



Mr. Walter Wilderman

October 20, 1937 - January 8, 2020

Legacy Heritage Farmer of the Blackie, Alberta community, Walter Homer Wilderman, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning surrounded by his loved ones in Victoria, British Columbia.

The grandson of W. H. Wilderman, and son of Homer T. Wilderman and Lillian (Evans) Wilderman-Nieboer, Walter was born in High River, AB, and spent the majority of his life cultivating and preserving “Old Glory”, the family farm located on Highway 23 between Blackie and Vulcan.

Walter leaves his loving wife of 54 years, Heather, his daughter Mary-Ellen & son-in-law Brad Hay of Houston, Texas, and his son Warren of Victoria, B.C. He is survived by his 3 grandchildren, who each shared a unique and cherished bond with their Papa, Alexandra Hay of Toronto, ON, Emily Hay of Victoria, B.C., and Walker Wilderman of High River, AB. His only brother, Wayne E. Wilderman and sister-in-law Terry Wilderman of Blackie, also survive Walter, including his surviving niece Erin (Chad) Niemans and her family of High River, and his pre-deceased niece Stacy Wilderman.

A Celebration of Walter’s Life will be held at a later date.

To send condolences and view Walter’s Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig

Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - October 21, 2020 at 03:15 PM

NP

Amazing man, Thank you very much for sending the information to view Walters memorial. We will share this with the family. Heather, Mary Ellen, Brad, Warren and grandkids, our sympathy for your loss. Walter will be so missed by all. take care. , love Pauline and Norval

norval AND Pauline - October 23, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DM

*Dearest Heather. Mary Ellen and Warren Terry and I just watched this beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. We are so blessed to have known him.
All our love
Di and Terry*

Daine Madill - November 02, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RB

“ *Ron and Gisele Barker
My deepest sympathy to the Wildermen family on the passing of Walter*

Ron Barker - March 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM

DP

“ *Many fond memories growing up together in Blackie. Lots and lots of high school curling. In 1963 Stu Beagle, Gordon Seney, Walter and I won the grand aggregate at the Shirt Sleeve Bonspiel in Lethbridge. What a great time.
May your memories always be a blessing to you.*

Dave and Joan Paradee

David Paradee - January 29, 2020 at 04:05 PM

GG

“ *We are saddened to hear of Walter's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Jim & Geraldine (Egeland) German and family*

Geraldine German - January 22, 2020 at 05:36 PM

AD

“ *My sincere sympathy to Heather, Warren, Maryellen, Brad and families on the passing of Walter. When I think of Walter the days of our dancing lessons come to mind. What fun we had practicing and then trying out our skills at the next dance that came along, each one of us thinking we knew the right way! Fun times, good memories of a very nice man.*

Arlayne Davies - January 22, 2020 at 01:50 PM

GW

“ As the first cousin of our dad Giles and our uncle Ronnie Wilderman, we appreciated the hospitality that Walter and the family showed us when we visited the Home Farm in Blackie.

Although we knew that Walter was frail, it was still a shock to learn of his fall and the consequences of it.

We have a fond memory of the simple pleasure of meeting with Wildermans from all over the country when Walter and Heather opened the farm for a family reunion. We enjoyed meeting relatives from as far away as Freeburg, Illinois, USA. The many people who appreciated the momentous move to the Alberta prairies from the relatively settled USA made the event very memorable.

With our loving thoughts and prayers, we are so sorry for your loss. Gayle Wilderman and Judy Svarich, and Jackie and Christine Wilderman.

Gayle Wilderman - January 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM

 Cheryl Dougherty

“ So sorry to hear about your loss of Walter. Our thoughts are with your families. Mike and Cheryl Dougherty, Nicole, Kevin, Ethan, Ryley, Brandt and Wyatt MacIntyre and Kacie Dougherty

Cheryl Dougherty - January 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM

DF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Condolences to your family.

