



Mr. William Thomas Laird

February 14, 1931 - July 12, 2019

Mr. Bill Laird of Okotoks, AB passed away on July 12, 2019 at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, AB at the age of 88 years. Bill is survived by his son Robert William (Wendy) Laird; grandchildren Donald (Betsy) of New York and Amanda (Simon) of High River; great-granddaughters Brinley and Everly. Bill was predeceased by his wife Olive on November 4th, 2017.

Bill was born in Winnipeg, MB and grew up in Birds Hill, MB. His family operated a fox farm and he had many wonderful stories of his youth. He had an amazing long career working for Manitoba Hydro. He was transferred from the south to the north. The family lived in Brandon, Boissevain, Morden, Winnipeg, Thompson and then finally to Portage La Prairie. Bill retired and he and Olive moved to Okotoks, AB to be closer to his family and grandchildren. Bill was involved in many community projects in Okotoks. He was particularly interested in his involvement with the organization, Healthy Okotoks which was instrumental in attracting more doctors to the area. Bill was also past President of the Highwood Conservative Constituency. Bill was a sports fan and was a Dawgs baseball seasons ticket holder from day 1. He also loved curling, baseball and golf and continued to swing the clubs until his age prevented him from doing as well as he used to. He was a member of the Queens own Cameron Hylanders as well as a member of the Legion. He also sat as a member of the Public Utilities Board in Manitoba.

Bill was always willing to help in the community in any way that he could. It should also be mentioned that without a doubt he was the best neighbour anyone could ask for.

His sudden passing will leave a hole in the hearts of many who knew him, but his memory will live on forever.

A Memorial Service will take place on Friday, August 16th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Okotoks Evangelical Free Church, 28 Westland Road, Okotoks, AB.

To send condolences and view Bill's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Okotoks Evangelical Free Church
28 Westland Road
Okotoks, AB T1S 1T2 (CA)

Graveside Service

AUG **16** (MT)

Okotoks Union Cemetery
30 Westland Street
Okotoks, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to Rob and family.
I first met Bill in 1976 when he selected me to work for him in Thompson. I worked with him as well in Portage La Prairie. Little did I know then we would develop a friendship which would last for over 40 years. Bill was a very interesting and challenging person to have a conversation with, very strong views and well thought out positions on subjects. You had to be careful he was not sometimes pulling your leg just to see if you were on the ball or not !! Then laugh when he caught you. He was always there to assist others when in need. Last summer Bill journeyed East to Manitoba for a visit, he said it would be his last trip back to Manitoba. We had a great day visiting and meeting with old work mates in Portage. This spring on a trip to Calgary I met with Bill for coffee and it happened to be his birthday. It was a usual visit of old friends. He was a great mentor for me and others. I greatly appreciated his friendship and wisdom. Will miss receiving his emails with jokes and political comment and perspectives. Bye my friend RIP.
Jack Wilson

Jack Wilson - August 09, 2019 at 10:23 AM

AM

“ *Bill was one of my all time favourite community volunteers and the best lunch partner I will miss our always interesting conversations I loved the twinkle in his eye when he was about to create a little havoc. A life well lived*
Anne Mackay

Anne Mackay - July 24, 2019 at 02:06 PM

RA

“ *Deepest Sympathy on the loss of your loved one. We were blessed to have Bill as a friend for over 40 years. We will miss him!! He always kept in touch. Very young at heart. Reg and Florence*

Reg Abbott - July 20, 2019 at 10:40 AM

DO

“ *So sorry to hear of your Dads passing,Rob. He sounds like a wonderful gentleman. Our sympathies to you and Wendy and all the Laird clan. Donna and Bert*



donna - July 18, 2019 at 05:41 PM

SG

“ *Our sympathy to Bill's family on his passing. Bill sat behind us at the ballgames and was a friend indeed. His knowledge of the game was immense. We will miss him greatly. Allan & Sheila Gehrke*

sheila gehrke - July 18, 2019 at 01:46 PM

JM

“ *Our thoughts are with you all in the loss of Bill. Bill joined the Dementia Friendly Coalition two and a half years ago as we were embarking on a project to support those with dementia in the community. His valued thoughts as a Caregiver were much appreciated. He certainly was a man dedicated to making a difference in the community. Our condolences on behalf of the DFC Coalition.*

Jennifer Mallamo (DFC Coordinator, Okotoks)

Jennifer Mallamo - July 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM

HM

*I am very sorry for your loss. We knew Bill as our backyard neighbor across the fence. He was a very sweet man and we would have a chat when we were back there working in our yards. Always had a smile.
Jim and Heather Masters*

Heather and Jim Masters - August 03, 2019 at 01:56 PM

ML

“*Sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. I’m going to miss our visits, phone calls and texts. Rest-In-Peace Bill, you’re with Olive again my friend. My deepest sympathies to Bill’s family.*

Marcel Levesque - July 15, 2019 at 11:27 PM

SB

“*Our deepest sympathy in your loss of a great man; the best neighbour we will ever have. Losing Ollie was heartbreaking, but Bill was always there to catch a high 5 from all our kids as they grew up and than our granddaughter. My heart and our neighbourhood will forever have a hole which can’t be filled. We love you Bill and miss you more than words can express.*

The Bahl Family

Stacy Bahl - July 15, 2019 at 08:11 PM