



## Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener

May 22, 1954 - January 16, 2026

It is with great sadness that the family of William Robert Wegener of High River, Alberta, announce his passing on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the age of 71 years, surrounded by his immediate family.

William ("Bill") was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on May 22, 1954, to William ("Bill") and Elizabeth ("Betty") (née Donhauser) Wegener. When Bill was around six months old, the family moved to High River, Alberta, where he would spend the rest of his life.

Bill was one of six siblings: Don, Ken, Murray, Joyce, and Dave. As a young child, he was active in hockey, often playing in the house with his brothers. Bill loved hockey and played as a goalie for the High River Flyers for several years. As he got older, he also enjoyed playing fastball.

Bill met his teenage sweetheart, Sharon Yates, and they moved in together in 1975. He attended the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), where he earned his Red Seal certification as a carpenter. Bill framed many homes throughout High River, Okotoks, Calgary, and surrounding areas. He built the family home where he and Sharon lived for many years. Later in his career, Bill left the house-framing industry to focus on indoor renovations and smaller framing projects such as garages, decks, and sheds, before retiring in late 2024.

Bill and Sharon were married on May 6, 1978. Together, they shared a love of sports, especially fastball, and traveled throughout Alberta and British Columbia while Bill played in tournaments. They welcomed their first daughter, Kristie, on May 27, 1983, followed by their second daughter, Shantel, on March 8, 1988.

Known as a quiet man, or a “man of few words,” Bill was always seen with a smile on his face. Although he wasn’t fond of board or card games like Sharon was, he played anyway to keep her happy. Bill had a deep love for the outdoors and spent many years hunting, fishing, and camping. He was a longtime member of the High River Fish and Game Association, a connection that reflected his respect for nature, wildlife, and the outdoor way of life. Bill enjoyed camping at Dickey Lake in Montana, summer vacations in Sandpoint, Idaho, and quick getaways to McGregor Lake, Travers Reservoir, or Little Bow in Alberta.

Bill was also known for his kindness and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand or offer advice whenever someone needed it.

His biggest guilty pleasure was his sweet tooth, often keeping chocolates or chocolate bars stashed in cupboards or the pantry, and he always looked forward to Sharon or his daughters’ baking desserts for birthdays, family celebrations, and holidays. Like his wife, Bill was a devoted Calgary Flames and Toronto Blue Jays fan.

Bill loved being a grandpa to his two grandchildren, Trace and Tate. He would smile and light up whenever they were together.

Bill passed away peacefully with his close family by his side on Friday, January 16, 2025, at the Arthur J.E. Child Cancer Centre. He was

predeceased by his father, Bill Wegener; his mother, Betty Wegener; and his wife, Sharon Wegener.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Kristie Wegener (Bruce Christianson) and Shantel Moore (Tyler Moore); his beloved grandchildren, Trace and Tate Moore; his brothers, Don (Pam) Wegener, Ken (Hope Ann) Wegener, Murray (Kendra) Wegener, and Dave (Katherine) Wegener; his sister, Joyce (Duane) Briscoe; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bill's life will be held on Sunday February 1, 2026 at 1pm at the Heritage Inn Convention Centre in High River (1104 11 Avenue SE High River, Alberta).

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (<https://cancer.ca/en/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

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (MT)

Heritage Inn, High River  
1104 11 Ave. SE  
High River, AB (CA)

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Laurinda And Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Laurinda and Cornelius - January 31 at 02:47 PM

HM

“ Our sincere condolence to the family. We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We miss the contagious smile of both Sharon and Bill.

Helen and Mel - January 30 at 09:20 PM

CV

“ Condolences to Kristie & Bruce, Shantel & Tyler, Trace & Tate and all the Wegener siblings and their families.



Colin & Dana Valgardson - January 30 at 12:47 PM

JE

“ Judy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



judy elliott - January 30 at 12:16 PM

KF

“ Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



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**Karen Foley** - January 29 at 10:25 PM

MM

“ Kristie & Shantel and families. My deepest condolences



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**Maureen Moncrieff** - January 28 at 01:29 PM

GT

“ Garrett Top lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



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**Garett Top** - January 26 at 07:56 PM

RH

“ Kristie & Bruce, Shantel & Tyler, Trace & Tate, Big, Big hugs to you all. We have so many great memories of both your mom and dad. Many adventures with RBC and of course the time spent at the Ball Diamonds around the country with the Stingers and then of course the get togethers for BBQ's on Sundays after an afternoon of ball. You two grew up on the Ball Diamond. Your parents were amazing people. Can't believe they are both gone and I am sure "Happy" to be together again. Sending so much Love to you all.

