a boat in a remote lake. His love of all things outdoors eventually led to a partnership in Russell Sporting Goods.

His field trialing eventually took him to the southern U.S., an area that he fell in love with. He loved the history, the piney woods, the year-round golf, the azaleas and the people. Ron and Anne were married in 1988 and together they spent several wonderful years living, working and golfing in South Carolina. They returned to Canada (most recently residing in High River) and were lovingly surrounded by family, friends and several beloved dogs, horses and other animals over the years.

Ron's family wishes to thank all of those who cared for him during his illness and, in particular, Dr. Ben Andruski and all of the staff from the 3rd floor of the High River Hospital who supported us all during his final days.

It was Ron's wish to not have a formal service, so the family will hold a private celebration of his life. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Ron may be made to: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (<https://www.heartandstroke.ca>)

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

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Our sincere condolences following the loss of your dad. May fond memories bring you comfort and peace.*
Arlene and Dan Frederick

Arlene Frederick - August 02, 2019 at 10:55 AM

BE

“ *Glenn, Barb & Family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Bernie Badyk & Linda Brunner

Bernie - July 25, 2019 at 05:22 PM

TB

“ *Daryl, Wendy, Rhonda, and Glenn. There is no question RG followed his passions and I was lucky enough to visit South Carolina and play a few rounds of golf with him. Anne & I send our sincere condolences and thinking of many memories at Red Deer Lake.*

Tony & Anne Badyk

Tony Badyk - July 24, 2019 at 09:03 PM

JG

“ *Anne and family: sending our condolences and thinking of you during this difficult time.*

John and Deb Gross - July 23, 2019 at 06:53 PM

PZ

“ *Scott, Rhonda and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Treasure your memories, they will help you through the tough days ahead.*
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

Pat Zebedee - July 23, 2019 at 12:52 PM

LW

“ *Scott, Rhonda and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Most sincerely, Linda Walsh*



Linda Walsh - July 23, 2019 at 11:31 AM

CR

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Ron and the ensuing discussions. He had a lot of knowledge to share and was quite willing to discuss and offer opinion on the topic at hand. Whether a laugh or two, or a friendly disagreement, it always felt like a natural conversation between friends. I'll miss that. Anne and family, you have my prayers for peace, comfort, strength, and hope.*

Cathy Reid - July 23, 2019 at 02:18 AM

VM

“ *Aunt Anne & family, may my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of your loss.*
Love Vicky & the gang❤️

vicky minich - July 22, 2019 at 09:54 PM