William "Wayne" Lucas

MARCH 16, 2017

LUCAS, William “Wayne”

William Wayne Lucas took his last ride across the Great Divide on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the age of 69. He was on born on May 10, 1947 in Vulcan, Alberta to Bill and Opal Lucas.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 45 years, Judy; his children, Marla (Maury) and their children, Ashton, Amanda and Reegan; Brett (Caro) and children, Chance, Zack and Felicity; Flint (Elise) and their children, Sutton and Maybry; and Rustin (Aaron) and their children, Conner, Colson, and a coming addition due in the fall; and sister, Marlane Valentine (Don). He was a terrific uncle to many nieces and nephews. Wayne was predeceased by his parents and infant brother.

Wayne grew up and attended school in Vulcan. He married the love of his life, Judy, on August 14, 1971. In 1974, they settled on their own piece of paradise in the Porcupine Hills, west of Claresholm. It was here that they spent their life, raising horses, cattle and their four children. Wayne valued his family above all else and his family’s passions became his passions. This showed in the leadership roles that he took in 4-H horse and beef clubs, and director of high school rodeo. He also played key roles in both the Appaloosa and Percheron Horse Clubs. Cherishing his neighbors and friends, he was a strong believer in the power of working together. Wayne enjoyed branding season where he could gather ‘em, heel ‘em, and was an expert with the irons. Wayne was always up for a chance to

help friends and neighbors and have a good time afterwards. Team roping was a passion of Wayne’s and he participated in the sport up until his passing.

The family invites you to join them for a Celebration of Wayne’s Life at the Claresholm Community Centre on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be in Wayne’s memory to the Claresholm and District Health Foundation, PO Box 2638, Claresholm, AB, T0L 0T0 (https//www.cdhealth.ca).

Messages of Condolence

My heart breaks for you all. Try and remember all the good things he taught you throughout your lives and the love he showed to you and your families. A good man was taken way to soon. HUGS TO YOU ALL

— Skip & Lenora Selk

My thoughts are with you all. I stayed with you on a ranch holiday June 2016 and was overwhelmed by your hospitality. I shared many a joke with Wayne and he taught me how too rope "practice practice practice" thats what Wayne told me and i did early 6.30am every morning. I only spent 7 days in the company of this great man and was touched by his family values, horsemanship and his decent values on life. Id met my 1st proper Cowboy Wayne Lucas had True Grit. God Bless x

— jane chance

Judy and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy. From the Cormier family.

— Dan & Linda Cormier

Judy and family

Our condolences.

We are mindful of your heart in these recent days of grieve and the days to follow of Wayne's passing. We will be out of the country and sorry to say unable to attend Wayne's funeral service. We're very sorry that we will not be there.

Wade & Kathy

— Wade & Kathy Nelson

To Judy and the entire family, my sincerest condolences.

— Phil Viger

Wes and Annette would like to extend our very Sincere Sympathy to Judy and the entire extended Lucas family.

— Wesley Alm & Annette Rush

To the Lucas & Umscheid families,

Very saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.

— Norma Blake

My condolences and deepest sympathy go out to Wayne's family, a great loss to all, especially my brother Joe, God took another good Man way to soon, Wayne may you R.I.P.

— Anna Marie Boyce

Sorry to hear of your loss. We got to know Wayne throw Percheron horses.

Thoughts and prayers to you all

— Wayne &a Elaine Cozart

Dear Lucas Family:

I am so sorry for your loss. I greatly appreciated Wayne's influence growing up in Claresholm as a member of the 4-H Beef Club. You're all in my thoughts; I'm very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Cathy Price

— Cathy Price (Borthwick)

Very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Our prayers and sincere condolences are with you, Judy and your family.

— Doug and Sandy MacPherson

Judy and Family - we are so sorry to hear of Wayne's sudden passing. Please know you are in our prayers - we trust your precious memories, your strength and love for each other and that of your friends will help to sustain you through this difficult time. Wayne was a good guy and will be missed.

— Rob & Lynda Purdie

So sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathies.

