



Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young

July 5, 1953 - October 24, 2021

William Gordon Young, Jr. (Bill) of Cayley AB passed away peacefully October 24, 2021, at the High River Hospital at the age of 68.

Bill was born July 5, 1953, in Prince Albert SK to Gordon and Lillian Young. The family moved to Cayley in August 1962 where Bill lived the rest of his life. He attended Cayley School, High River High School (Senator Riley), Mount Royal College, and the University of Calgary. He returned to his roots and taught school at Senator Riley and later Highwood High School. Since education and children were so important to him, after he retired from teaching, he served four years as a school board trustee.

Bill met his future wife Karyle in 1980 and decided she was the one because she could make gravy out of anything. They married in 1983, and Bill became a husband and father by adopting Natasha and Amanda. The new YOUNG family lived on the same quarter section that Bill grew up on.

He was a lot of things to a lot of people; a son, a brother, an uncle, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a farmer, a coach, a mentor, a teacher, and a friend. His passion was teaching and coaching. He believed in children becoming all they could be. He coached football - his first love, not to be outdone by wrestling - his true love; and girls rugby - a surprise love.

He received numerous coaching awards including the Queens Medal in 1988 and the ASAA Coach of the Year Award in 2016 for his longstanding coaching

career and his dedication to youth. As a farmer he took over the responsibilities of the family farm after his father passed away. Together Bill and his sister Sheila raised shorthorn cattle and made South Valley Stock Farm a well-known name in the cattle industry.

He is survived by his wife Karyle, daughters Natasha Habing (John McManus) and Amanda Young (Roger Middleton), grandchildren Austin, Keiran, and Jenna Habing, sisters Sheila and Almina and her family, his sister Dorothy's children, and a special cousin Dwight Young (Nancy) and their family, his in-laws Colin and Dana Valgardson, Chris and Lynn Valgardson, and Sandra Valgardson and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents Gordon and Lilian, brother Barry Gordon, two sisters Margaret and Dorothy, his parents-in-law Doug and Phyllis, and his "son"-in-law, Reid Habing.

A private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the High River Community Cancer Centre- a truly remarkable place.

In Bill's honour, please hug your family and hold them close and try every day to make the world a better place by remembering all children matter all the time... they are our future.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403-652-4242.

Tribute Wall



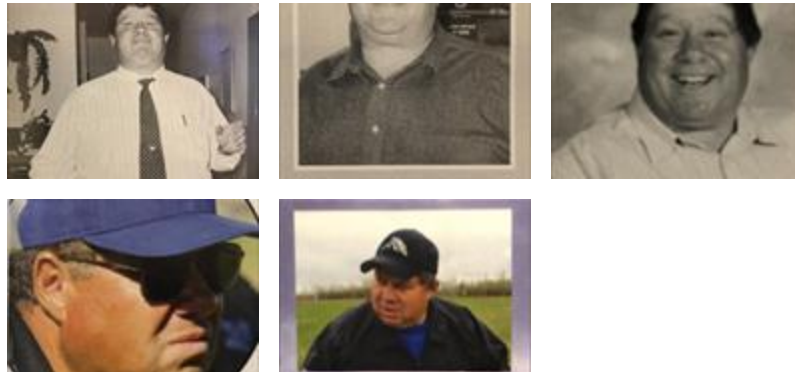
“ Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Lyle Reeves Funerals - October 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

MR

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Mr. Robideau - April 09, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ Dear Coach Bill.

I am sad to hear that you have left us. I had no idea what I was doing when I left hockey for wrestling at the start of my grade 10 year at Senator Riley. While I knew it wasn't going to be like WWF or Stampede wrestling, I had no idea what was in store.

It wasn't the physical strength that was needed to win a match, it was learning how to "be" in the moment; learning how to be present all the while grappling with the opponent and the clock ticking down. It took almost an entire school year of getting beat, before I was able to win a few matches. The following 2 years I won a few matches in Montana (they were tough down there), and was able to participate in the provincials.

It was your leadership style in teaching that humility helped in accepting that a loss is not a bad thing, it's learning lesson. You taught patience because it was going to take many "learning lessons". You taught confidence, to be able persist through all those lessons, and that the light would finally turn on (usually a smile!) that I was getting the hang of a technique.

My wrestling memories are the brightest of my high school experiences. Even though you made us do all those flights of stairs, I appreciated and enjoyed spending that time learning from you.

You will be missed, Bill. Rest well in heaven.

Justin Bouillet

Justin Bouillet - February 08, 2022 at 03:28 PM

ND

“ Young family please accept my sincerest condolences. Your are in my thoughts and prayers. Bill was a giver of his time and remarkable talents and the teams he coached and the people who knew him will forever be the benefactors. Rest well Bill, you will be dearly missed.

Neil Domstad

Neil Domstad - November 30, 2021 at 02:42 PM

DF

“ We have all lost a gem. I have lost a very dear friend, mentor and colleague. FEZ

Darrell Feschuk - November 04, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BH

“ It is hard to imagine FSD without Bill! He has been such a character in the lives of so many people. As a teacher, as a mentor, as a colleague and as a guiding hand as a Trustee . . . Bill made such an impact. So many wrestlers excelled due to his great coaching and if there was a situation that needed to be resolved, he tirelessly fought to make it right. Finally, his speeches were legendary. Whether it was in Social Studies on various topics or at a sports banquet, Bill always had the last word (or words). We will miss your laugh Bill, we will miss you!

Bill Holmes - November 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM

DK

“ I just wanted to let the family know that on Tuesday, Oct 26th, the defensive line players at Bert Church High School in Airdrie paid tribute to Coach Young by breaking their huddle with a chant of "WILD BILL" (one of his lesser known nicknames).

