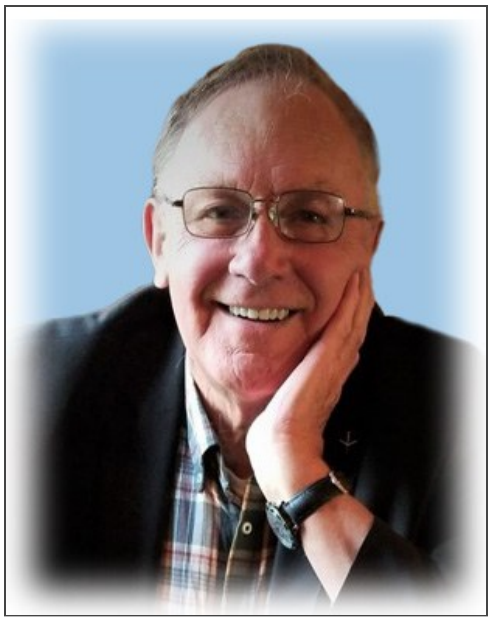
Robert James Lovig



APRIL 24, 2021

Robert James Lovig

Born November 7, 1939 – Died April 24, 2021 at age 81.

With great sadness we mourn the loss of Robert. J. Lovig. Robert passed away from heart complications at the Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary, AB, Canada. Robert is survived by and greatly missed by his 3 children, Laura, Sarah, and Campbell (Culham-Lovig); and his family in Australia, his brother, Peter Lovig & his wife, Sandra; and two nephews, Scott and Simon and their families. Robert was predeceased by his parents Herbert and Nellie Lovig.

Robert will always be remembered for the love he had of his children, the joy he found while getting lost in the pages of a good book, his fondness of all things Australian, “lousy sense of humor” (his words), and the adventures he relived through his story telling. The empty space in our lives left behind by his passing is overwhelming and devastating but our memories with our father will always be cherished, and still he brings on smiles to our faces.

A small Private Celebration of Life will be held by Roberts' family in the coming weeks. If you have any messages of condolences or memories of Robert to share please share them below or send them to sarahc-lovig@hotmail.com.

Messages of Condolence

June 11, 2021

Dear Sarah, Laura and Campbell,

You may not remember me but I met you three in the hospital when your dad got his heart valve transplant many years ago.

To me, your father was a very very deer friend. We worked together doing the Valley Ridge school rout after our commuter run for many years. Later we than worked together at National. And when he retired we would have lunch or dinner every month. We always talked and laughed and laughed. We had many things in common and always shared stories. He always introduced me to others as his “Spanish friend”.

We poked fun at each other and shared news of the most treasured part of our lives - our children.

He was always proud of you, his children, and would tell me in great detail what each of you were up to. There are many things I admired about your dad. But, the one that impressed me the most was the love and devotion he had for each of you.

I last spoke to Rob in late March or early April. We had our regular talk that would last at least an hour. Because of the pandemic, we missed our usual lunches together.

On the first week of May, I came down with COVID and was hospitalized. Later that month I was finally discharged from the ICU. Since June, I’ve been trying to contact Rob. I thought that maybe he had gone to Australia and had disconnected

his phone.

I just learned of his passing this afternoon. I'm heartbroken. I will truly miss my good friend. I can only imagine the great loss you three must be experiencing. May your sorrow be comforted by the memory of him.

I will miss all the laughter we shared together. Our last lunch together was before the pandemic hit. I was always struck by how he always had the waitress' attention and had them hanging on his every word filled with his Australian charm.

Truthfully, I was jealous. So, I threatened him that I would have him deported if he didn't drop his Aussie accent and spoke english properly.

He chipped back at me, "Hey, my Spanish friend, it's my accent that draws the ladies to me."

To swipe off his cheeky grin, I replied, "Well, it definitely isn't your looks."

We would have so much fun together. He was a beautiful man filed with humour and never shy to enlighten you with his opinion over anything and everything.

It is with deep sorrow filled with tears that I share my memory of him with you. My life was truly blessed to have had your father as my good close friend. I will miss him terribly.

I do not know when the memorial for Rob was held. I'm so sorry if I missed it.

Sincerely,

Rob’s Spanish friend

Erles LeMaro

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— Erles LeMaro

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