— Connie Hubka & family

To the Lucas Families

May the constant love of caring friends soften the sadness. May cherished memories bring many moments of comfort. And may lasting peace ease your grieving heart.

Wayne's presence will be missed in the barn during the Heavy Horse Show at Stampede.

— Sylvia Hunter

I'' so sorry to hear that Wayne Passed away. All my condolescence to you.

I will always remember the great time that I could spend with you!!!

Yours ,

Ilona

— Ilona Walter

Dear Judy and entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you my prayers so you may be strong and stand close together in these sad and difficult times.

From all my heart,

Gina

— Gina Boy

We are so sorry for your loss .

— Kim and Grant Gee

Thank you for making my dream come true at your ranch. I will never forget you.

— Susan Horton -Barr

Sincere condolences to your entire family..

— Marian Johnson

I am so deeply sorry that Wayne's family have such a difficult and painful loss to deal with. Wayne was such a fine gentleman, horseman, rancher, and just a lovely, friendly man to have known. My sympathy goes out to all his family. You had one of the best. He will continue to watch over you all. God bless him and his family.

— Carol Henker

To: Judy and your family. It feels like it was only yesterday that we visited with you and Wayne. So glad we had that opportunity and that memory will stay in our minds forever. Our thought and prayers are with you at this time.

— Bill & Kay Slemko

We are so sorry for your loss. May your years of memories of him comfort and support you thru' your lives without him. Take time to remember the fun times with him, for there are many.

— Keith and Sheila Wilson and Family

We all send our love and condolences to the Lucas and extended family. Incredible loss and our hearts and prayers are with you all.

— Buck, Susie, Crystal, and Kyle Waters and family

Judy and family, so very sorry to hear of the loss of Wayne, loving husband, father, Grandpa. Share your precious memories and hold each other close in the days ahead. Thinking of you with Deepest Sympathy. Julie Nelson

— Julie Nelson

Judy and family I am very sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

— Cindy Jocksch

We are so sorry to read the sad news about Wayne. We will never forget our visit to Lucasia the year Lloyd judged draft horses at the Stampede.
It was great to see Wayne when he was in this area.
Our sympathy to Judy and the family. Treasure all the great memories.

— Lloyd & Marlene Langille

Judy and family ...so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing ... our deepest condolences .

— Gerald & Ginger Deitz

We are so glad Wayne got to spend the majority of his life in the Porcupine Hills, a precursor to the eternity he will spend in heaven. So sorry for your loss though. Be encouraged by this message.

— Norm, Donna, Neil & Jennifer Ward

I have a lifetime of memories from my time spent with Wayne from childhood up to adulthood. I always have admired his special bond with horses and our mutual love of them.
I will miss him a lot and wish to express my sincere condolence to Judy and the whole family.
From RD, Lois and Gothard Family

— RD GOTHARD

We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.
Hugs for your family.

— Kevin & Jayne Gillespie

Our thought and prayers are with you and family.

— Dennis and Dorothy Atkinson and family.

Our sincere sympathy to Judy and family. May your many good memories help you thru this difficult time

— Eldon and Barb Lyall

I visited the ranch May 2016 and became part of the Lucas household for a week; what an honour that was. I loved every minute of my stay. On the day of the cattle drive I felt very emotional as it was a long-held dream come true; thank you Wayne for making that happen. I am shocked and saddened by your passing; I can only imagine how bereft your family must be feeling. So sad that you were taken so soon. It was a pleasure to meet you Wayne and you will remain in my heart forever. Rest in peace.

— Sarah Stanley

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and sorrowful time.

— Rick and Sue Sears.

I was very sad to hear of your family's loss. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

— Lindsay Sears

I met Wayne over 40 years ago at the Royal in Toronto. We had many opportunities over the years to discuss life and Percheron Horses. He was a gentleman and someone I truly respected. I regret not making the time to speak with him recently, I often think of him and he will be truly missed. My condolences to Judy and the family.