*Rest Easy Coach
Darren King
Defensive Line Coach
Bert Church High School
Senator Riley Class of 89*

Darren King - November 03, 2021 at 12:29 AM

DG

“ My deepest sympathies to the Young family. I just found out of the passing of Bill. I knew him as a marker on the Social Studies 30-1 marking floor. Bill was such a pleasure to talk with and share stories. He was a well respected teacher among his peers. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Dwayne Girard

Dwayne Girard - November 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM

TF

“ Dear Karyl, Natasha, Amanda, Shiela,
Almina, families and friends,
It is so difficult to put into words the profound
influence Bill had with our children growing
up. Teaching teenagers is not an easy task
sometimes but Bill had a knack with them and they responded so
favourably to him. He truly was a gifted teacher and coach, which
our family will ever be eternally grateful for. Bill made school fun for
several generations of students. Our Community was so fortunate to
have Bill Young touch so many people in so many positive ways.
Please know that each and every one of you are in our thoughts
and prayers during this difficult time for your family. Many kind
regards,
Gerry, Glenda, Gerri Lynn, Greg and Grant



The Cutforth Family - October 31, 2021 at 11:06 PM

MM

“ Dear Bill,
Role model, teacher, friend, insightful, caring loving , beautiful, Role
model.

Thank you so much for your influence,
Love
Marten

Marten Majchrowski - October 31, 2021 at 04:16 PM

DM

“ You will be missed Bill. Thank you for the memories!!
-Derek

DEREK MCKENZIE - October 31, 2021 at 03:00 PM

BW

“ *Here's to you big Bill. You were a great guy to hunt with and visit with. My world is better because of people like you. I'll be having a drink to you this evening. Bill Wymore-Highwood High teacher for a short while.*

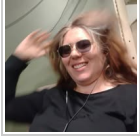
bill wymore - October 29, 2021 at 06:27 PM

G(

“ *Geraldine (Egeland)German lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Geraldine (Egeland)German - October 29, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Mr. Bill Young and outside of school, Uncle Bill, was a kind and compassionate man. As a teacher, he mentored so many of us and had a killer Chretien imitation. When he saw that I needed a safe place to go so I could take a time out from those who sought to bully me every day and, when tough times hit, he was more than happy to tell me stories about history and life in his classroom after I had finished my lunch.*



He was also a fine, encouraging coach. As a terrible wrestler, I found myself discouraged at times, but he was always there to push me forward, to teach me to keep my focus on the end goal, and to help me be the best me that I can be. Ultimately, he was always teaching.

We also had great times shooting trap at his farm. He was there when I was dubbed Annie Oakley. He was there when I shot my .22 X-bolt for the first time. He was there when I was learning my way around my Remington 870 shotgun, which I had to grow into a little bit.

But, he was there for other critical moments. He was there when I wanted to cry in school. He was there to negotiate a delicate issue involving a written threat. He was there when I laughed at his incredible stories or surprised him with knowledge of code names. He was there for students and athletes without fail; indeed, we loved and respected him for the time he spent caring about his students--when he was being silly, strict, or observant. I wish I could tell him his lessons have stuck with me throughout my life.

My parents, Mr. Bill Wymore and Mrs. Janet Wymore, enjoyed his company and thought of him highly as both a colleague and a man. On behalf of us all, our condolences to the entire Young family and extended family. He shall be missed.

*With Love,
Jennifer E. Wymore*

Jennifer Wymore - October 29, 2021 at 04:19 PM

IM

“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. What a guy! You will be sorely missed by so many. Rest in Peace Bill.*
-Irene

Irene Montgomery - October 29, 2021 at 01:27 PM

LM

“ *Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Lorna McLean - October 29, 2021 at 11:15 AM

DW

“ *Darryl Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Darryl Williams - October 29, 2021 at 12:52 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Mr. Young was a great teacher, and he had a clear passion for helping kids be the best they could be. I'll always remember Legal Studies class, his love for Social Studies, and how he and Mr. Fez liked to pester each other. He will be greatly missed.

Claire McGuigan - October 29, 2021 at 12:33 AM

GP

“ Sincere condolences to the Young family. Bill was an exceptional person who will be missed by so many.

Geri and Al Polanchek



Geri and Al Polanchek - October 28, 2021 at 09:58 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Metcalfe lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Carolyn Metcalfe - October 28, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LR

“ Bill Young was by far one of my favorite teachers in High School. He was also a favorite coach as well because he kept my little brothers both out of trouble while they were part of the wrestling teams. He will be missed. To the family you have my heartfelt condolences.



Lila Roth - October 28, 2021 at 06:53 PM

OB

“ *Shiela, Almina, Kathleen and families.
Our sincere condolences on Bill's passing.
Another angel has earned his wings.*

*Love your Manitoba cousins
Opal & Willard
Kristi, Tim & families*



opal barnes - October 28, 2021 at 06:42 PM

LS

“ *Lorna And David Schultz lit a candle in
memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Lorna and David Schultz - October 28, 2021 at 12:03 PM

SF

“ *My most sincere condolences to the Young family. Bill was a
wonderful teacher, coach, man, and a treasured friend. May your
fond memories of him bring you comfort.*

Sharon Forbes - October 27, 2021 at 11:46 PM

RW

“ *Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in
memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Russ & Sharon Watkins - October 27, 2021 at 11:23 PM

KN

“ Sincere condolences to Karyle, Tasha & Family. Bill was an amazing teacher, coach & Grandpa, He will be greatly missed.



Kathy Nielsen - October 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

BG

“ Brenda And Graham McCredie And Girls lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Brenda and Graham McCredie and girls - October 27, 2021 at 09:38 PM

KJ

“ My daughter had the honour of being coached in wrestling by Bill. We as a family are grateful for his unapologetic style of coaching and honouring her accomplishments. Thank you for being a positive influence in my daughters life and thank you to your family for sharing you with so many.

