



## Mr. William Joseph Rowley

December 20, 1941 - May 1, 2026

Mr. William (Bill) Rowley passed away on May 1, 2026 at Intercare Chinook Long Term Care in Calgary at the age of 84 years.

Bill is survived by his children Clinton (Sandi) Rowley, William (Alana) Rowley, Nancy Brososky, and Laura Matthews, 18 grandchildren; Chris (Ali), Lisa (Rylan), Melany (JC) ; Anthony, Nick (Carly), Matt, Jaden (Marlou), Alivia and Noah; Ethan (Shallyn) , Amy (Travis), Angi (Michael), Will, Mike (Ayden), Tanner; Jim, Ben, Teresa (Chad), and 12 (plus 1 expected) great grandchildren, sister; Moriah (John) Field and brothers; Ian (Alma) Rowley, Stuart (Charlene) Rowley, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

After high school Bill attended Berean Bible Institute with the idea of becoming a missionary but having to pause to earn money for further tuition discovered that God had other plans for his life; he met and married his love, Dorothy, and they raised their children , mostly in the Eckville area, Bill working in the oil and gas industry with a little hobby farming on the side. He and Dorothy then moved to Black Diamond then Calgary and ended up in High River for their later years. Bill enjoyed the outdoors and would spend days fishing or berry picking along the streams, and carving whistles for the kids. His biggest enjoyment was his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was always concerned for their wellbeing. Bill was a man of good character and high integrity with a strong work ethic who lived that example. He was always quick

to help with any project but didn't often ask for help. He once shared, "Two things in my life I have never regretted; having Christ as Lord of my life and marrying your mother".

Bill is predeceased by his wife of 59 years Dorothy (2020), infant son Donald Hugh (1963), and son-in-law Howard Brososky (2026).

~Phillippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Memorial Donation Charity: Southern Alberta Bible Camp Box 99 Lomond, AB  
T0L 1G0

Or Bethel Union Church (expansion fund) Box 231 Leslieville AB T0M1H0

A Family Graveside Service was held at the Highwood Cemetery.

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

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Dave And Heather lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



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**Dave and Heather** - May 21 at 12:03 PM

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“ *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yr4iX9TvOM8&list=RDwVoLuGusFaY&index=17>*

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**Loved** - May 11 at 06:16 PM

JR

“Grandpa Rowley was the only grandfather I had in my life, so he had two pairs of shoes to fill, but I think he filled six or seven, probably more. He was wise, humble, devoted, silly, compassionate, and loving. When I think about Grandpa, a lot of things come to mind. I think about all the wooden whistles he made for me, or the first time we caught a fish and got to eat it. I never knew fish had so many bones until then. I think about him letting me play pool and darts at the Senior’s Centre when old Ralph wasn’t looking. I think about him pulling money out of my ear at Callaway Park lineups, and laughing at my stupid jokes. I think about him and Grandma driving to Kelowna twice in 24 hours because they couldn’t find us, or something like that. It was probably my dad’s fault but they came back anyway. I think about him and Grandma visiting me all the way in Victoria when I was in college. They had like a hundred descendants and still had time for all of us. I think about that time Grandpa and I were building a desk and I drilled through his hand by accident. I was mortified, figured he’d need a new finger or something, but he just looked at it and said something like “what did you do that for?” and let out his classic wheezy Grandpa laugh. To this day I’ve never met anyone with skin as thick as Grandpa’s, and I mean that in more ways than one. I also remember the first time I got a hug instead of a hand shake from Grandpa, and I wasn’t sure what was happening or why. But whether it was a hug or a hand shake, what I’ll remember most from Grandpa is the love that he radiated. He didn’t have to say it or show it or hug it onto me. In Grandpa’s presence I always knew that I was loved, not for the things I did or said, but simply for being. I was loved because I was his grandson, and I always knew that in his presence I was acknowledged, accepted, and welcome. The door to his home and his heart were always open, and for that I know that Heaven’s gates are wide open for him. So even though I’ll miss Grandpa’s peaceful, steadfast presence, I’m joyful knowing he’s with Grandma and everyone else up there, rejoicing in a new, everlasting life.

Love, Jay

**Jaden Rowley** - May 09 at 02:24 AM

DD

“ *Uncle Bill was just the best! He always had a smile and was positive and kind. His faith in God was a true inspiration. He was a favourite uncle! Clint, William, Nancy, Laura and families, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of your Dad. May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort. Hugs to each one of you* ❤️

**Dallas and Susan Donaldson** - May 08 at 08:36 PM

RA

“ *Ron & Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



**Ron & Ann** - May 08 at 02:52 PM

MF

“ *My brother, Bill, whose Christian faith never wavered! On May 1, Bill went home to be with Christ, his wife, his wee boy, his parents, his sister and others. His last message to me was that he was bewildered as to what God's plan was for him. Now he knows! My brother was one of the finest and upstanding men I have ever met. I thank God I had the privilege of being his big sister. Bill enriched many lives with his humor, his faith and his genuiness. I love him dearly. Thank you for a life time of memories, Billy. Your sister, Mary.*

**Mary Field** - May 08 at 11:49 AM

MF

*Clint, Nancy, Will , Laura and your families...Your dad and grandpa was a very special man. He was a loving and genuine man who also had a stubborn streak a mile wide. He was meticulous in whatever he was doing! Digging fence post holes or cleaning windows... barn windows at one point. The Eckvillie farm was a show piece and we all loved going for a visit. He was one of a kind, your dad and grandpa...and with your mom, they left our world a better place. God bless you and love you ... 🙏🙏🙏*

Mary Field - May 08 at 10:02 PM

JA

“ *Julue Allan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



Julue Allan - May 08 at 02:26 AM

JO

“ *Bill always had a good sense of humour, RIP*  
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Justine Ott - May 08 at 12:06 AM



“ *Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



Gordon & Sharon Wagner - May 07 at 05:07 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



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**Tammy Meadows** - May 07 at 09:08 AM

RC

“ *Rob & Vickie Connor lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley*



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**Rob & Vickie Connor** - May 07 at 08:53 AM

RC

“ *Our deepest sympathies. What a lovely, kind, and gentle man. Rob and I always enjoyed visiting with Bill ...May all your wonderful memories live in your hearts.*

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**Rob & Vickie Connor** - May 07 at 08:52 AM

DB

“ *Condolences to the family, Bill had made my grandson a whistle out of bark he will always hold a special place in our hearts!*



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**Dana Blaeser** - May 05 at 12:04 PM

GL

“ Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Rowley



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Gail Lewis - May 05 at 10:56 AM

SG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Please know our hearts are with all of you - Clint, Nancy, Will, Laura and your families- as you navigate this difficult time. Time spent in your home was always warm and welcoming, a reflection of the kind of man he was. He was the Uncle who truly enjoyed engaging with kids. He had that gentle way of teasing that made everyone feel included and I will always remember his great smile and the many games of 500 at their acreage in Eckville. His meticulous care of his home, his vehicles and himself was simply part of who he was. I hope you find comfort in knowing he is reunited with Aunt Dorothy now. ❤️ Sandra and Darcy

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Sandra Grenwich - May 05 at 09:37 AM

MA

“ Deepest condolences on the loss of Bill. He was a great man. Hold your memories close to your heart. They will be of great comfort. Love and prayers, Rick and Mary Martineau



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Mary - May 05 at 01:36 AM



“ *Will, My sincere and deepest condolences to you and your entire family. Derek & Sophie.* 🙏❤️

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**Derek Bissonette** - May 05 at 12:47 AM