Daphne & Pat Feeney

Daphne Feeney - January 18, 2020 at 04:02 PM

GG

“ Dear Heather, Mary Ellen, Warren and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Walter was such a kind, gentle soul. We best remember him for his support of baseball all those years our sons played and all those miles traveled in the American Legion Baseball League. Thank you, for being parents we could always depend on. We have shared good laughs and hope you will find comfort in the memories you hold dear to your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Gerry and Glenda - January 17, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KS

“ We will miss Walter and his “prairie” stories of farm life in Alberta. I think he truly loved the land. Being from rural Saskatchewan, I always enjoyed our visits with Walter and Heather. Our deepest condolences to the family.

*Ken and Wendy Strong
Victoria, BC*

ken and wendy Strong - January 17, 2020 at 12:41 AM

RE

“ Walter was a good friend, neighbor and schoolmate for many years. He was also a great customer when we had the John Deere dealership. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Heather, Warren, Mary Ellen and Brad and family.
Ray and Jean

Ray and Jean Egeland - January 16, 2020 at 06:21 PM

ME

“ Our deepest condolences to Heather, Warren, MEW, Brad and family. Walter was always a kind man who treated me well. He will be missed.

Mark

Mark Egeland - January 16, 2020 at 05:47 PM

ST

“ Walter treated me extremely well and we always had a fantastic time when we got together. I have many great memories of Walter and his family on the farm, camping, roller skating, water skiing, snow skiing and attending the fantastic parties! I loved talking to Walter on the phone when he would end the conversation with "over and out". I want to say to Walter it is not "over" as you will live forever in my memory and not "out" as I hope to see you again one day on the other side. My sincere condolences to Heather, MEW(Marry Ellen) and Warren. Also to Brad, Alex, Emily and Walker. Walter will be missed by all of us. Love from Shawn & Teresa Thurber and our family.

Shawn Thurber - January 15, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CC

“ Sincere condolences at this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. Cam and Donna Crawford.

cam crawford - January 15, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy to Heather, Mary Ellen, Warren and families. Walt was a good friend for so many years and I have many great memories.

A sad time and my thoughts are with you.

Julie Short

Julie Short - January 15, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ *Heather and Family. My deepest sympathy on the passing of Walter. Have many great memories of all our times together. My thoughts are with you.*

Mary Anne Smith - January 15, 2020 at 03:51 PM

TS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen, and Warren and the whole family on Walter's passing.*

Warm regards, Tom and Nell Smith

Tom and Nell Smith - January 15, 2020 at 02:05 PM



CB

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Wilderman family. We are thinking of you.*

Jack & Carol Ball & family

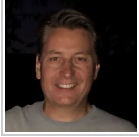
carol ball - January 15, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Ken Gillanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*

Ken Gillanders - January 15, 2020 at 10:35 AM





“ *Deepest condolences to Heather, Miss MEW and Warren. Love you guys thinking of you!!!*

Ken Gillanders - January 15, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *sad to see an original go, was always a good guy to our family. r.i.p. Walter. lee and karen hall and family.*

lee hall - January 14, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *Our condolences to Heather, Mary-Ellen, Warren and family. Walter was a great family friend and a pillar to the Blackie community, he will be sadly missed. Hugs to you all...*

Kelly & Llana Malmberg

Kelly Malmberg - January 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *To Mary-Ellen and Emily -so sad about your Dad great supporter of Emily and her pony. Would be great to see you both again. I would like to come to the celebration of Walter's Life.*

Gail and Sandy.



Gail Fuller - January 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM

K(

“ *My sincere condolences to the Wilderman family.*



Karla Mitchell (Calvert) - January 14, 2020 at 06:38 PM

AN

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Wilderman family. I remember Walter and his family from growing up in the Blackie area. May you all find comfort in your fond memories.*



Angie - January 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Deepest Condolences to you Mary Ellen, as well as the rest of your family.*

Connie Anderson - January 14, 2020 at 02:40 PM

AG

“ *Sincere condolences Heather, Mary Ellen, Warren and families; lots of good memories.
Lloyd and Alice Groeneveld*

Alice & Lloyd Groeneveld - January 14, 2020 at 01:03 PM

LM

“ *Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Lorna McLean - January 14, 2020 at 11:58 AM

GC

“ *Heather and Family,
Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time,
Walter was a wonderful and caring man. A big man with a big
infectious smile and laugh. Always a pleasure to be in his company.
Keep all your good memories close to your hearts.
God Bless and take care of yourselves.
Gerry and Barb*

