

Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer

May 10, 1943 - June 4, 2024

After a courageous and hard fought battle with Lymphoma Cancer, we sorrowfully announce the peaceful passing of Wayne Alan Chayer on June 4, 2024. Wayne is survived by his wife Diane, five kids: Rene (Rachel), Paul C, Paul Gray, Dean (Gillian), Leah (Kelly), and ten grandchildren: Michael, Kristian, Emma, Madeline, Luke, Jack, Sophie, Paloma, Sam and Quinn.

Wayne/Dad/Grampa was born in Hanna, AB on May 10th, 1943, and spent most of his childhood in Sunnynook, AB. His university education took him to Edmonton, AB, and after graduating he began his engineering career, which posted him in various locations including British Columbia, Montreal, Bolivia, Panama, and Evansburg, Alberta.

A kind, patient, gentle patriarch, Wayne was a dedicated, loving husband, father and grandfather. He approached life with integrity, grace and unending patience. From the time he was a young boy, Wayne possessed an insatiable thirst for knowledge and an eagerness to embrace the “new” and “different”. Wayne had an enthusiastic spirit, taking on a wide range of projects, interests and hobbies with incredible diligence and a meticulous attention to detail. His endeavours were broad and ranged from museum-level archival of photographs to befriending and taming a menacing, neighborhood black crow. Patience proved to be the secret to his success.

While High River, AB eventually became home, Wayne loved traveling and enjoyed the adventure of exploring new destinations with his wife Diane. Whether it was a coast-to-coast tour of the southern United States, rural regions of France, or exotic terrains in Thailand, Wayne found endless fascination in the diversity of the people and places he explored.

Wayne possessed an enthusiasm for trying new things which brought him a great deal of joy and excitement. From savoring a new dish made by his step-daughter and husband or immersing himself in unfamiliar activities abroad, he approached every new experience with an open heart and a genuine sense of wonder.

Wayne enjoyed spirited conversations about politics and relished in the exchange of ideas. He also found happiness in the camaraderie of bridge, table games while also embracing an active lifestyle his entire life, becoming a dedicated Pickleball player and advocate of the sport within his community.

His recipe for approaching life was simple yet profound. First, “do the right thing”, then add a blend of curiosity, unconventional, and adventure, seasoned with generous heaps of learning and dollops of horizons expanding. With equal fervor to intake as much as possible, Wayne’s reflexes were lightning quick when he saw the opportunity to lend a helping hand, offering his knowledge, support and kindness whenever possible.

Wayne leaves behind a legacy of integrity, modesty and uncommon humbleness. His angelic gentle spirit, authentic kindness, and pure patience touched the lives of his family along with all who had the privilege of knowing him. Though he is not with us in body, his down-to-earth, yet adventurous soul will live on in our hearts, now and forever more.

Memorial Service will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 209 -

9th Avenue West, High River, AB T1V 1A4, on June 15 at 11am. For those unable to attend, the service will be Livestreamed through www.lylereeves.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages a donation to the Stem Cell Research Foundation (<https://albertacancer.ca/why-we-need-you/cancer-research/>) or the High River District Health Care Foundation (<https://www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca/ways-to-give>)

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church

206 - 9th Ave. W.

High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)

(403) 652-2203

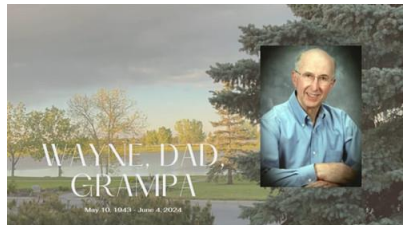
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<http://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 15, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ *Linda Kolner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer*



Linda Kolner - June 16, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your beloved. Though we never met, he was a wonderful source of family history that, otherwise, I would have never known.*

Kathleen Reid - June 16, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear Diane and family,
Joe and I have only just heard this sad news. Please accept our deepest condolences.
Joe and Daria Gordon, Toronto*

Daria Kushmelyn - June 16, 2024 at 11:15 AM

MP

“ *Mark Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer*



Mark Phillips - June 15, 2024 at 10:14 PM

PT

“ *I offer my condolences to Wayne's family, I always enjoyed playing PB with Wayne.
Best Regards Phil Taffs*

Phil Taffs - June 15, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JZ

“ *Gone too soon.
Sincerely, Jacqueline Zastre*

Jacqueline Zastre - June 14, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SU

“ *With our condolences and prayers,

Susan and Chris Jarvis*



Susan - June 14, 2024 at 12:44 AM

BH

“ *Heartfelt sympathy to Wayne's family. I have fond memories of Wayne as a neighbour and friend. Bev Harley and family*

Bev Harley - June 12, 2024 at 11:03 PM

MS

“ Our hearts go out to you, Diane and family. Wayne was a good man and a special friend. He and I met 63 years ago at the U of A Calgary campus - two central Alberta guys starting first year engineering and life in the "big city". Four years later I met Faye and Faye met Wayne in Edmonton, shortly before he and I graduated there and went our separate ways. I have many fond memories from those days, as well as from the infrequent "get-togethers" we've shared over the years ever since. You and your family are in our prayers.

