



Mr. T. Shawn Cake

June 7, 1952 - August 14, 2022

Not for the first time in my life I am reflecting on two questions: the first being how many lives have we lived? The second is how, when we interact with people who do they see?

On the 14th of August 2022 Timothy Shawn Cake passed away at the age of 70. To some he was Tim; family and some close friends called him Shawn; many in Nanton knew him as the “German Shepherd Guy.” To me, he was my life partner of almost 30 years. Fixer of things, champion of technology, audiophile, drummer, soldier / helicopter pilot, academic, teller of bad jokes, loyal friend, and creator of horrible nicknames. Some of which I would give anything to hear again!

As a veteran of the US Army, Shawn saw service as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, two tours, and Desert Shield / Desert Storm.

He was predeceased by both parents and an elder brother, Dave. He is succeeded by me, Loralie Freeman, currently of Nanton, AB; formally of Inverness, NS and our two furbabies: Sam and Bean.

Of all the lives he lived his most cherished, and the one of which he held most dear, was the co-founder of what he called the reform school for wayward dogs. Shawn joins a host of dogs and cats on the other side of the rainbow bridge.

Per his request there will not be a service. But donations to an animal rescue organization near to his heart would be gratefully received by: Heaven Can Wait (Box 6131, Station Main, High River, AB, T1V 1P7) <https://donate.heavencanwait.ca> .There is also a rescue which I support: Nanton Animal Protection Society (P. O. Box 1377,Nanton, AB, T0L 1R0). www.nantonanimalprotection.ca/donate.html

Acknowledgements and Thanks

My heartfelt thanks to my family for just being there and listening to thoughts spoken out loud.

I am both humbled, and buoyed, by the many friends, who reached out via Facebook, email, phone calls, and texts with words of condolence, prayer, and support.

My very special thanks to the two RCMP members who attended – your thoughtfulness, presence, and banter was, and still is, very much appreciated!

Alberta Health Services Emergency Services for being there, thought there was not much you could have done.

Kasey (not certain of the spelling) from RCMP K Division Victim Services for counsel, being a sounding board, the Bereavement support referral, and getting my TARDIS reference.

Craig Snodgrass, Lyle Reeves Funerals, thank you for your professionalism, and walking me through the process. It is very much appreciated.

To all my friends who still tag me in funny memes and inappropriate jokes. They know the other Loralie is still here, she's just a bit preoccupied, but just

might need the distraction. If not that second, then a few minutes later.

Norma Kennedy, Pat Lechkobit, and Grace WLC – for guidance, support, phone calls, texts, and Facebook messenger messages, and just general distractions. Just knowing you're there has been a godsend.

Thank you just for being you – I will never be able to express what this means to me.

Sam and Bean, who have no idea why they are being thanked, but I am appreciating your sense of living in the moment more and more.

When we walk in wonder, the Universe shines eternal

As per Shawn's wishes there will not be any services held.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
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Tribute Wall

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“ I only learned of Shawn's passing a few weeks ago. It was like a body blow. I had worked with him in the 1990 time frame as LSI Logic in Edmonton. He was head of IT and I was head of Finance. We became quiet. close and considered ourselves lunch buddies (always hamburgers). LSI transferred me to California. I lost touch with Shawn until he tracked me down in 2017 and asked me to work on a project with two other colleagues from days gone by. We worked very closely on a project to the point that we had a very good business plan. The problem was that we were just ahead of ourselves and not quite ready to execute. That was a great year, and it was so nice to work with Shawn once again. I was devastated when I learned of his passing. I know that he is in a good place now, and I can only imagine what he is up to. Thanks Shawn for being in my life not once, but twice!

Peter

Peter Gebert - April 07, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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I'm Loralie's sister in Calgary!! He was our super computer Guy for sure!! Awesome pillar too! Glad he had great friends like you!! Hugs ☐

Lesla Freeman - October 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

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“ When a person looks back on their life there were certain people that were pivotal and made a big difference in life. Shawn was one of them for me. Knew him for about 25 years, since days at Nortel in the late 90's - he changed my life when he called me to join him at Axia to build the Supernet. I will never forget him. He was a fascinating and intelligent guy! Thank you Shawn for making a difference in my life when you did. Safe travels wherever you are.
-Aaron

Aaron Sheard - December 01, 2022 at 12:09 AM

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“ Tim never learned how to use a phone, ha, and would just drive in my yard, usually with a big shepherd he wanted to show me :) he was a big presence, was Tim, and I'll miss his distinctive walk, his crazy deep voice, hearing him speak with passion about what training he was doing with the dogs ... my thoughts are with all those who knew and cared for him.

Kim Hessel - September 06, 2022 at 01:03 PM