



## Mr. William "Bill" Barry Powell

February 12, 1941 - March 31, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of William Barry Powell of Millarville, Alberta announce his passing on Friday, March 31, 2023 at High River Hospital.

Bill was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on February 12, 1941 to parents Hillas & Bertha Powell. He was raised on a farm outside of the town of Rouleau, where the values of hard work, commitment to community, and devotion to family were fostered. He began his education at the Prairie Lily School, riding his pony from the farm to the schoolhouse, before completing his final two years of grade school in Rouleau. His education had only begun and he continued a life of learning, first at the University of Regina, and then at the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned an Engineering degree in 1962 and a Masters of Engineering in 1965. He continued to learn and innovate throughout the entirety of his subsequent career.

He had fond memories of his years at the University of Saskatchewan and many entertaining stories involving the antics of the Engineering students and their endless rivalry with the Ag's. He and his first roommate, George Lawson, are remembered for their infamous potato home-brew, known locally, or at least in their basement apartment as "hooby-doo".

It was at University, on a blind date, that he met the love of his life, Judith

Marilyn Stamp. They were married on September 12, 1964 and began a life together that became his greatest and most cherished legacy.

Bill began his career with Keith Consulting in Regina, subsequently moving to Calgary in 1969 to join Associated Engineering, before starting his own company IP Constructors with two former associates, Lloyd Kirilenko and Stewart Mulvey, who would remain his partners and friends for the rest of his career. Early projects had him working on the water treatment plant in High River and on the Calgary Tower, where he claimed to have climbed the entirety of the stairs more than once. His own company took him to the oil and gas fields of Alberta and British Columbia, before tough economic times challenged him and his partners to risk the company's survival by expanding internationally. Strong work ethic and long hours led to a successful expansion, travel to Nigeria, Dubai, Hungary and Malaysia, as well as to an International Industrial Equipment Exportation Award in 1995.

Bill and Judi had their first two children, sons Kevin (1965) and Michael (1968) in Regina, before heading west to Calgary where daughter Wendy (1970) and son Christopher (1972) were born. In 1972 Bill undertook the building of a home for his family on an acreage in the community of Millarville; the family living in the garage and a tent trailer, before upgrading to the partially finished walkout basement. Bath time and supper time were often synonymous and separated only by a framed stud wall.

In Millarville, Bill became engrossed in his children's lives and entrenched in the community. He coached hockey and baseball for decades, for both his children and grandchildren, helped establish and volunteered with the Millarville Sports Association and committed near endless hours to the Millarville Racetrack and Agriculture Society. He played a role in the founding and operation of the Millarville Ride for STARS, and on the lighter side he was known for the occasional cameo role with the Millarville Famous Players

dinner theatre. His Saskatchewan farm boy ethos was always evident as he stepped up again and again to lend a hand.

In his leisure time he loved the outdoors. From waterskiing, bird hunting and fishing as a young man in Saskatchewan, to hiking and camping in the foothills and Rocky Mountains, Bill was at home in nature. He continued to return to the Saskatchewan lakes for family camping at Meadow Lake and for treasured fishing trips to Otter Lake with his parents and children, and ultimately with his grandchildren. When at home he enjoyed endless hours walking the land and working in his garden, nurturing his cherished berry bushes and vegetables, with his beloved dogs by his side. He continued to walk the land and to tend to the soil his entire life.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, Hillas and Bertha, and by his daughter-in-law Tina.

Bill will be forever remembered and missed by his wife Judith Marilyn (Stamp), his son Kevin (Tanya), and grandsons Branden, Rydan and Kaiden; son Michael (Iska); daughter Wendy (James) and grandchildren Adam and Lydia; and son Christopher (Sandi) and grandchildren Stephen and Madeleine; and by his extended grandchildren Brianna, Chantel, Anna, Heather, Stephanie and Kamala. He is also survived and missed by his sister Beverly (Dave) and brother Stan, as well as by many nephews, nieces and in-laws.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the High River Full Gospel Church (1802 9th Ave. SE, High River, AB T1V 2A6).

A special, heartfelt thank you to the Nurses, Physicians and Health Care staff at the High River Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the High River Hospital & District Foundation – [www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca](http://www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca) or to the STARS Air Ambulance – [www.stars.ca](http://www.stars.ca) .

To send condolences please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **21**. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Full Gospel Tabernacle

1802 9 Avenue SE

High River, AB T1V 2A6 (CA)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Barry Powell



Lyle Reeves Funerals - April 19, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BP

*Beautiful tribute to an amazing husband father grandfather and dear friend*

Belva Perkin - April 23, 2023 at 06:14 PM



*Judi and family, sending our sincere condolences on the loss of Bill. Thinking of you ❤️❤️❤️ Karen McFarlane and familyn*

Karen McFarlane - April 30, 2023 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ *What a wonderful man Bill was. Dave and I always enjoyed watching our boys and Bill's grandsons play sports. He was a family man and a community man. We met up with him at the Market, at the school, shopping, in the neighbour'sfield, in a parking lot and he always took time for us. . In fact, we even met up with Bill & Judi at Disneyland one year many moons ago. He was interesting and interested in people. What a lucky family to have had such a gift of a man as a father and as a Dad. May peace be with you all with his passing. Caralee Marriott & Dave Clement*