Kathy Johnstone - October 27, 2021 at 06:07 PM

JE

“ RIP Mr. Young. To his family my condolences. He was one of my favorites and his words of encouragement are with me many years later. He influenced so many lives. I hope he was aware in life the peoples lives he influenced for the better and how many of us will forever be changed by knowing him.

Jennifer Edwards - October 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM



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



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - October 27, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ I knew Bill through the Rugby community and on a personal level. He grew the game as well as friendships. RUCK on Bill. Cheers, Steve Wager (FCHS Coach)

Steve Wager - October 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ It was a great privilege to work with Mr. Bill Young at Highwood for many years leading up to his retirement. I was able to see how he invested 110% in his students both on the field and in the classroom. His approach to learning and athletics was very inspirational to everyone around him. I helped him as an assistant coach with a few teams over the years and during that time I saw how he approached his responsibilities to his athletes with a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week mentality. He tried his best to get to know the needs of each and every one of the students under his care and that effort and impact will continue a very long time into the future in the hearts of those Mustangs and in the families that they raise. He truly was a one-in-a-million colleague and I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to work with him. Once a Mustang, always a Mustang!

Mr. Robideau - October 27, 2021 at 11:01 AM

BE

“ Karyle, Amanda, Natasha, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill's positive impact on kids in FSD is legendary. Some of my best conversations with Bill were recently when I was at Blackie School and he was the Trustee. He didn't wear a different hat, he was still in it for kids and wasn't afraid to say what he thought of things from ALberta Ed on down. Plus he listened to what you had to say. True to the end was Bill, one of a kind.

Brian Erickson

Brian Erickson - October 27, 2021 at 12:19 AM

DF

“ Karyle (AKA Mom), Natasha, Amanda and family

Coach will certainly be missed by myself and I am sure by his many past wrestlers. I had the fortune of being part of the Senator Riley team in the early 90's and many of the tough love lessons that he had for all of us wrestlers will be with me for the rest of my life. Bill made all of us feel that we were part of something bigger than a team, we were part of a FAMILY that was meant to stand up for all of our brothers on and off of the mat and certainly we looked out for our two sisters (Natasha and Amanda) He cared for all of us as if we were one of his own and wasn't afraid to give us a swift kick in the butt when we needed it followed up with a giant sized hug or slap on the shoulder.

Thank you Coach for all of the Lessons, the Love and the Laughs (Lord knows we had lots of those on the road trips) You will be missed! Rest in Peace.

D'Arcy Finlay - October 26, 2021 at 11:26 PM

GG

“ Sheila, Almina and the rest of the families and dear friends. We are so sorry for the passing of Bill. I was looking at pictures of past family reunions and times we visited from Manitoba and they brought back a lot of memories. We are thinking of you and sending big hugs for all of you. Lots of love from cousin Gladys in Portage.

Gladys Green - October 26, 2021 at 09:50 PM

BP

“ Compassion for family, education, school sports and our “S” green Riders is what our friend lived for. Never a dull moment with Bill but was true to his word. You will be missed.

Brian Popowitch - October 26, 2021 at 08:27 PM

BM

“ Bill was passionate about everything! Whether it was football, rugby, wrestling, legal studies, social studies, cattle, horses, hunting or a good debate, you always knew where stood. I personally loved BS'ing with Bill after school ... about almost anything. Maybe my personal highlight was the time “The Social Boys” of Highwood travelled to Washington DC on conference. Bill made a difference to so many people our community ... you'll forever be missed, but NEVER forgotten.

Barry Malech - October 26, 2021 at 08:24 PM

M(

“ RIP Mr. Young. I have so many memories with this man. From school to sports, to family, and then right to my kids being in school. He will be missed tremendously. Thank you for everything. Mrs. Young, Tasha and the young family, I'm sorry for your loss.

Mel Lindsay (Goodison) - October 26, 2021 at 08:01 PM

TG

“ Tyson Geres lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Tyson Geres - October 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM

HG

“ Sincere condolences to Karyle and family. Bill was a true educator, mentor and coach. Working with Bill was always interesting. In staff meetings when Bill had the floor he always had a story to go along with the point he was making. Sometimes the stories were short but not often. As a staff we listened and knew there was a point to what Bill was saying and the point was always what was best for the kids. May your memories help you as you move forward and give you pause for a smile thinking of Bill.
Heather Goode

Heather Goode - October 26, 2021 at 02:58 PM

NG

“ Karyle, Natasha, Amanda & family,

There are just so many things to say about Bill and I would be here for days. All the memories from Senator Riley to Highwood and beyond. We had so many fun times filled with tons of laughter, Bill was an extraordinary person and changed the lives of so many students, he was so respected and loved as the Social Studies teacher, wrestling coach etc...always a long list to get in his class. Bill was a one of a kind and touched so many people with his kindness and loyalty to the community; Bill's passing is such a great loss to the world Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time....rest in peace BY!! .

Nicole Gaja - October 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM

RD

“ Karyle, Natasha, Amanda & family,

We share in your sorrow at the loss of Bill. We hold many fond memories of heading down the road to the wrestling tournaments over the years. When needed, Bill was not afraid to show the kids ‘tough love’, but in the end, they always knew he cared and only wanted to bring the best out of them. They weren’t just part of a team, they were family. Bill made the difference in many of his students lives. His was a life well lived. RIP Bill.

Rob & Diane Delanoy

Rob & Diane Delanoy - October 26, 2021 at 02:25 PM

BM

“ Sincere Love and Prayers going out to the family Was a very good neighbour and had lots of long conversations out by the fence line.

Bob and Carol Murray...



