



Mr. Wally Geres

July 9, 1937 - September 21, 2011

Albert Walter (Wally) Geres , 74, passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital on September 21, 2011. Wally was born to Valentine and Ilene Geres in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan on July 9, 1937. After finishing grade 12 in Gravelbourg, he enrolled in Teachers College in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. His first teaching position was in Maryfield, Sask , but it was at Bryn Mawr School where he met the love of his life Gayelle Foster. While there he coached several sports teams, track & field and directed an all girls high school choir. Wally and Gayelle would be married July of '66. In 1968, he graduated from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Education and he and Gayelle made the big move to Rocky Mountain House where Wally taught English and French. After one year, they would move to High River, where he taught English, French and Drama at Senator Riley High School and also taught in Vulcan. While in High River, Wally was one of Windmill Theatre Players founding members. He thoroughly enjoyed being both on and off stage. He was very active in the community, whether it was coaching ladies slo-pitch, his boys hockey teams, or daughters fastball team. He enjoyed refereeing football games, serving on the Scouts Canada Group Committee, and his involvement in church. In 1983, Wally moved on from teaching to pursue his professional interests in sales, cooking, hotel maintenance and other activities according to his interests. He was also a Returning Officer for several elections in Highwood and Macleod. Grandpa enjoyed camping, fishing, Saskatchewan Roughrider and Calgary Flames games, spending time

with his grandchildren: teaching French to Delaney, getting up early to have a Cheerios breakfast with Kinley, cheering on Clayton at the dinner table (atta-boy!!) and having Stella cuddle and snuggle on Grandpas lap. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Gayelle, son Jason (Kylie) of Warners Bay, Australia, son Tyson of Calgary and daughter Christy (Tony) of Calgary. He is also survived by 4 loving grandchildren, Stella and Clayton Geres of Australia and Delaney Montgomery and Kinley Gray of Calgary; sister Margaret Schmidt (Bruno, SK); Brother in law Donald (Myrna) Foster (Earl Grey, SK); brother in law Archie (Margaret) Macdonald (Strasbourg); sister in law, Gloria (Stu) Clifford (Regina);cousins; numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and close friends. Wally was predeceased by his father, Valentine Geres; mother, Ilene Geres; brother Bill Geres; mother and father in law, Ernie and Doris Foster; Sister in law, Dorene Macdonald; Brother in law, David Schmidt, and grandson, Carter Gray. If desired, in memory of Wally, memorial donations may be made to the 1st High River Scouts www.scouts.ca or the Abbeyfield House www.abbeyfieldhighriver.ca . A Private Family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Christine Morton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Christine Morton - October 12, 2011 at 08:21 AM

JE

“ *I keep thinking of the first day that I met Wally and still smile. What a battle of stubbornness it was. I think I won, or maybe he let me win.*

Judy Evans

Judy Evans - October 03, 2011 at 10:15 PM

TA

“ *Trevor Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Trevor Allan - October 03, 2011 at 02:47 PM

DA

“ *Darlene Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Darlene Adams - October 01, 2011 at 09:39 PM

BC

“ Our thoughts are with you. "Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away. But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day."

Barb and Barry Cosgrove



Barb and Barry Cosgrove - September 30, 2011 at 03:09 PM

SW

“ Steve & Jana (Wardley) Wager lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Steve & Jana (Wardley) Wager - September 30, 2011 at 12:24 PM

SW

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Steve and Jana (Wardley) Wager - September 30, 2011 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ Kevin Muir lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Kevin Muir - September 28, 2011 at 02:43 PM

RC

“ *Renee (Dubeau) Checkryn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Renee (Dubeau) Checkryn - September 28, 2011 at 11:25 AM

KB

“ *Dear Gayelle and family: My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I will remember many good times spent with Wally and his sense of humor. Please call on me if you need anything.*

Ken Bowmaster

Ken Bowmaster - September 28, 2011 at 09:58 AM



“ *My thoughts are with Wally's Family at this time. Mr. Geres was one of my favorite teachers. Back in the 80's we were trying to get a slow pitch team together, which we did however we needed a coach. I saw Mr. Geres and as usual he always had to stop and chat and catch up on our lives. I was telling him about our delima and he quickly said he'd be our coach. Over the 30+ years Ive been out of school he never forgot who I was and would always take the time to have a visit. He will be missed.*



Maureen Moncrieff - September 27, 2011 at 10:26 PM

BV

“ *Betty And Doug Veitch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Betty and Doug Veitch - September 27, 2011 at 08:42 PM

BV

Gayelle, Wally and family You have all been in our hearts over this last while.