— Kim Davidson

Our hearts are truly saddened by your extremely sad news of Wayne's passing! Things just won't be the same in our neighborhood without ol' Wayne! He always had a smile on his face, and was ready to tease, and joke at the drop of a hat! I personally have many memories of those! He was a man of honor, and kindness, and ready to help out anyone in trouble, or anyone who needed his help! We are so grateful to have known him as a good friend, and neighbor! Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with all of the Lucas family during these hard times! We'll all remember the good times with Wayne! He was one in a billion!!
"We are honored to have had you, Wayne, in our lives!!! You will be missed!!"

— Charlie and Sherry Ewing

I was saddened to learn of Wayne's passing he was a rare breed that shared the little piece of heaven that is your ranch with those he knew for a long time and those only visiting for a short stay. He shared bits of wisdom that I carry with me wrapped in the respect I have for the family he raised. May you find peace in the days ahead in you cherished memories and knowing Wayne will always be remembered fondly by those near and far.

— Dave Henley

our hearts are with the lucas family at times like this, wayne was a real gentleman.

— mcgibbon family (carlaw clydes)

My sincere condolences to Judy and the whole family during this tough time. Wayne (and Judy) were always up for a good visit, and my heart goes out to their family and friends.

— Terri Mason

So sorry Judy and Family to hear of Wayne's passing. You guys got married the weekend after we did ! Sounds like you will have many happy memories of living in "the hills"
Thinking of you all

Ron &Bev Deitz

— Ron & Bev Deitz

Our condolences go out to you and your family .from being our best man at our wedding to being best man at everything he did he will be greatly missed .

— Bob and Gail Gatto

So very, very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Our deepest sympathy to all of you.

— Garth and Janice (Kowalewski) McFarland

Marlane:
Although I did not know your brother except to know he was involved when your dad and my dad worked with 4H, I do know you well. Please do accept my profound sympathy upon Wayne's passing.
He was far too young to leave this world!

God bless you all.

Kaye

— Kaye Fisher

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Wayne's Family
So very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing
My thoughts & prayers are with you all
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Jerry Oleksyn WAKAW, sASK

— AUDREY WORONIUK

Thinking of you during this sad time.

— Dianne Jackson

Please accept our sincerest condolences at the passing of your loved one. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers

— Joseph and Julia Waldner

Dear Lucas Family, and Valentine Family,
I was sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was far too young. May fond memories of happy times enjoyed together bring you comfort now and in the future.

— Patty Atkinson

Gone far too soon! To Judy and her family and their families, my sincere condolences. May all the good memories bring joy to your hearts in this difficult time. Wayne was a true friend, always available for a good visit at Stampede time while showing his Percherons, a tough competitor at the Appaloosa shows, and a superb guide when we spent time at your vacation ranch. He was a great person and one who will be sorrowfully missed.

— Doreen Claiter

Connie and I are very sorry to hear of Wayne’s passing. So many people admired him for his honest friendship and his great community spirit.

This is a great memory I have of Wayne. It will be 20 years ago this August that Wayne and I won the amateur team roping at the Fort Macleod Highwood Auction at Aldersyde which was held as a customer appreciation event. The way it unfolded was like one of those once in a lifetime experiences that just happen and work out better than if they had been planned. To start with Wayne and I got partnered up at the very last minute. We had 2 head the first day and I messed up heading so we only got one time. I felt bad because Wayne was throwing some great heel shots. I went home after the meal but Wayne stayed for the Calcutta. Later in the evening I got a surprise call from Wayne saying we made it into the buckle round in last spot on our one head and we owned ourselves in the Calcutta. We sold pretty low.

Anyway our fortunes improved greatly the next day. I managed to turn both head for Wayne who made a couple of his textbook clean shots. The results were that we won the event and we each received one of those coveted buckles that Highwood Auction was known for plus we won the calcutta.

Wayne’s obituary makes mention of the importance of his family in his life. I learned a real great example of his family values after this event occurred. As years have gone by whenever we have met one or the other of us would ask the other how his buckle is doing. On several occasions he would tell me that his buckle was at home and the buckle he was wearing was one he won with one of his boys. I thought that really says a lot about Wayne’s values and where his heart was at. Hearing him say that has really stuck with me through the years and I had no doubt of the love he had for his family.

