



## Mr. Wendell Strong

October 1, 1939 - March 21, 2024

Wendell passed away on March 21, 2024 at the Silver Willow Lodge in Nanton Alberta and leaves to miss him, his loving wife of 63 years, Maureen, daughters Shauna Strong and Kelly (Michael) Lemelin, grandsons Darion, Christian and Jake, granddaughter Michelle, his brother Ron (Grace) Strong, his God son John Schneider, God daughter Mariel Fawcett and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Ed and Evelyn Strong, his Uncles George Hart & Bruce Strong.

Wendell grew up in Surrey B.C., spending summers with family in Pearson, Manitoba. After graduating from North Surrey High, he married the love of his life Maureen and began his career as a guard with Corrections Canada at Oakalla Prison. His love of wheeling and dealing took him into real estate and development. After a client told him about this wonderful little town in southern Alberta, he brought his family to Nanton, Alberta where they found their little piece of paradise and raised their daughters.

In Nanton, he built the Lost Lemon Restaurant where he got to meet and know many of the locals. The Lost Lemon days were also the source of his favorite weekday, Wednesday; known to Wendell as Family Day. These days hold special memories and are the source of “do you remember” and much laughter in the family.

Wendell was proud of his family and his grandchildren were a special source of pride and happiness with him traveling to many locales to enjoy them and their participation in sporting events and life. He lived his dream.

Wendell was kind and giving by nature, he was a member of the Nanton Mason's, the Nanton Boosters and volunteered for Meals on Wheels until he was unable to continue.

There will be no service at Wendell's request and in lieu of flowers, he would be knocked out at a donation to the Nanton Food Bank or Salvation Army in his memory.

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

# Tribute Wall

JN

“*Maureen, I am sad to hear about Wendels passing. I always remember you two as good lookin', slow talkin' realtors. My favorite kind. May the days ahead bring back soft lovin' memories to put a smile on your face.*  
*Hugs, Jan Newman*

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**Jan Newman** - May 30, 2024 at 09:50 PM

KC

“*Maureen and Family - May God wrap you in his loving arms of comfort during this time of sharing and change. Wendel was a light to many, and will always be remembered in the Nanton community.*



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**Karen Crawford** - March 25, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BR

“*Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and family;*

*My first job was the Lost Lemon. As I was taking a pizza out of the oven it fell on the floor. I was horrified, and Wendel just smiled and said get making another one. Great people to work for. Wendel will be greatly missed by all.*

*Brenda & Dave Harris*

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**Brenda** - March 24, 2024 at 04:38 PM

PA

“ Dear Maureen, Shauna, Kelly, and Family,  
My sincerest condolences to all of you.  
Saying that final good-bye is so difficult, as is  
the life that continues without them. My  
thoughts are with you as you grieve your  
profound loss.  
Patty Atkinson



Patty Atkinson - March 24, 2024 at 12:02 PM

BB

Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and families. So very sorry to hear of  
Wendell's passing. Always loved that dear cousin. Such good  
memories of our time together over the years. Love you cuz ❤️❤️❤️❤️  
❤️

Bette Lynn Blais - March 25, 2024 at 03:09 PM

CH

Maureen, Shauna, Kelly. I was very sad to hear about Wendell's  
passing. He was awesome and well loved. I said a pray for him, hoping  
that he is in heaven with family. I loved him a lot. love charlie

Carol Ann Hart - March 25, 2024 at 06:00 PM

HC

“ Maureen Shauna Kelly and family's. It doesn't seem that long ago  
that I was scooping ice cream at lost lemon. He will be missed  
tremendously. Sending you hugs ☺️. Love always Heather Coonfer

Heather Coonfer - March 23, 2024 at 11:16 PM

RR

“ *Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and families, so sorry to hear, we remember Wendell's great nature. Our sincere condolences to you all. Regards, Renne and Trevor Reidy*

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**Renne Reidy** - March 23, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ *We have fond memories of Wendell and you could always count on that wry smile to bring light into the conversation. He will be missed by so many. Thinking of you Maureen.*

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**Chris Wilson** - March 23, 2024 at 07:04 PM

VR

“ *Kelly, Shauna and Families our sincere condolences to you in this time of sadness let the memories heal the pain you are feeling ❤️ Mom thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with them in the past few years at the silver willow lodge ... ❤️ 🙏*



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**Valerie (Wright) Robinson** - March 23, 2024 at 06:12 PM

TK

“ *My deepest condolences to Maureen, Shauna and Kelly, a terrific guy, will never forget him and his family's Lost Lemon Mine restaurant, I worked at the UFA across the highway from it when they were building it, many a good meals there. 🙏*

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**Tim Kowalchuk** - March 23, 2024 at 02:08 PM

AC

“ To Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and family,  
So very sorry to hear this news. I liked to have a chat with Wendell  
whenever he was in the dining room at the Lodge and he always  
had a smile. Deepest condolences.  
Clay and Avril Chattaway

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**Avril Chattaway** - March 23, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DD

“ Maureen, remembering good times. Donna Downey

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**Donna Downey** - March 23, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BW

“ Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and family,

*I was saddened when I learned of Wendall's  
passing. He was a wonderful guy with a great  
smile and always time for a hello whenever I  
saw him. Thinking of you all and sending our deepest sympathy.*



*Bonnie & Morgan Wilson*

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**Bonnie Wilson** - March 23, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and family,

*Please accept our deepest condolences. Thinking of you all during  
this difficult time with sincere sympathy.*

*Doug & Cindy McDonald*

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**Cindy McDonald** - March 23, 2024 at 09:48 AM

BM

“ Dear Maureen, so sad to hear the news about Wendell's passing. My sincere condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Barbara McInerney - March 23, 2024 at 09:40 AM

BL

“ Barb Lyall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wendell Strong



Barb Lyall - March 23, 2024 at 09:35 AM

KH

“ Maureen, Shauna, Kelly and family,

*I am so, so sorry to hear about Wendell. I am certain he has left a gaping hole for each of you. Wendell's kindness to dad during his final struggles have never been forgotten and the thought of not seeing the twinkle and quick smile he always offered makes things a lot dimmer. Deepest sympathies to each of you.*

*Kateri Holmes*

Kateri Holmes - March 22, 2024 at 09:48 PM

GJ

*Maureen and family so sorry to hear that Wendell has left you! I remember well his perpetual smile and sence of humor! God Bless you all! 🙏*

Gordon and Raimunda Jackson - March 23, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MM

*Our condolences at the passing of your husband, father, and grandfather Wendell. I didn't realize that he grew up in Surrey as did I and we even graduated from the same high school. May you be comforted by many cherished memories. God's Blessings, Marcia and Dennis Muldoon 🙏*

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**Marcia Muldoon** - March 24, 2024 at 05:22 PM