Bob and Carol Murray - October 26, 2021 at 01:10 PM

JW

“ Dear Karyle, Tasha, Amanda and families
*Bill's presence was larger than life, and he made a huge impact on everyone who knew him. He was a dedicated, remarkable, and influential man who gave his all to his students and education and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely: Steve and Jana Wager (nee Wardley)*

Jana Wager - October 26, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ Bill always enjoyed a good catch-up visit with everyone but his actions always spoke louder than his words. He understood the values that high school sports ingrained in his players. Things like determination, resilience and character that is so needed for these kids to survive but also to thrive. All gems are polished with friction and our community has lost a very valuable and exceedingly rare GEM of a man

Tim Skory - October 26, 2021 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ Bill was a remarkable man who will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Les and Judy Habing

Les Habing - October 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JL

“ Bill your dignity and kindness as a teacher and rugby person will be forever remembered. My thoughts are with you and your family.

John Long (Rundle College rugby)

John Long - October 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CG

“ Thinking of all of you at this time,



Christy Geres - October 26, 2021 at 10:46 AM

CC

“ You know that you have had a life well lived when you have touched the lives of so many young people and that will be Bill's lasting legacy. My deepest sympathy to Karyle and the Young Family. "Forever a Mustang" Cathy



Cathy Couey - October 26, 2021 at 10:25 AM

CT

“ Coral Timchak lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Coral Timchak - October 26, 2021 at 09:33 AM

JG

“ Absolutely devastated at the loss of one of the three most influential men in my early life. More than a teacher, more than a coach and more than a friend. I don't think you ever knew how special you were and are to so many people.

Jason Geres - October 26, 2021 at 02:28 AM

WB

“ Bill was very influential in my life. Wrestling and football coach, teacher, employer, mentor and friend, I've thought of you often and am very grateful for your guidance. My deepest condolences.



Wayne Beaton - October 26, 2021 at 01:54 AM

MR

“ *Marjan Ruitenschild lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Marjan Ruitenschild - October 26, 2021 at 12:47 AM

JW

“ *Jaime Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Jaime Webb - October 26, 2021 at 12:13 AM

BJ

“ *Bernie Janssen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Bernie Janssen - October 25, 2021 at 11:33 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



lisa wegener - October 25, 2021 at 11:19 PM

MS

“ No one did more for amateur athletes than Bill (and Karyle) Young! No kid was ever left out of wrestling, football (and later rugby) due to finances. Bill and Karyle always found a way. The tens of thousands of miles they traveled up and down the highways in terrible weather, all to get kids to another tournament. The thousands of dollars out of their own pockets to buy a kid a meal on the road, the countless evenings and weekends dedicated to starting the High River Amateur Wrestling Association, again, all so kids could participate, truly selfless Bill was. I know Karyle is still with us (thankfully) but Bill didn't do all he did alone, it was a family effort!

Karyle, Tasha p, Amanda and families, I am so, so sorry for your loss, but I'm so grateful for all the years I got to be part of Bill's life. Much love to all of you!

Myrna Shoults

Myrna Shoults - October 25, 2021 at 11:09 PM

DH

“ I remember being a student at Highwood High School and Mr. Young was my social teacher and football coach. His ability to recall information and teach it in social was astounding. He had a vibrant energy to him that could keep you focused during the entire class. He was a phenomenal and passionate football coach too and I deeply valued all the memories and good times I had on the football team. Mr. Young was such an amazing teacher and coach. I feel a deep sadness when I found out about his passing. I have nothing but good things to say about him. I would like to thank him for being an outstanding person! I will miss him!

Dominic Hill - October 25, 2021 at 11:07 PM

LH

“ This guy was different than most ❤️ He taught me through high school and was one of those teachers who genuinely loved his job. He was passionate about everything. (Especially the world war, wrestling and football) but most of all he cared about his students and would find the spark in anyone and encourage them to follow their dreams. He left a mark on High River that will live on forever! Rest easy Mr. young! ❤️❤️❤️
Lana Harrison

Lana Harrison - October 25, 2021 at 10:59 PM

TA

“ Every so often you hear the statement “they broke the mold when they made that guy”...Mr. Young is “that guy”. There will never be another like him.

Trevor Allan - October 25, 2021 at 10:43 PM

CL

“ Cal & Wanda Longson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Cal & Wanda Longson - October 25, 2021 at 10:36 PM

VJ

“ RIP Mr. Young, you were an amazing teacher and great mentor. You were one of my favourite teachers and you were there when I needed you most. I'll never forget your smile and the kindness of your heart. You'll be greatly missed.



Virginia Jones - October 25, 2021 at 10:35 PM

MD

“ *Melanie Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Melanie Dale - October 25, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ *Mr. Young was one of a kind. I will never forget baffling him when my twin and I would trade places on April 1st. R.I.P. Mr. Young.*

Kari Watkins - October 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

RK

“ *Mr. Young aka BY to many of us will forever hold a spot in my heart. He was truly a one of a kind man and a true symbol of what an educator should be. Rest easy Mr Young*

Ryan King - October 25, 2021 at 10:15 PM

CM

“ *RIP coach young I was very pleased to no you as a person, as a teacher and a coach I will greatly miss you*

Clarence Michaud - October 25, 2021 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ *RIP Coach. The lives of all your former students, players are all little less full now that you have gone. You will be terribly missed. Thank you for being apart of my life.*

Duane Argue - October 25, 2021 at 09:34 PM

WR

“ *what a beautiful man, my condolences to your family and friends. He made high wood high school the best, I have a lot of fond memories with him that I will treasure! Big hugs , you will be missed!*

whitney riehl - October 25, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JK

“ *Mr. Young was one of a kind. Many words could be used to describe this wonderful person. "Genuine" is the one I would choose. He was a fantastic teacher and friend. Thank you for everything, you will be missed. Heart felt prayers and love.*