*Ross and Roberta*

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**Roberta Hazen** - January 26 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ You are in our prayers; God Bless you all and bring you comfort and peace in you time of loss.  
*Jim and Joan Schell*

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**James Schell** - January 25 at 06:16 PM

AZ

“ Ann Holmes Zirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



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**Ann Holmes Zirk** - January 25 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Selgensen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



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**Sandy Selgensen** - January 24 at 09:44 PM

JB

“ *Lots of great memories of Bill*



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**John and Lisa Bath** - January 23 at 07:06 PM

GB

“ *To the Wegener Families;  
We are so very sorry for your loss of Bill. We have fond memories of him while in school. Grant played hockey with Billy for years. He also worked with Grant & his Dad Norm, building houses for a few years.  
Cherish your memories and keep him close to your hearts!*



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**Grant & Debbie Braaten** - January 23 at 05:13 PM

CB

“ *Kristie ,Shantel and families I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Bill.  
was such a kind man. He will be missed.*

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**Cathy Bradley** - January 23 at 11:58 AM

PH

“ Pam Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Pam Hammond - January 22 at 08:20 PM

RT

“ Ron & Kari Thiessen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Ron & Kari Thiessen - January 22 at 06:53 PM

MA

“ Wegener families.....So sorry to hear of your loss, condolences to all.



marcia ayrey - January 22 at 04:59 PM

JW

“ Jimaine Robinson Walgenbach lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Jimaine Robinson Walgenbach - January 21 at 08:22 PM

JW

*Our Condolences from Me and the Robinson Family's*

**Jimaine Robinson Walgenbach** - January 21 at 08:24 PM

MK

“ *Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



**Mike and Cathy Kendal** - January 21 at 05:00 PM

JH

“ *Jesse & Sarah Hari lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



**Jesse & Sarah Hari** - January 21 at 11:01 AM

WH

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss and send sincere condolences to Bill's family. Bill & Dorothy Holmes.*

**William & Dorothy Holmes** - January 21 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ *Don & Carol Petlak lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



**Don & Carol Petlak** - January 21 at 10:18 AM

CN

“ Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Cyril and Bev Norrie - January 21 at 09:54 AM



“ Deepest Sympathies to the Wegener Family for your loss



Jim Robins - January 21 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk - January 21 at 07:31 AM

GD

“ Gail Donhauser lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Gail Donhauser - January 20 at 10:58 PM

AW

“ Deepest sympathies to you Kristie, Bruce Shantel, Tyler, Tate and Trace and all the family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron & Ann Weston



Ann M Weston - January 20 at 10:46 PM

SS

“ My Condolences to Bill's Family, Brother's and Sister for this loss of another Nephew. May he Rest in Peace. Aunt Suzanna Selzler

Suzanna Selzler - January 20 at 09:58 PM

CI

“ Carrie And Randy Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Carrie and Randy Irwin - January 20 at 09:58 PM

JC

“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. My deepest sympathy to Kristie, Shantell and families. Such a kind, generous and loving dad and friend. God Bless 🙏🙏



Jo-Anne Chipchase - January 20 at 08:46 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear Murray.  
Steve and Ruth Callahan



Steve Callahan - January 20 at 07:50 PM

DM

“ Delilah Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Delilah Miller - January 20 at 07:40 PM

PM

“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Pat and Colleen Mastel - January 20 at 07:36 PM

LZ

“ Leonard Zebedee lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener



Leonard Zebedee - January 20 at 06:38 PM

RW

“ *Richard Wakeford lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



richard wakeford - January 20 at 06:24 PM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - January 20 at 06:15 PM

KS

“ *Kenneth Snider lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



Kenneth Snider - January 20 at 05:50 PM

TG

“ *Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Robert Wegener*



Toni Groeneveld - January 20 at 04:52 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear this. Deepest sympathies to Kristi, Shantal and families.

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**Janine Jacobson** - January 20 at 04:41 PM

PF

“ My deepest sympathies to all the Wegener families.

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**Patti Frey** - January 20 at 02:49 PM