Gerry and Barb Coakwell - January 13, 2020 at 11:02 PM

ML

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Heather, Mary- Ellen , Warren & their
respective families.*

Marty Lewis & Ben Tautges

Marty LEWIS - January 13, 2020 at 09:56 PM

SS

“ *Sincere condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen, Brad, Alexandra,
Emily, Warren and Walker.
We have many wonderful memories with Walter and the whole
Wilderman family over the years. Walt was a good friend and kind
man and will be missed. Our hearts are with all of you. Love from,
Suzanne, Al, Courtney and Kyle.*

Suzanne Schubert - January 13, 2020 at 04:56 PM

E(

“ *My sincere condolences to Heather and family. Ted and Walter are maybe having a winning curling game. We had many good times together*

Elinor Miller (Percival) - January 13, 2020 at 01:17 PM

ES

“ *Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Eunice Schmuland - January 13, 2020 at 12:49 PM

JB

“ *Condolences to the Wilderman family, from the Van Brunschots, John and Alice, who rented the dairy in the early 60's, according to my father, from Homer. Myself, my only memory is falling out of the hayloft in the as a little boy! We hope you have many good memories of Walter and best wishes from us all at this time.*

Jim Van Brunschot

jim van brunschot - January 13, 2020 at 11:37 AM

SW

“ Heather we were shocked and saddened to learn of Walters sudden passing. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. He will be dearly missed by you all.

We've only known you and Walter for about 12 years but have many happy memories of good times together. Walter was probably the kindest, most thoughtful, unselfish and gentle man we have ever had the good fortune to know.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God Bless

Sharon and Bill Woodward

Sharon and Bill Woodward - January 13, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JG

“ Deepest Sympathy Heather, Mary-Ellen, Warren and families in the loss of Walter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

George and Judy

Judy Groeneveld - January 13, 2020 at 12:48 AM



Corinne Whelan

“ Thinking of you and sending sympathy and prayers to you and your family Heather- Walter was a wonderful man and it was a pleasure to have met him.

Corinne Whelan - January 12, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JS

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We have such great memories of sharing meals with Walter and Heather at Mary Ellen and Brads over many years

Love Janice Stewart and girls

Janice Scott - January 12, 2020 at 08:04 PM

KN

“ *Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Kathy Niemans - January 12, 2020 at 04:18 PM

FB

“ *Our Sincerest Sympathy to Heather and Family. Thinking of You Fred and Sandy Burley*

Fred Burley - January 12, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RC

“ *Warren, Heather, Mary Ellen, Brad and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Lots of great memories with your family that will never be forgotten. Thinking of you all.*

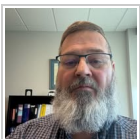
Randy Caravaggio - January 11, 2020 at 11:53 PM

LT

“ *My sincere condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen & Brad, and Warren and family*

Lynda (Caravaggio) Thiessen

Lynda Thiessen - January 11, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ *My condolences to all of the Wilderman family.*

Brad Mason - January 11, 2020 at 10:04 PM

MB

“ *Walter was always great to have around.
Hugs and Love to the family.*

Maria van Bussel - January 11, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DT

“ *Sincere condolences to the Wilderman families on the passing of
Walter. We have many memories of camping years and community
activities. Thinking of you all.*

Don and Selma Thurber - January 11, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JC

“ *We are shocked and saddened to hear of Walter's passing. sincere
condolences to you Heather and Mary Ellen and Warren and their
children.*

Judy christie - January 11, 2020 at 05:52 PM

DM

“ *Sincere condolences to the Wilderman
Family. Don and Lana Malmberg*



Donald Malmberg - January 11, 2020 at 05:11 PM

MC

“ *Mary Lou Carleton lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Mary Lou Carleton - January 11, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DL

“ So many good times spent with Walter and the Wilderman family over the past 50 years: snow skiing at Mt. Norquay, water skiing at Lake Blaine and harvesting together in 1995 will be special memories I will always have! Heartfelt condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen & Brad, Warren and families from Dave, Alison, Foster & Monroe Laycraft.

David Laycraft - January 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SG

“ Heather, Mart Ellen & Warren, Allan and Sheila send sincere condolences to you and your families. Treasure the memories of Walter a kind and friendly man. Thinking of you.