Jace Kilgour - October 25, 2021 at 08:13 PM

BK

“ *Mr. Young was a wonderful teacher who incorporated real life, made positive relationships with his students and was not afraid to offer the real world advice we all needed. Now as a teacher and looking back his dedication to extra curricular and the legal field trips we all adored was nothing shy of going above and beyond for his students. Thank you for being a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher.*

Bailey Kwiatkowski - October 25, 2021 at 07:48 PM

SM

*My condolences to the family.
I liked Mr Young and he was always a great coach*

sharon mattice - October 25, 2021 at 08:32 PM

HN

“ Our sincere condolences and many thanks to Mr. Young for the good things he poured into our children. He has left a tremendous legacy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bill & Heather Nelson

Heather Nelson - October 25, 2021 at 07:38 PM

GP

“ *Bill Young was the salt of the earth In everything he did. He truly was one of a kind, his dedication to family, education and life itself is unmatched. I will never forget the conversations both in and outside High School. A supporter for any student who needed a lift when others would turn the other way. Rest Easy B.Y! Happy Trails until we meet again!*

Gino De Paoli
Highwood High School 2002-2006

Gino De Paoli - October 25, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ *Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Sheila /Lawrence Storoschuk - October 25, 2021 at 07:32 PM

TA

“ *One of my favorite teachers. He was always kind, encouraging and jovial. He touched so many lives and will be fondly remembered. ❤️*

Tara - October 25, 2021 at 07:23 PM

AZ

“ Karyle and family I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Young was a great teacher and community person. We were part of his original Grade 7 class and grew up under his care at Senator Riley. He was the perfect combination of teacher, counsellor and fun. Many times he'd be ready to pull his hair out in class and a minute later would be laughing along with us “It must be nut day in the squirrel factory” remains a favourite Cuddles quote of mine. Rest in peace Mr Young. You will be missed.

Ann Holmes Zirk - October 25, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LI

“ My sincere sympathies to Bill's family and all whose lives he touched. There is no doubting Bill's passion for teaching, coaching, all things politics, and most of all, his family. When he took his glasses off, I knew I was in for a great conversation. You've left one helluva legacy Bill and I'm going to miss you.

Lori Isberg - October 25, 2021 at 06:54 PM

BD

“ Bill was such an inspirational teacher. As a colleague in the Division he was supportive, intuitive and encouraging. His coaching ability and his enthusiasm for anything that made things better for “the kids” was whole heartedly endorsed by Bill. You will be missed by so many. You made a difference! My condolences to your family. Sincerely Bev De Paoli

Bev DePaoli - October 25, 2021 at 06:21 PM

DH

“ Sincerest Condolences to Karyle, Natasha & Amanda.
I was so fortunate to have known Bill throughout my entire teaching career in Foothills School Division, as both a colleague and as a Cayley School parent.
He was very passionate about his beliefs, his football, his wrestling, all his students and his family.
Bill will be forever missed.

Dave Holowaychuk - October 25, 2021 at 06:17 PM

KG

“ Mr. Young (aka Cuddles) was an amazing teacher, coach and mentor. He touched the lives of everyone he taught in some positive way. I have great memories of him teaching at Senator Riley. He will be missed. Sincerest condolences to his family.

Karen Gibson - October 25, 2021 at 06:03 PM

RM

“ Ray & Maureen Moncrieff lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Ray & Maureen Moncrieff - October 25, 2021 at 06:01 PM

TC

“ Dear Karyle, Tasha, Amanda and families. Sending you hugs and strength as you grieve the loss of Bill. He touched the whole community as a teacher, a coach and a friend. He will be missed.
Dan & Trudy Campbell and family

Trudy and Dan Campbell - October 25, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SR

“ Mr. Young was my teacher, my brother's coach and a lifetime family friend.

He will truly be missed and my heart goes out to his family and friends.

Mr. Young was my brother, John Randle's, wrestling coach, I will always remember and cherish the many trips to wrestling tournaments in my parents, Fred and Pat Randle's, green Ford van traveling either to or from these events with me, my dad, my brother and the rest of the wrestling team and me being the only girl stuck amongst a van full of loudmouthed, stinky, sweaty teenaged boys. Either listening to them talk smack and/or about girls, cars, etc... Having the radio cranked, or an 8-track cassette tape playing, sometimes singing at the top of our lungs some 80's music. Lol. He was my teacher in Personal Psychology class at Senator Riley, and I will never forget having to read a paper in front of the whole class, so first of all this paper was an assignment where Mr. Young had put us in groups of 3, but for a reason I can't remember, I wasn't at school for a couple of days and so the other two girls in my group, Nichole Williams and Deanna Light odyssey had written the paper, so since I hadn't helped on it, I was the one who had to read it in front of the class, needless to say I should have read it over before I read it to the class, I didn't, so huge embarrassment soon followed because there happened to be a word that was repeated often in this paper, the word was organism, but instead of saying "organism", I kept saying "orgasm". Well, you can guess how the other students in the class reacted to it, I kept reading even though I kept seeing people giggling and some outright laughing. Teenage humiliation ensued. Lol

As I said above, Mr. Young was a close family friend, so one evening, Mr. Young had stopped by for a visit with my parents, it just so happened that my best friend, Nichole Williams was have a sleepover, so we decided we were going to be the hostesses. We served a beautiful and scrumptious plate of my mom's homemade baked treats and made a pot of tea, I remember feeling very proud of ourselves, Mr. Young was eating some treat, and drinking his tea and then my mom sat down to join them, and shortly after my mom

popped back up and came to the kitchen, where we were, tea pot in tote, and quietly informed us that they were drinking hot water and not tea, we had forgotten the tea bags. Lol. And Mr. Young hadn't said a word, obviously seeing had proud of ourselves we thought we were. Lol. Both of our faces were bright red. That's been a story Nichole and I have never forgotten and still laugh about.