Merv & Faye Schafer

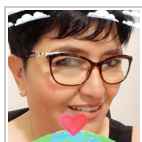
Merv & Faye Schafer - June 11, 2024 at 11:43 PM

CC

“ Diane and family. We have fond memories of you both coming to visit us and us visiting you. May your fond memories make these days easier.

Craig & Darla

Craig Cameron - June 11, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ Denise Baudoin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer



Denise Baudoin - June 11, 2024 at 11:35 PM

SW

“ Sorry for your loss Diane



Sharon Wagner - June 11, 2024 at 01:25 AM

AW

“ Condolences Diane and family. We always enjoyed Wayne's kind nature and great conversations during Mixed Curling years ago.



Alana Williamson - June 09, 2024 at 09:19 PM

BJ

“ Diane, we are deeply saddened by Wayne's passing. He was a remarkable man and a true and wonderful friend. He will be missed. Fergie & Betty Johnston.

Betty & Fergie Johnston - June 09, 2024 at 05:12 PM

SH

“ Diane and Family
With our Sincere Condolences to you and your family. RIP. Wayne Brian and Sandra Heavens

sandra Heavens - June 09, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *Condolences Diane - from your next door Neighbours, Wally & Darlene Beutler*



Darlene Beutler - June 09, 2024 at 08:16 AM

GC

“ *My sincere condolences to Wayne's family at this sad time. Wayne gave me the gift of pickleball for which I will always be grateful.*



Gillian Cropper - June 07, 2024 at 09:48 PM

EC

“ *Elizabeth Rose Chayer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer*



elizabeth rose chayer - June 07, 2024 at 02:26 PM

EC

“ *Diane, We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.. Cliff is not well enough to travel at this time, but our Prayers and Love go out to you and your family. we have a mass being said for Wayne here on the 30th. Love Cliff and Betty Chayer*

elizabeth rose chayer - June 07, 2024 at 02:24 PM

JA

“ *Diane, I am sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a kind gentleman who shared his knowledge and skills go generously..God bless you all.*
Joanne Abel

joanne Abel - June 07, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LD

“ *Diane, sincere condolences to you and your family. Having met my cousin Wayne through ancestral searching he has been a blessing in my life. He helped me so much in tracing my roots, I have incredible respect for him and his knowledge. Rest in peace Wayne.*
Larry and Joan[Taylor] DeMaere

larry and Joan DeMaere - June 07, 2024 at 12:09 PM

GP

“ *Our condolences to Diane and family on the passing of Wayne. His obituary summarizes the life of a fine man. May he now rest in peace.*

Geri and Al Polanchek - June 07, 2024 at 10:55 AM

EC

“ *Our condolences to Diane and family on the passing of Wayne... he had a long struggle and is at peace now. He always had a smile and was a very giving person to family and his community..he will be missed!*
Ernie and Eileen Cross

Eileen Cross - June 07, 2024 at 09:46 AM

RM

“ *Ray & Sandra Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer*



Ray & Sandra Murray - June 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM

BM

“ *Our condolences to Diane and family. We always enjoyed our times of conversation and visiting with you when you were our back alley neighbours.*

Barbara and John McInerney - June 07, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SV

“ *My thoughts are with Diane and family as this sad time.
Wayne was a great friend, Always helpful and kind
Sherry Visosky*



Sherry Visosky - June 07, 2024 at 08:56 AM

DM

“ Dear Diane, your Family and numerous Friends: firstly, sincere commendation to author of Wayne's Obituary. I believe it accurately presents who Wayne was in an informative and interesting way. He was an impressive man both with knowledge and manner. It was within the computer context we met Wayne and even though his knowledge greatly exceeded simple tasks, he was gentle when dealing with those with less understanding. A brave fight! May he rest in the same peace he brought to many. Blessings to each of you in this time of profound loss.
Donald & Joanne McCuaig.

Donald & Joanne McCuaig - June 07, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LW

Condolences to Diane and the family. Wayne leaves a legacy through his influence as a curious, capable caring and gentle man. He is already missed.

Luella Wojcik - June 07, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DD

“ Dan Dormer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Alan Chayer



Dan Dormer - June 06, 2024 at 11:42 AM