Sheila Gehrke - January 11, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BL

“ Bob And Alice Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman



Bob and Alice Lewis - January 11, 2020 at 01:41 PM

TL

“ Memories of summer's at Lake Blaine, hockey road trips, or just weekend family gatherings while growing up. My condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen, Warren and the rest of the family.

Todd

Todd Laycraft - January 11, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BC

“ *Bob Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Bob Cole - January 11, 2020 at 11:54 AM

SM

“ *Sheila Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Sheila Macklin - January 11, 2020 at 10:52 AM

RW

“ *Rusty & Fran Wong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Rusty & Fran Wong - January 11, 2020 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ *Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Bert Montgomery - January 11, 2020 at 07:56 AM

MS

“ *Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Wilderman*



Monty Southgate - January 10, 2020 at 06:27 PM

SL

“ *The Laycrafts have many good memories of time spent with the Wilderman family. Skiing on water and snow, camping, family dinners. Always fun times. Walter was about as kind a man as I have ever come across, he will be missed.*

Stephen Laycraft - January 10, 2020 at 06:09 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Walter's death but I sincerely hope that the "Good" memories will be the ones that will be remembered the most. Walter was a good man and I felt privileged to know him. Blessings to all family members.*

Connie Jewell - January 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM

IM

“ *My sympathy to Heather and family .Walter was school colleague and good friend. I was sorry to hear of his passing. Ira McKeage*

Ira B. McKeage - January 10, 2020 at 02:03 PM

MH

“ *Sincere sympathy Heather and family from Marlene Herriman..*

Marlene herriman - January 10, 2020 at 10:29 AM

SL

In our 75 year friendship we knew Walter to be a kind and honest man that we dearly loved. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to all the Wilderman family.

Steve and Georgia Longdon

Steve Longdon - January 11, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JS

So sorry to hear of Walters passing. Sincere sympathy Heather, Mary Ellen & Warren.

Judy & Howard Snider

Judy Snider - January 13, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JG

Claire knocked on our door and thoughtfully advised us of the very sad news about Walter's fall and subsequent demise.

Naturally, we were both shocked, as well as saddened, by this sudden adverse outcome. We knew Walter had become frail; but this news was brutal.

Brad and I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to you, to your family, and to all the Wildermans and their kin. May it be a comfort to you all, during this difficult period of adjustment, to know that your sadness is shared.

We shall miss Walter. He was such an overall "Gentleman"; and what a dry sense of humour ! We have met many people over the course of our long lives, and we remember Walter as a special human being. We enjoyed his company enormously, despite only knowing him for about two and a half years. In fact, if it were not for Walter's kindness towards us, we likely might not have befriended you.

He was one of the first persons we met at our condo complex here in Victoria, months before we bought our suite. Actually, his friendliness, his wide and infectious smile, coupled with the enjoyable chats we shared with him, during a few of our initial reconnoitering-type visits to the complex, while he sat, smoking, on his "perch", adjacent to the visitors' parking lot, were among the key reasons why we decided that this condo complex would suit us admirably !

We retain very fond memories of the times we shared with you and Walter, and extend our deepest sympathy to you, to your family, and to all of the Wildermans and their kin.

*Love,
Brad and Jean Francois*

Jean Francois Guimond - January 14, 2020 at 11:28 PM

MS

Heather, Mary-Ellen, Brad, and girls, Warren and family - we were saddened to hear of Walter's passing. May all the good memories be of comfort at this time of sorrow and loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincere sympathy and love,
Bob and Marlene Seney and family*

marlene seney - January 27, 2020 at 12:42 PM

WR

We are saddened to hear of Walter's passing. Our sincere condolences to Heather and all the family. Please accept our heart felt sympathy, our thoughts are with you.

Wes & Ulli Robson

Wes Robson - February 02, 2020 at 09:01 PM

PM

Our sincere condolences to Heather, Mary Ellen and Warren. So sad to say goodbye to such a lovely gentleman, your husband, your dad. We will always miss him, miss his calm hand. Love Chris & Paulette

Paulette m marsollier - November 05, 2020 at 12:05 PM