Even though I'm an adult I've still never been able to call Mr. Young "Bill", even though he'd asked me to, I just think, to me, it was/is a sign of respect.

Mr. Young was a gem, very precious and special, I will truly miss him as I know so many others of us students will.

Thank you Mr. Young for all the great things you have done for so many of us.

Shelley Randle - October 25, 2021 at 05:47 PM

AC

“ *I wired with B Y at Highwood and have so many positive memories. When I was at another school and he was a trustee he always made a point to stop by my classroom and give me a huge hug and tell the kids to listen to me because I was a good onealways made my day and knew just what to say to build someone up. He will*

Be greatly missed. What a huge heart and personality to go with it.

Amanda Corson - October 25, 2021 at 05:41 PM

MI

“ *Mr young was my wrestling Coach way back in the day. He was a great guy! Then a few years later he became my law teacher. I have many memories though out the years with him in them from class and my wrestling tournaments. He will be missed!*

Michele - October 25, 2021 at 05:40 PM

DY

“ *Mr. Young was an amazing teacher, coach and friend... I remember his Law classes with fond memories, my favorite class. Condolences to family, friends and fellow students! ❤️*

Diane Smyth (nee Young) - October 25, 2021 at 05:39 PM

RR

“ *Karyle and Families, We are so sad to hear of Bill's passing. What a loss. Bill was an amazing person. Always Smiling and always genuinely interested in what the kids were up to. He was a Fantastic Teacher and Mentor and Community Supporter. Please accept a Big Hug from The Hazen's one and all. xxoo*

Roberta & Ross - October 25, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family. He was a great colleague for many years. We team taught social studies for many years. Add to that a great number of years coaching together on the Senator Riley Mustangs and the Highwood Mustangs. He will be sorely missed. Life ends, but memory lives. Barry & Barb Cosgrove and family, Brent and Burton. A memory from Brent - Mr. Young used to tie me to the tractor so I would not fall off. Great memories!*

Barry Cosgrove - October 25, 2021 at 05:31 PM

JD

“ *RIP Mr. Young. You were my favorite teacher in high school. I will miss your good nature and your wonderful attitude to us kids. You treated me with respect and I felt so glad that you were my teacher. My deepest condolences to all of the family. You are all in my prayers.*



Janice Danyluk (Baker)

Janice Danyluk - October 25, 2021 at 05:24 PM

SD

“ *Karyle, Natasha and Amanda and families I am sending my deepest condolences on your loss of Bill. I know he will be greatly missed by all of you and many, many others in the community. May your memories help you through this great loss. Sincerely, Sharon Doll*



Sharon Doll - October 25, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Dearest Karyle and girls, my deepest condolences on the loss of Bill. Wonderful memories of our friendship of long ago.*
Leslie Yeager

Leslie Yeager - October 25, 2021 at 04:51 PM

PI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Phil Irwin - October 25, 2021 at 04:50 PM

PI

Bill Young was an original Senator Riley Mustang ... once a Mustang, always a Mustang! He was # 62 on the field and #1 in our hearts!

Phil Irwin - October 25, 2021 at 04:56 PM

JV

“ Jackie Vicente-Lovell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Jackie Vicente-Lovell - October 25, 2021 at 04:48 PM

HE

“ Mr young you will be deeply missed and you were a great teacher rest easy mr young !!!

heather - October 25, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MB

“ Mike Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Mike Bradley - October 25, 2021 at 04:46 PM

MD

“ My sincere condolences. Bill was a tremendous influence on me as a young man and I am very grateful for the work ethic he instilled in me. I remember his openness to take me onto his team as a newcomer to town with no experience. He taught me how to work hard and enjoy it along the way. The kids today will never know the joy of wrestling a bear or crashing helmets the way Billy could. He will be sadly missed.

Mike Dobovich

micheal dobovich - October 25, 2021 at 04:46 PM

MB

“ BY was the one that got myself and many others into rugby and coached us through so many rough times. He was on -of-a-kind and will be massively missed in the Cayley and High River communities, and in many hearts across the country for all the students whose lives he touched.



Meghan B - October 25, 2021 at 04:37 PM

DY

“ So saddened to hear of Bill's passing. My heart goes out to Karyle (Mom), Amanda and the entire Young family and friends. Bill was an inspiration not only as a coach but as a human and a father. He would always try to find the best in people and encouraged us all to be and do better. His light will be missed by all who knew him.

Devin Yeager

Devin Yeager - October 25, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mr. Young/ coach. I will always remember you as the one coach who believed in me. The Teacher that was always trying to find a way to help me understand school. you will be missed.*

Sara Ruth - October 25, 2021 at 04:00 PM

CM

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Mr Young passing away. He was one of our Favorite teachers in the 80s who made us laugh and lead with his heart. Lots of fond memories at SRHS. Sending warm thoughts to his family, friends and students. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.*



Carla Mitton - October 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ *Sam & Grace Ledoux lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Sam & Grace Ledoux - October 25, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SG

“ *BY was the reason I was able to succeed in life. He helped me get through highschool and actually graduate, which many people never thought would happen. Every lunch I was in his classroom doing class work and even just chatting about all my “teenager” problems which he would always tell me to get over it and take the bull by the horns. When I say he was a crucial part of helping me be a successful women in life I mean it and I couldn’t be more grateful for everything, every convo, every time he yelled at me on the soccer pitch, or even helping me score in football. I know that BY is looking down on all of us, probably yelling, but I’m glad he’s not in pain and Passed peacefully because that man deserved the world because he gave so much*

sierra garner - October 25, 2021 at 03:48 PM

DL

“ *Until the news today, hearing Bill Young’s name always brought a smile to my face. You can’t help but admire someone who was so willing to selflessly give his time for all the right reasons. Bill Young simply made both his community and the world a better place. My thought are with the Young family and the Foothills family....*

Del Litke - October 25, 2021 at 03:47 PM

PZ

“ *Karyle and family, we were saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. He was such a great people person and a terrific mentor to all he crossed paths with. Bill will be missed by all who knew him.*

Treasure your memories, they will help you get through the tough days that lay ahead.

Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee



Pat Zebedee - October 25, 2021 at 03:44 PM

LI

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Lori Isberg - October 25, 2021 at 03:43 PM

TB

“ So s orry to hear of Bill’s passing. He was a valued member of our wrestling community and will be greatly missed. Sincere condolences to his family.

Tammie Bradley, Alberta Amateur Wrestling

Tammie Bradley - October 25, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LK

“ Mr Young was an amazing man with a huge heart and unmatched integrity... I always loved talking cows and farms with Mr Young in school and enjoyed his stories. His advice and life lessons will forever guide me and even years later when I came back to work with Mr Young at Highwood not only did he remember me and insisted that I call him Bill (which I never was able to do lol) but also continued to be inspiring as a colleague... Rest In Peace dear sir, you have earned it

Lynette Kent - October 25, 2021 at 03:36 PM

LA

“ So sorry to hear. His passion for teaching, coaching and learning will be remembered. Wishing his family softness and good memories.

Laurie - October 25, 2021 at 03:28 PM

LL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Bill always had a story for me every time he came into Division Office. We will miss him.*

Linda Longson



Linda Longson - October 25, 2021 at 03:20 PM

CF

“ *Callahan Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Callahan Family - October 25, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JM

“ *B.Y. was one of the greatest impactors on my young life. Not only my social and law teacher, rugby and football coach, Mr. Young, taught me about defying the odds against you and to get back up when you fall (dislocate your knee on the rugby pitch). I have never seen someone so passionate about sports, storytelling, legal matters, cows, and getting off track in social class. Without him, I wouldn't know the importance of teamwork, a mental mind, and a strong body- nor will I be able to attend a buffet and not think about his plate of shrimp. I will dearly miss B.Y. and will fondly try to be the best me in remembrance of him.*

Thank you for believing in all of the smart-mouthed teenagers that came across your path. Your dedication and devotion to the bettering of all will be a strong legacy.

Jessica Mills - October 25, 2021 at 03:18 PM

DA

“ Thoughts and prayers with you during this time from the Armstrong family.

Darhyn Armstrong

Darhyn Armstrong - October 25, 2021 at 03:15 PM

CB

“ Karyle and family. I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. He was great wrestling coach to our kids and I remember watching him play high school football with my brother. He did so much for our community.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Cathy Bradley

Cathy Bradley - October 25, 2021 at 03:08 PM



SW

“ Bill was an awesome coach. He was a mentor & the guy who backed his students and athletes. You will be missed and you did make a difference. Rest easy Mr. Young

Sherry Whitford - October 25, 2021 at 03:05 PM



WI

“ Mr. Young when I was younger , Bill as I got older . Great coach , great neighbor and I always enjoyed talking with Bill when I would see him at the store . Funny memory of Bill when I was younger I would drive past his house on the way to school “ IRWIN!!! Stop revving your damn truck past my house or you'll do laps ! “ I did a lot of laps . I will miss seeing Bill . Rest In Peace

Wes Irwin - October 25, 2021 at 03:04 PM

LC

“ Bill always saw both sides of the story and was a shoulder to cry when needed. He was an amazing friend, teacher and mentor. Fly with the angels my friend. You will be greatly missed 🥺

Lisa Corbett - October 25, 2021 at 02:59 PM

KB

“ Kandice & Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Kandice & Bruce - October 25, 2021 at 02:58 PM

LR

“ Leah Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Leah Randle - October 25, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JS

“ Mr. Young was a very special person in my life and I always knew he had my back throughout my academic and athletic careers. I will always remember when put in all the work of hosting provincials at Highwood even though I was the only wrestler on the team at that point; that tournament built some of my most cherished memories and it never would have happened without Mr. Young. Really, my whole wrestling career wouldn't have happened if he had not tracked me down in the hallways when I showed up at Highwood to get out and wrestle, and I will always remember the effort and time he put into making me the best I could be on and off the mat. I'll miss catching up with him over lunches and chatting about wrestling, I think he'd be happy to know I remember how to do a Peterson roll (even though I never did when he shouted it from the corner). Mr. Young was a great mentor and friend to me and I'll really miss him.

Josh Skory - October 25, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DA

“ I enjoyed having Mr. Young as a teacher. He always told really good stories.

Dara - October 25, 2021 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ Chase sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



chase - October 25, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ Chase lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



chase - October 25, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JM

“ One of the most dedicated coaches I've ever had the pleasure to meet, Bill truly was a giant among men when it came to shaping young athletes' lives. Always wanting the best for the kids, and ever an encouraging word. My sincere condolences to Karyle and the family.

Jim Morgan - October 25, 2021 at 02:46 PM

NB

“ My sincerely condolences to the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Young will truly be missed.

Nancy Barton - October 25, 2021 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ A pleasant and good man who touched a lot of lives in the community. Rest In Peace Mr. Young. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Dirk Snider - October 25, 2021 at 02:38 PM

K(

“ Im so sadden to hear about B.Y.'s passing.. He was an amazing rugby coach and friend. He helped me with countless hard times in High School and was so much more then just a coach. He cared for everyone that had the pleasure of crossing paths with him and made sure to let everyone know how worthy they are. I'm so appreciative of his wise words that I've never forgotten to this day and his hilarious banter on and off the field. Ill always remember our little road trip to the hospital on one of our Victoria trips after I destroyed my ankle. He made a point to make it entertaining and stop at the prison so we could get a picture, stop for food and wait with me for hours in the waiting room. His thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. My heart breaks for his family, sending all my love ❤️

Kaylee Rose (Pelley) - October 25, 2021 at 02:38 PM

HM

“ Karyle, Natasha, Amanda and your families, our deepest condolences to you all. Bill will forever be in our hearts and memories with the many, many hours we spent in the gym with the wrestling program. We first met Bill when he recruited our son Ben in Grade 8. Throughout Ben's high school career Bill was there encouraging him, always pushing him to be a little better, dig a little deeper. We have so many happy memories of working together on the wrestling committee board, putting on tournaments, hosting provincials. Bill touched so many lives throughout his teaching career. He will be missed.