Betty and Doug Veitch - September 27, 2011 at 08:45 PM

VB

“ *Val (Miner) Buttimer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Val (Miner) Buttimer - September 27, 2011 at 04:11 PM

VB

I enjoyed having Mr. Geres as one of my teachers. My thoughts & deepest sympathy to all of the family. Val (Miner) Buttimer

Val (Miner) Buttimer - September 27, 2011 at 04:13 PM

AW

“ *Angel Willimont lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Angel Willimont - September 26, 2011 at 05:48 PM

TD

“ *Trudy And Dan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Trudy and Dan - September 26, 2011 at 05:24 PM

MF

“ *"Mr. Geres" was so special to me and I have such fond memories from the Bryn Mawr days. He coached our ball team and did things that made us feel "oh so special" - like having us to his house for a "team barbeque" and inviting us to his wedding - which at the time I thought was almost like being part of a "fairytale" - it was so beautiful. Lots of fond memories - and my deepest sympathy to Gayelle & family.*

Maxine Flotre (nee Norleen)

Maxine Flotre - September 26, 2011 at 05:01 PM

KL

“ *Mr. Geres was always ready to greet you with a big smile and a hug! He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

Kristi Laycraft - September 26, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ *We wish to offer our sincere condolences to Gayelle and family. God Bless*
Joanne and Frank Van Donzel

Joanne Donzel - September 26, 2011 at 01:03 PM

LZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are sent to Gayelle and family. Mr. Geres always took the time to talk to you in or out of school and was a great teacher.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

Len Pat Zebedee - September 25, 2011 at 10:02 PM

LZ

“ Len Pat Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Len Pat Zebedee - September 25, 2011 at 09:56 PM

PR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Gayelle and family.
Pat and John Reid



Pat Reid - September 25, 2011 at 08:08 PM

SC

“ Susan Curran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Susan Curran - September 24, 2011 at 10:45 PM

GP

“ *Geri And Al Polanchek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Geri and Al Polanchek - September 24, 2011 at 10:08 PM

MG

“ *Muriel & Peter Gorman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Muriel & Peter Gorman - September 23, 2011 at 12:21 PM

GM

“ *Gordon & Ann Marshman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Gordon & Ann Marshman - September 23, 2011 at 10:44 AM

KH

“ Dear Gayelle and family.....our deepest sympathies on the passing of Wally. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. We remember the good times we had in Regina and with little theatre. God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.
Ken & Rosabelle Holzer
Regina,



Ken & Rosabelle Holzer - September 23, 2011 at 10:03 AM

RF

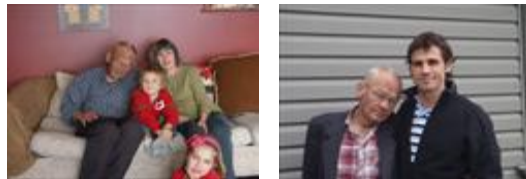
“ Richard Yoshimura, Naomi Ichii & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Richard Yoshimura, Naomi Ichii & Family - September 23, 2011 at 09:58 AM

JG

“ 2 files added to the album Family



Jason Geres - September 23, 2011 at 03:50 AM

JG

“ Today i'm thinking about the time Dad let me drive the white van on a gravel road between my Aunty Margs farm and Town. I was 12 I think. I sat between his legs while he drank a beer! Jason Geres

Jason Geres - September 23, 2011 at 03:34 AM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Sharon Doll - September 22, 2011 at 11:22 PM

ES

“ Eric & Lea Sorkilmo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Eric & Lea Sorkilmo - September 22, 2011 at 10:41 PM



“ Jim Barb Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Jim Barb Stevenson - September 22, 2011 at 10:18 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth Margaret Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Elizabeth Margaret Schmidt - September 22, 2011 at 11:01 AM