Caralee Marriott - June 05, 2023 at 04:11 PM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole Powell family. Bill will be remembered for his kindness and wonderful smile, and commitment not only to his family but also to his community.  
We watched the celebration of Bills life and it was truly beautiful.  
Hugs to you all,  
Jacquie and Kevin Depass (Benny)

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**Jacquie Depass** - May 12, 2023 at 10:58 AM

BH

“ Cheryl and I were saddened to hear of Bill's passing. As a young teacher at the Millarville School, both Judi and Bill were a great influence in my life and were great to visit with anytime there was a staff function. We are fortunate to see Bill's character live on through his children and grandchildren. We are thinking of you all.  
Bill & Cheryl Holmes

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**Bill Holmes** - April 21, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TH

“ Bill is fondly remembered by our family as a vibrant example of genuine kindness, rich humor, unfailing commitment and abundant possibility. He was a great friend and mentor to many with a rare gift of stewardship for the young people of the community. We are thankful for having known him, and for the legacy of the entire Powell family. Our heartfelt condolences to Judi, Kevin, Michael, Wendy, Chris and their families.

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**Tony, Maureen, Ali & Cait Hampshire** - April 21, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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**Tony, Maureen, Ali & Cait Hampshire** - April 21, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ *Judy and Family  
Bill will be missed but never forgotten. I treasure all the memories -  
Bill's great stories and all the laughter when we were together. I am  
thinking of you and sending love to you and your family.*

*Maureen*

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**Maureen Bell** - April 21, 2023 at 07:57 AM

DB

“ *Our condolences to Judi and family on Bill's passing. We will miss  
him and our periodic updates.*

*Don and Jo-Elle Boone*

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**Don Boone** - April 20, 2023 at 06:11 PM

JC

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Bill Powell.  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.*

*Jim&Wyn Cartin*

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**james cartin** - April 17, 2023 at 05:43 PM

MM

“ *As the business partner of my father Stewart, Bill has been a  
positive presence in the backdrop of my entire life. I remember Bill  
as kind, supportive, approachable, and fun. It's interesting that Chris  
and I, the youngest sons of two hardworking engineers, each  
decided to become doctors. I suppose we were influenced by their  
work ethic, grit, deep caring, and commitment. I'm saddened that  
Bill has passed. Long Live Bill.*

*Love to the Powell family from Mike Mulvey & Leigh Collyer.*

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**Michael Mulvey** - April 16, 2023 at 02:53 AM

RC

“ Dear Judi and family,  
We were sorry to learn of Bill's passing. We were friends back in university days at the U of S and lucky enough to see him a few times over the years--which was always a pleasure. He was a great guy who will be sorely missed by many.  
Sincerely,  
Bob & Gwen Currie

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**Robert Currie** - April 15, 2023 at 12:46 PM

JW

“ Wendy and family. So sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you at this very sad time. Ken and Jane Warnick.

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**Jane Warnick** - April 13, 2023 at 11:35 PM

TH

“ To Judy and Family

We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Bill.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.  
We have a lot of fond memories of our time in Millarville.  
Our golf games were the best.

Love Tom and Carol Hewitt



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**Tom and Carol Hewitt** - April 13, 2023 at 07:21 PM

KC

“ Judy,  
Our thoughts are with you today.  
Love Don & Kaye Currie

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**Kaye Currie** - April 13, 2023 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ *The Mosby Family has such wonderful memories of the entire Powell family, Bill was larger than life in his gifts of giving and doing for others. He was every kid's biggest cheer leader, he loved life, he loved well and was well loved. Our family surrounds you in love and prayer.*

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**The Mosby Family** - April 13, 2023 at 03:25 PM

KH

“ *Judy, Kevin, Michael, Wendy , Chris and families, Our most sincere sympathy on the passing of Bill. We have so many memories of his smile and good humour in times shared at the Race Track. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time*  
*Kathy and Fred Helfrick*

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**Kathy and Fred Helfrick** - April 12, 2023 at 11:44 PM

PA

“ *Dear Judy, I am so very sorry to hear that Bill passed away. My sincerest sympathy to you and yours. Pauline Lyken*

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**Paulinepa** - April 12, 2023 at 03:51 PM

GL

“ *We offer our sincere condolences to Judi and family on the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. Our memories span many years beginning with being room mates at University, graduating together, family gatherings and visits with you and your family in Millarville and more. We are thankful that we were able to share time together at our 60th Engineering reunion in September of 2022.*

*Love: Jean & George Lawson*

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**George Lawson** - April 11, 2023 at 12:32 PM

J(

“ Our sincerest condolences on the loss of your beloved father. I remember when the family lived in the garage, we thought you guys had it good, compared to our bus! We hope you can take comfort in believing he's in a better place and knowing he will always be with you in your hearts.

