

Richard Charles Havens

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Our father, grandfather and great grandfather, Richard Charles Havens (Dick) passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the age of 93 years. Dick was born on March 17, 1929 in Madden, AB, and was the only child to Ray and Martha (Walsh) Havens.

Dick attended school at Beaver Dam and went on to study at Olds Agricultural College. While in Olds he played hockey on the College team, where his love of sports formed. Dick's rodeo career started at the age of 16 when he mounted his first bronc at the Dog Pound Stampede. Over his rodeo career, he rode several times at the Calgary Stampede and became a Canadian Champion Bareback Rider. He continued to ride bareback horses for 22 years and his love of rodeo continued throughout his life.

Dick married his soulmate, Clara Hale, on November 23, 1951. They together had 3 children, Reba, Raymond and Connie. They lived, loved and ranched together on the farm at Madden for over 30 years. Dick loved spending time with his friends and family in his retirement. He was often found doing a round of golf with his

friends, right up until he was 92 years old. He would never shy away from a game of poker or crib with buddies, especially if there was a bet involved. Dick and Clara also escaped the winters to Phoenix, Arizona where they golfed, relaxed and visited with friends.

Dick loved to watch his kids and grandkids in their various sports and rodeo events. He was always so proud of his families accomplishments. He spent his last days doing what matters most, spending time and visiting with his loved ones.

He is lovingly remembered by his children, Reba (Murray) Taks, and their children, Julie, Ryan (Kendra) and Kevin (Amy); Raymond (Liz) Havens and their children, Blaine (Pam), Jeff (Penny) and Cody; Connie (Ron) Randall and their child, Dana. He also has 9 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 69 years, Clara in September 2020; his parents, Ray (1954) and Martha (2002); and his special cousin, Lou Cairns (2017).

A Celebration of Life for Dick & Clara will be held at Madden Community Hall on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 2:00PM.

Messages of Condolence

My heart aches for the Haven family. We are never ready to say goodbye to anyone, it does ease when you talk about all those years filled with memories. Gone but never forgotten.

Love Bev

— **Beverly Lovell (McBride)**

So sorry to hear of the loss of you dad, Reba, Raymond and Connie and families. He was a gentleman and a great man. It is a great loss to lose one's parents. Our deepest sympathies are with you. ☐ ☐ ☐

Gary & Donna

— **Gary & Donna Rach**

When I arrived in Crossfield in the early 1980s to work at Davis-Rairdan, Dick was one of the first clients I met. I quickly learned how he loved to tease! Living with Connie on the farm, Dick and Clara treated me like family. I was fortunate to visit with Dick last December, when we reminisced and laughed. His sense of humour was intact!! My deepest condolences to Connie, Ron and Dana, and all of the Havens clan. He will be missed.

— **Lori Miller**

Our deepest sympathy with this loss. We were fortunate to see him one last time a few weeks ago. Rest in peace mr. Havens. It was a pleasure knowing you. Willian Verhees

John Rasmussen

Laurent and Florence. Holland.

— **Willian Verhees**

Our condolences to Reba & Murray, Raymond and Liz, Connie and Ron and their families. We have good memories of Dick and Clara, especially the first time I (Darlene) and Jack went to Phoenix, Dick and Clara hitched a ride with us..it was quite a fun time.

We know they will be missed by many and always remembered in your hearts.

— Jack and Darlene Beddoes

A life well lived, and a beautiful legacy left to honour Dick... Our sincere condolences to his family as we know he'll be missed...

~Tony & Linda Backs~

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Sincere thoughts to Dick and Clara's Family at this sad time. They will be fondly remembered by many many people.Karen, Ken and Family

— Ken and Karen Murdoch

Our deepest condolences to Reba, Murray, and all the Family. Dick was always an enjoyable customer to deal with, and never made anyone feel uncomfortable. I know he will be missed, but hearts will be full because of his presence.

Don & Ann Benkie

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Condolences for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to your family at this time.

— Matt Juristy

My deepest sympathy to Reba Raymond Connie and families I have many fond Memories of staying at Dick & Claras farm on weekends & summer's Dick used to let me run the tractor at haying time and drive his pick-up around the farm and always had a horse to ride at a young age I really enjoyed staying there I would call Dick, on his birthday St Patrick's day easy to remember they will be missed Dick & Clara RIP.

— **Randy & Lennisen Reeve**

Our deepest sympathy to the family on your loss. Your parents were truly the salt of the earth.

Dick was a roll model for a lot of farmers in the area. Dick, as they say, cut a wide swath.

They were great neighbors growing up and will be dearly missed.

— **Ron & Rose Brown**

Reba, Raymond, Connie and families. We are sorry to hear of Dick's passing; there will be a void that will never be filled but the memories created and the life lived will live on through you and those who knew him well. Our deepest sympathies, Greg & Cheryl R and family

— **Greg & Cheryl Rockafellow**

We enjoyed our time with both Dick and Clara. Wonderful hard working people who loved their children and were so proud of them

— **Jim and Joyce Calwell**

To Reba, Murray and family I'd like to express my deepest condolences. I'm very sorry to hear this news.

— **Steven Ryan**

Condolences to all the Havens families .

A life we'll lived-Dick will be missed by all that knew him

— **Bill Morison**

My sincere condolences to the Havens family. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you have.

— **Pam Sinclair**

Condolences to everyone in the family, many fond memories help ease the pain.

— **Jo Tennant**

Sincere sympathy to all the Havens families in the loss of Dick & Clara. Our hearts to out to all of you.

Barb & John Hinger

— **Barb Hinger**

Sincerest sympathies to all your families on the passing of your Dad, Grandpa & Great-grandpa! Never easy saying goodbye to someone you've known your whole life! Treasure all the good times! Hugs, Bob & Norma

— **Bob & Norma Bilben**

Our deepest condolences to Raymond, Reba, Connie and all of the Haven families. We are so sorry we could not be there in person for their Celebration of Life but were thinking of you all on that special day for two special people.

John and Sharon

— **John and Sharon Stayura**

Sending our sincere sympathy to the Havens family

— **Randy and Mary Ellen Herzog**

So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. How well I remember when he was bareback riding at the same time as my husband Happy. May wonderful memories help you all through this difficult time.

— **Sharon Tegart**



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