Again Judy and family please accept our condolences for your loss of Wayne. He was involved in so many things that his loss will be felt by many friends. Wayne was always a great friend to me and I treasured this special bond with him.

— Connie and John Loree

Our condolences to Judy and family. Wayne was a great 4H leader and friend. We know our Dad /husband (Don Jess) really valued his friendship and knowledge when he started working with Percherons.

— Susan Landgrebe/ Lee Peters/ Betty Jess

Deepest condolences to all the Lucas family....Wayne was a great guy.....lots of awesome memories from the Appaloosa shows

— Al, Anna and Kim Dunz

Judy & Family; Marlane & Family,
I am truly shocked hear of Waynes passing...way too young! Just thinking back to the school bus rides, 4-H Club and neighboring farms as kids growing up. How quickly the time passes! I remember Wayne's love of horses, raising cattle and his work ethic.
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Love & Blessings Always!
Beverley

— Beverley Harris (Andrews)

Judy and family , what a shocker . We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. It's been far to long and now to late for another visit . We think of you often and cherish our memories of the ranch visits , trail rides and horse shows . Where have the years gone . You are in our thoughts and prayers . Just found out today April 2 . What a great tribute watched on fb

— Bob and Betty Ann Green

We were very sorry that we were unable to attend Wayne's funeral and to give our sincere condolences to Judy and all the family, in person.
It is so nice that you have shared his slide show on-line and and we could through those beautiful pictures, to be thankful that he had a life well lived.

— Michael and Monica Monner

Dear Judy and family: my thoughts are with you a lot. It was ten years ago I first visited the ranch and got to know you all. Wayne was not a man of many words, but when he said something: you'd better listen. During these ten years I have visited the ranch five times and everytime you all made me feel so very welcome. Wayne always made sure I had a good horse to ride and a good saddle to sit in (very important on the long rides). He was a good person, a familyman, a true ranchman, a good horseman and good with people.
Hope to see you soon again, with lots of love: Maria

— Maria Fetter

Sudden and sad news! We were all so lucky to have had Wayne in our lives - always ready for a little fun and that twinkle in his eye gave it away! Our hearts hurt for Judy and the rest of the family. Please know that we share in this sorrow but know that only time will help lift the burden of grief. The Webster family extends their sincere condolences to the Lucas Family at this difficult time. And we will cherish the memories we made together. Love from Tony and Deb Webster

— Tony and Debbie Webster

Dear Judy and Family, It is with great sorrow that we heard of Wayne's Passing. we were unable to come to the service as Bud was not well. He will be missed by many for his sense of humour his willing way to help others. we enjoyed many visits with him at horse shows and agriculture venues. He even managed to have time to pop into the Golden Age Show to say HI.There is no way to lessen the sorrow of losing someone so precious to you. But please remember others care very much and wigh you comfort at this sad time. Hugs ALice and Bud Wyatt

— Alice and BUd wyatt

Dearest Judy and family. I was so very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. One of the best experiences of my life was with Wayne and you Judy in the fall of 2008 on the "roundup". I stuck to Wayne like glue on the trail and he teased me about that. I told him I didn't want to get lost so I was not letting him out of my site. Wayne was so very kind, funny and patient. I think our 2 day ride turned into 4 and I would not trade my experience for all the money in the world. Another great time was traveling to Southern California to watch Wayne judge a Draft Horse Show and spend a little more time with the two of you. I still have the kitten I took home from the ranch and was proud to name him Lucas after Wayne and Judy. Wayne rode off into the sunset. He may not be here in our world but he is in a place where he feels no pain and can ride forever. Judy, he will be there to meet you when it is your time to enter his world and you will be together forever. I hope your pain will ease with time but know Wayne is still with you.

— Cathy Blessum

I was surprised and deeply saddened to learn of Wayne's passing. To Judy and all the family my deepest condolences. Wayne was a superior and dedicated horseman and his influence will not soon be forgotten. Thanks Wayne!

— Holly Hardman

thanks sir wayne for the nice ridings we have togheter ,see you again

— neven robert

Dear Judy and family.....was ever so shocked and sad to recently hear of Wayne's passing.....into the wild blue yonder.....Love the Isinger family

— Isinger family