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**Jody Germaine (Kemp)** - April 10, 2023 at 11:12 PM

NK

“ Judy, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Sending love and hugs to you and your family.  
Nancy and Eugene

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**Nancy Koszman** - April 09, 2023 at 04:36 PM

LF

“ My condolences to Judy, Kevin, Mike, Wendy, Chris and families. Bill was always a friendly man with a distinct laugh. Always enjoyed our visits at the hockey rink as a kid and when I'd run into him watching his grandkids play.

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**Lisa Fyten** - April 09, 2023 at 09:56 AM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Bill



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**Doris McLaughlin** - April 08, 2023 at 11:51 AM

DM

“ From university days in Saskatoon, to building our families in Regina, to visiting each other in Preddis, Whitehorse, Gabriola and Courtenay the reunions just picked up from where we last left off. Bill was just such a kind man, always happy to see us, always interested in our family and we'll miss that connection when next we see Judi. Judi and Bill created such a wonderful clan, of which I am sure they are proud. Job..well done Bill. Rest in peace.  
Doris & Don McLaughlin

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**Doris McLaughlin** - April 08, 2023 at 11:10 AM

NS

“ Kevin, My deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father. Neil

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**Neil Stanley** - April 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

MR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bills passing . I has many memories of Bills activities with sports with the children..exchanging children at Millarville . Sympathy to all the family at this difficult time .

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**Margaret Rarick** - April 07, 2023 at 01:41 PM

DO

“ Judi and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss - my heart goes out to all of you. It was such a pleasure and privilege to work with Bill at KPS. His integrity, compassion, and Saskatchewan farm boy work ethic were a model for us all. He made us better engineers and more importantly, better people. He had a huge, positive impact on me personally and for that I will always be grateful.

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**Dean Olafson** - April 07, 2023 at 12:48 PM

PZ

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Powell family on the loss of your dad and grandpa. Treasure all your great memories, they will help you get through the tough days ahead.  
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

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**Pat Zebedee** - April 07, 2023 at 12:21 PM

TS

“ I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He always had a smile on his face, great sense of humour and made you feel special when talking to him. He will be dearly missed. My condolences to the Powell family. Tanya Saxby (Sirois)

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**Tanya Saxby** - April 07, 2023 at 12:20 PM

PS

“ My Sincere Condolences To The Powell Family.  
Patricia Skory

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**Patricia Skory** - April 06, 2023 at 07:16 PM

ES

“ So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was certainly a great help to both of us when we were at the Millarville Race Track. Always ready to lend a hand and share a laugh. Ernie and Irene Smith

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**Ernie and Irene Smith** - April 06, 2023 at 11:23 AM

AG

“ Our memories of Bill were mainly from our time in Saskatoon and infrequent visits in Regina and Calgary. We have been able to keep track of his adventures, as well as Judy and the family through our nursing reunions.

Bill has had tremendous life challenges in the last few years, he is no longer suffering Judy, he is free to walk his beloved land hand in hand with you. Free to carry on long conversations with the kids and grandkids without hesitation.

Your memories will be the good things that will carry you through the days ahead. He will be in our hearts forever.

Ron and Alice Gibson

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**Alice Gibson** - April 05, 2023 at 11:47 PM

NV

“ This is a truly remarkable obituary to read. What a full life Bill lived , dedicated to his extensive engineering career, his large and loving family, his animals, his broader community and his land that he treasured. A life well lived. We always enjoyed visiting with Bill, at family gatherings or on the sidelines of the many sporting events he was at watching his grandkids. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences, Nancy & Adam Vyse

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**Nancy Vyse** - April 05, 2023 at 10:49 PM

SG

“ Holding the whole family in our hearts' embraces and remembering with fondness Bill's kindness, sense of humor and commitment to not only his family, but also his extended community family.

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**Susan Graham** - April 05, 2023 at 07:52 PM

TF

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Powell Family. Mr. Powell has always and will always hold a very special place in our hearts

the Perrault Family - April 05, 2023 at 06:25 PM

JK

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Powell family. Bill was a wonderful mentor to so many of us at IPC/KPS. Always a friendly face with sage advice.

Jim Kruse - April 05, 2023 at 12:47 PM

LE

“ My condolences to the Powell family.

Lesley Ewing - April 05, 2023 at 11:48 AM

MF

“ My condolences to the Powell Family.



Malmberg Family - April 04, 2023 at 05:33 PM

HM

Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your husband, father , and grandfather.. May you never forget the joy he brought into your lives. .

Helena McMillan, Jim McMillan and Jacquie Schikosky, Terry, Dallas and Austin.

Helena Mcmillan - April 06, 2023 at 03:30 AM

MF

*Judi and family. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*May you have many beautiful memories of all of your yesterdays.*

*With our deepest sympathy..Maureen Emslie and Family. 🙏🕊️*

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**Maureen Emslie and Family** - April 07, 2023 at 05:15 PM

WK

*Judi and family. We are so sorry for your loss of Bill. He filled a special place in our hearts. As do you Judi.*

*Dearly respected for a life well lived!*

*Wendy & Brian Kinsman*

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**Wendy Kinsman** - April 24, 2023 at 07:49 PM