

# Roger Neil McClain

JANUARY 20, 2014

McClain, Roger Neil "Neil" of Calgary, AB passed away suddenly at his home on January 20, 2014. Neil was born on September 9, 1948 in North Vancouver, BC. He is survived by his loving wife Gilda, children Deanna (Sean) Powell, Brenda McClain of Calgary, AB, Jody (Todd) Cunningham of Airdrie, AB, and Alfredo



Guerra of Calgary, AB. Neil had 7 Grandchildren, Zachary, Madison, Hayley, Jaila, Keaton, Thatcher and Sawyer; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his Grandparents, Harry and Lottie (Henderson) McClain, Olaf and Brynla (Hattleskog) Lidvall; his parents Theodore and Irene (Lidvall) McClain; sisters Carol, Marlene, Cleo, Glenna and Judy and brother Lyle; his first wife Eloise (Riviere) and her parents Jean Alfonse and Margaret (Hoska) Riviere.

Dad was a devoted man to everyone, especially his family and friends. His dedication shone through this past year more than ever. He connected on a daily basis in "his way" with everyone he loved which is everyone he knew. Dad was a gentle man who was passionate about life, he had a philosopher's soul. He had the best stories, advice, jokes and warm strong hugs that let you know you were loved and you were safe.

A Celebration of dad's Life will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Nose Creek Museum, 1701 Main Street, Airdrie, AB. In lieu of flowers donations may be made directly to:

Ovarian Cancer Canada, 1409 Edmonton Trail NE, Suite 105B, Calgary, AB, T2E 3K8.

## Messages of Condolence

Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Judy & Art Sproule**

My condolences to everyone facing and dealing with the passing of Neil. Because of him I smile and giggle from the sight of randomly placed bricks and will always cherish fond memories throughout my lifetime with Neil. I am unable to attend the celebration, but will be there in spirit. Much love, thoughts, prayers. Xoxo

— **traci litchfield**

Our thoughts and prayers to you Deanna, Brenda, Jody and Gilda.

Maybe the stars above aren't really stars. They are little holes to heaven that allow our loved ones to shine down to us.

We love you.

Lanett and Todd

— **Lanett Young & Todd Ackerman**

Although I never knew your dad, Jody I feel your loss. You will treasure the memories you have as well your children. Hugs.

— **Mari Carr**

So sorry to hear..

— **Tammy Carl and family**

Thank you so very much dad for helping shape me into the woman I am today. I know that you are always walking beside me, Deanna, Jody, Alfredo, Gilda and all your beautiful grandchildren.

I also know how proud you are right now of Gilda for how she is finding her strength right now.

Love you forever, like you for always. As long as we are living our daddy you'll be.

Love always,

your Brat.

— **Brenda**

Although we only met on a few "special occasions" over the years, Neil in his very personal way, made us feel warm and welcomed whenever in his company.

Our hearts are very saddened to hear of his passing.

Our sympathy goes to his beautiful daughters DEANNA, BRENDA and JODY and to their families and to his wife GILDA and her son ALFREDO.

May his lifetime of memories comfort you. GOD BLESS

Dennis and Jackie Cunningham (Todd Cunningham's parents)

Welland, Ontario. Canada

— **Dennis & Jackie Cunningham**

I will miss dad so much

— **John**

So sorry to hear of your loss. May good memories help you at this time of sorrow.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care.

— **Amelia & Bob Peterson**

So sad to hear about your Dad. He was a great person and always made everyone  
laugh. Prayers go out to all my cousins. Thinking of you all xoxoxo Love Sherry,  
Mike, Jana and Kowen

— **Sherry Riviere**

It Really always seems such an emotional loss when we lose someone significant in our life. Could it really be our gain that after , and only then , do we truly speak and feel most openly about all the characteristics we held near and dear about them . This is not in any way offered as a criticism.

In fact Neil was just a baby in 1949 when his sister Carol and I married . He was always as I knew him a happy easy going young child . As Carol and my family grew we moved many times and consequently saw little of Neil Each of Carols sisters spent several periods of time with us during holidays and later sometimes when between jobs etc..

It was the Reunion two years ago that for the first time I had the opportunity to connect with this side of Carol and My original family and what a moving experience it really was .

On our way back to Calgary ,Susan , my second daughter took the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with Neil. Met a very mild ,warm man who was interested in many things . The two that stand out for me were his love of family and his social conscience I feel sad for myself that I met such an unselfish fellow in Neil and yet had missed all those years not knowing him. There were many more that I very similarly with. I guess the only message I could for me honor Neil McLain with is isn't it sad that I never new him before I lost him except for that fleeting visit . My deepest condolences go out to all the family connected both near and far  
Love and may blessings be yours , Bruce

**— Bruce Robertson**

We will miss Neil so very much, but as long as we hold the memories tightly, he will remain close. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Gilda, Deanna, Brenda, Jody and Alfredo.

**— Laurie and Harv Litchfield**

Girl's: So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing away. We were friends for 30 years and even though we fell out of touch I thought about him often. He will be missed.

— **Bob Wall**

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