LF

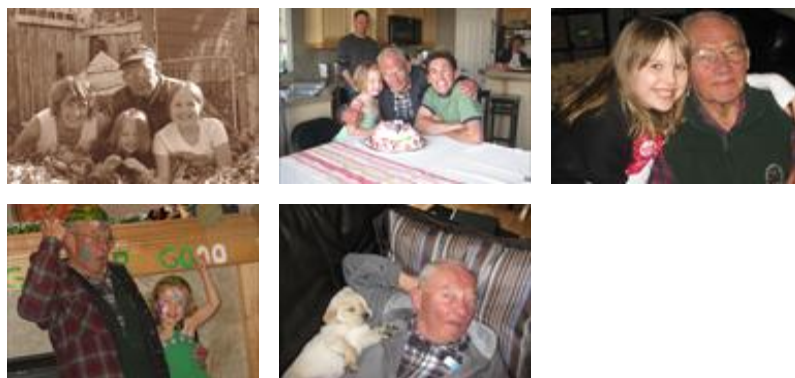
“ Longson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



Longson Family - September 22, 2011 at 06:14 AM

CG

“ 6 files added to the album Family



Christy Gray - September 21, 2011 at 10:59 PM

CW

“ Craig Way lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres



craig way - September 21, 2011 at 10:54 PM

MD

“ *Melanie Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Melanie Dale - September 21, 2011 at 08:46 PM

SL

“ *Sarah Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Sarah Little - September 21, 2011 at 07:47 PM

NM

“ *Nikki & Marco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Nikki & Marco - September 21, 2011 at 05:20 PM

KG

“ *My papa was my wake up buddy ! when ever he woke up I woke up !*

Kinley Gray - September 21, 2011 at 04:18 PM

SH

“ *Sundi Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Sundi Hoffman - September 21, 2011 at 04:16 PM

DM

“ *My favourite memory of grandpa wally.... His amazing, funny and lovable laugh was priceless !*

Delaney Montgomery - September 21, 2011 at 04:16 PM

KG

“ *Kinley Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Kinley Gray - September 21, 2011 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ *Delaney Montgomery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Delaney Montgomery - September 21, 2011 at 04:10 PM

DM

“ *Delaney Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Delaney Montgomery - September 21, 2011 at 04:08 PM

CG

“ *Christy Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wally Geres*



Christy Gray - September 21, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Family*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - September 21, 2011 at 03:35 PM

EM

Gayle and family--my heart is with you at this time. One of my memories of Wally is the fantastic fresh tomato soup he would bring us gals at Petticoat Lane and Highwood Travel
Elaine Mason

Elaine Mason - September 22, 2011 at 09:09 AM

CC

Gayle and family, my thoughts are with you. Thinking of Wally and my Senator Riley days brings a smile to my face.
Cathy Couey

Cathy Couey - September 22, 2011 at 09:47 AM

SP

To the entire Geres family, My thoughts are with you during this time of sadness. Remembering Wally as an amazing teacher at Senator Riley - loved his laugh!
Sharron Parks (nee Reynolds)

Sharron Reynolds Parks - September 22, 2011 at 01:26 PM

SD

Gayelle and family, my thoughts are with you in this time of loss. He will be missed.

Sharon Doll

Sharon Doll - September 22, 2011 at 11:26 PM

KE

Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Kathryn Enns (Pon)

Kathryn (Pon) Enns - September 23, 2011 at 08:28 AM

MG

My thoughts are with you at this time. When I think of Wally I think of our choral group, the Bryn Mawr Choralettes. We had many memorable times - he was a good director.

Merrilynn Gergley (Schaffer)

Merrilynn Gergley - September 23, 2011 at 10:38 AM

BM

Wally will always be held as one of my favorite people. He gained my friendship as a great school teacher, and we remained great friends from that time on. Sending my prayers, & all the best to Gayelle & all her family, Bert Montgomery

Bert Montgomery - September 26, 2011 at 08:15 AM

M(

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I'm sure you have many great memories of Wally.

Marlene Galenzoski (Wagner)

Marlene Galenzoski (Wagner) - September 27, 2011 at 11:55 AM

VS

Dearest Gayelle and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of one of High River's most wonderful and big hearted characters. I will never forget Wally's love of cats. He once had me take apart my ham sandwich to feed a stray cat that I believe he later took home to his angel of a wife. Sending all of my positive energy to Gayelle and her family, Vida Styra

Vida Styra - September 29, 2011 at 11:23 PM