Roy Douglas Munro



NOVEMBER 2, 2017

MUNRO, Roy Douglas
1942-2017

We are devastated to announce the sudden passing of Roy Douglas Munro on Thursday, November 2, 2017 from a heart attack, at home, preceded by a short illness. Roy was born in Innisfail, AB to Douglas Victor and Jeane (Henley) Munro on November 4, 1942. Raised on his family's farm, he started working the land with his parents at a young age, even driving tractor at age six. He learned to curl as a teenager, a sport he continued to enjoy throughout his life. During his time as a farmer, he was a member of the Co-Op Board of Directors, and was President during the construction of the Co-Op Mall in Innisfail. Following a divorce in the mid-1980s, he left farming and studied Computer Systems Technology at Red Deer College. Around this time, he met and married Marie Hermary, also becoming an ever-supportive father figure to her daughter Suzanne. With his CST certificate, he worked for several years with other computer technicians and later set up his own company, Enhanced Info Solutions, writing computer programs specific to client needs. He also taught basic computer skills workshops in many rural communities for Alberta Agriculture, a role that Roy thoroughly enjoyed. As more computer programs became available to the public, the need for specialized systems decreased so Roy worked several jobs where his innovative handyman skills were greatly appreciated, especially by the sisters of the St. Joseph's Convent. Roy last worked as a school bus driver for Prairie Bus Lines where the students on his daily

route came to love and respect him. His employer also recognized Roy's willingness to help with specialized bus trips for which he was honoured with Prairie's "Going the Extra Mile" award. Roy was well-known in the Anders on the Lake neighbourhood for his daily walks and his knowledge about gardening, his helpfulness with home repairs, and so much more. Roy and Marie travelled often and enjoyed many family gatherings here in Canada, in France and in the United States, where he was always willing to jump up and help whomever may have needed it. He loved to dance, especially polkas and waltzes for which he often received accolades for his fancy footwork and sense of rhythm. He could have had a full dance card at any time! He loved playing bridge and cribbage, solving a Sudoku, watching the stock markets and he spent hours learning from TED talks and the Discovery Channel in recent years. In his later years, he enjoyed golfing, walking in the fresh air and taking a drive during harvest season to check out the crops and the farmers' progress.

Roy was a gentleman and a gentle man and it was a privilege to have had him in our lives. As a friend shared with us recently, "he was calm, patient, kind, humble, and content – just some of the fine qualities that define the essence of Roy." He will be missed by many loved ones, including his sisters Clara Gibson of Innisfail, Irene Chemney of Vancouver Island and Mary (Jack) Sicotte of Calgary and their children and grandchildren as well as by many cousins, especially Katherine Smith from Innisfail, Dave (Dorothy) Munro from Innisfail and Lloyd (Blanche) Munro from Calgary and their numerous family members mostly in Alberta. Marie's large extended family includes many saddened Hermary siblings and families in Alberta; loved ones in France; and many relations throughout Canada and the United States who will miss Roy's presence in their lives. He was well loved by all who met him. Marie and Suzanne will miss him dearly for the kind and loving man that he was. They are thankful to everyone for all the love and support shown to them during this time of such unexpected loss.

A Celebration of Roy's Life will take place at the Poplar Ridge Hall, Range Road 283, Red Deer County, AB on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 11:00 am.

A Private Interment will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roy's memory to the charity of one's choice.

THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak

at the funeral of a friend….

He referred to the dates on her tombstone

from the beginning….to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth

and spoke of the following date with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all…

was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time

that she spent alive on earth

And now only those who loved her

know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own

the cars, the house, the cash

What matters is how we live and love

and how we spend our dash

So think about this long and hard

are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left

that can still be rearranged. (or you could be at dash mid range)

If we could just slow down enough

to consider what's true and and what's real

And always try to understand

the way other people feel.

And…be less quick to anger, to show appreciation more

And love the people in our lives

like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,

and more often wear a smile

Remembering that this special dash

might only last a little while

So when your eulogy is being read

with your life's actions to rehash…

Would you be proud of the things they say

about how you spent your dash ?