Heather, David, Ben, Madeleine & Spencer Meszaros

Heather Meszaros - October 25, 2021 at 02:35 PM

MI

“ *This is heartbreaking. He was so much more than a teacher and coach to us, he was a friend. His laugh could brighten the darkest of days. My heart and deepest condolences goes out to Natasha, Amanda and his family. Lost but never forgotten. ❤️*

Michelle - October 25, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JN

“ *Our sincere condolences to Bill's family in his passing. He will long be remember for the many contributions he made to family, friends, students and colleagues and the great memories he left others, of times spent together.*

Harvie and Judy

Judy Nielsen - October 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM

NS

“ *Nikki Skelly-Gialleonardo lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young*



Nikki Skelly-Gialleonardo - October 25, 2021 at 02:27 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Young has been a favourite of mine for over 30 years. He was one of my favourite teachers back when I was in High School, he became even more special to me as an adult. His dedication and hard work in the classroom and on the rugby field is one of the main reasons my daughter was able to graduate. It was through his support and motivation that we were able to get her through. Thanks for everything BY you will be missed by so many.*

Stephanie Bakaluk - October 25, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CF

“ My condolences to BY’s family. Bill was an amazing teacher, coach, friend and mentor. He will be greatly missed. There are so many great memories of “cuddles” I could share. Legal studies class was always a blast and showed me that I really did want to practice law. Bill supported me in my quest for a law degree and was the third person I told when I was accepted into law school. Bill was also my fathers friend and shared stories with me about my dad after he passed. He gave me an amazing gift by sharing these memories with me. Bill you will be greatly missed.

Caylene Foley - October 25, 2021 at 02:23 PM

SD

“ My condolences to all those who loved Bill. Bill you made the world a better place and you will be missed.



sheri dwernychuk - October 25, 2021 at 02:15 PM

RF

“ Ralph, Brenda Bedson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gordon Young



Ralph, Brenda Bedson & Family - October 25, 2021 at 02:11 PM

TB

“ I remember the day Mr. Young arrived at Senator - his first year of teaching. He was a big guy, with an even bigger presence and the most profound passion for ALL kids. He was always good for a conversation whenever we ran into each other. He was a colleague as well and then a trustee for our school division. He will truly be missed by so many. My heartfelt condolences to his family - thank you for sharing him with so many 💜💜 Tammy

Tammy Beach - October 25, 2021 at 02:06 PM

SL

“ My deepest sympathy to Karyle, Tasha, Amanda and your families on the loss of Bill. I first met Bill as a teacher when I was in his grade 8 social class at Senator Riley. It was much later that I got to know Bill when my son was on the mustang football team at high wood high school, then later when my son and daughter joined the Mustang wrestling. My husband Greg and I became drivers and spent many hours travelling with Bill and the team to different tournaments. Win or loss Bill was always there to correct what you did wrong but also encouraged the children to not give up and move on. Bill you will be missed by many. Rip Bill.

sandi Lewis - October 25, 2021 at 02:04 PM

PR

“ My condolences to Bill's family. He will be very much missed. He remained a strong advocate for all children throughout his life. Foothills School Division is better for his contributions.

Pam Rannelli - October 25, 2021 at 02:04 PM

AT

“ Truly a community icon Mr. Young was. Thoughts and prayers to Carol, Tasha, Amanda and family. He has been a mentor, friend and huge community supporter for many years to all.



Athena. - October 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Karyle, Natasha, Amanda and your families. My first memory of Bill was as one of his students, I was in one of his classes his first year at Senator Riley. Our paths crossed again as colleagues when I became a teacher and joined the Senator Riley Teaching staff a few years later. Bill was my mentor as a coach, both on the field and in the Gym, as well as a teacher in the classroom. A story teller at heart, Bill could capture the attention of any student who would give him even half a chance.

Fonda Vadnais - October 25, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RC

“ My condolences to the family on hearing of the passing of bill he will be sadly be missed by those that knew him ,as a retired employee of Ufa high river I knew Bill as a valued customer and waited on him when he made purchases , I enjoyed our brief talks we shared ,fromwwhat he told me he enjoyed life to the fullest during his days of teaching and coaching he will be sadly missed by all Richard. Cradduck

richard cradduck - October 25, 2021 at 01:44 PM

RT

“ Brian and I are deeply saddened learning of the passing of Bill💙. Our deepest sympathies to all of the family!! Bill, you were so great to work wth, the students loved you!! You will be missed! Rest In Peace BY☐💙🙏

Rhonda Timm - October 25, 2021 at 01:43 PM

RL

“ My heart breaks for your family with the loss of Bill. Bill was one of the best men and so committed to his community and students that he taught and coached. Always challenged people to think further! I always loved our conversations and know he will be greatly missed by many. Lots of love to your family. ❤️

Rhonda Longson - October 25, 2021 at 01:26 PM

EM

One of my favourite teachers by far. My condolences to your family.

eric martin - October 25, 2021 at 01:42 PM

DH

My deepest condolences to the Young family. I have known Bill since our teenage years in Cayley. His was truly a life well lived. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Donna Hopkins

Donna Hopkins - October 25, 2021 at 07:25 PM