- Linda Ellis

Messages of Condolence

Please know I am thinking about you both during this time of missing your dear husband and father. I am so grateful to have finally had the opportunity to meet him this past year after hearing so often how wonderful he was.

I truly hope all your favourites memories of your gentle-man will bring you much comfort in the quiet hours.

Much love to you both, Cheryl

— Cheryl Pardue

My heart felt condolences to you both, and for all of Roy's close family. A lovely eulogy for a lovely gentle man. I wish I had known him better, but I can say that my memories are all warm and all bring a smile to my face. Roy made a quiet entrance but a left a big impact. He will be remembered and missed. My love and prayers are for you both. Rest easy Roy, you have earned peace.

— Catherine Cameron

Roy was always welcoming and friendly to me during our formative years. I remember he would always greet with a smile and he was genuinely interested in hearing how things were with me. He was indeed the perfect addition to your family, a gift from the Lord. May you all find peace and comfort in the Lord, and may Roy be welcomed into his Heavenly home with angel song.

— Rachel Hollman

Dear Marie,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathy

— Kathy Gilbert

Nous avons connu un homme rayonnant, simple et plein de gentillesse. Nous avions toujours beaucoup de plaisir à le rencontrer et à partager avec lui une après-midi de golf.
Nous serons avec vous par la pensée ce lundi .

— hermary sophie et hervé

Dear Suzanne & Marie. I had the pleasure and honor of knowing Roy for a only a short time, but knew at once he was a good man. I met him through Red Deer Players Theatre when he came on board to help with set painting, prop building, moving of set pieces, etc. He was willing to take on all sorts of jobs and his help was very much appreciated. I am sad that he did not get to see the finished set for our latest production and the the great show directed by you, Suzanne. I know he would have been very proud of the what you accomplished!!
Thank you Roy for your help and support! May you Rest In Peace!

— Lynn Olson

Marie, We so enjoyed knowing Roy, and the time we had with you here in Arizona. Chelsea and Andrew loved his teasing, and we so appreciated his sense of humor and wisdom. Our daughter, Rachel remembers fondly meeting you at the Renaissance Faire and being able to spend the day together. Roy was a true treasure, and we send heart hugs and prayers to you and your daughter. We may not be at his Memorial physically, but our hearts certainly will be. God Bless you.

— Robbie & PAUL Greb

Thinking of you, Marie. Roy's absence will leave a large hole in your life, but, as the kind and caring husband he always was, he will continue to watch over you.

— Derryn Yeomans

Dear Marie and Suzie and family, I am sending you hugs and prayers in this time of sorrow. S

— Valerie Chatain-White

Hugs to you all. Roy was such a smiling kind man.. You all have great memories which hopefully will help you to carry on without him somewhat easier. Won't be able to attend his service, but my thoughts will be with you all!!!

— Brenda Lutz

Marie and family,
I am deeply saddened by the passing of Roy. I have many fond memories of the periodic chats we have had and memories back to Big Bend. He was a genuine gentleman. May your memories sustain and console you at this time.

— Bob Burrows

Even if you knew Roy only a little bit, and just recently compared to his whole long, productive life, you knew Roy was a very good man. He was wonderful to be with. Condolences to Marie and Roy's entire family on this loss for all of us. Best wishes to all Roy's family and his many friends.

— John Niles

Learned today from Valerie Chatain the sudden passing of Roy.
As rightly said in the obituary, Roy was always calm, patient, humble and seemed always happy wherever he was, whatever the talking about.
We can't think about Roy other than smiling.
Although we were overseas distant in-laws only, we will remember how happy he was to visit us in France, thankful for anything, and how welcoming back he was in Red Deer, driving us to the various family gathering points.
He will definitely be missed worldwide, including his French family.

— Francois Caron

My deepest condolences to Marie, family and close friends for this untimely loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you grieve. May Roy rest peacefully in the arms of our loving God and angels.

— Cynthia Rice

Suzanne, I’m so sorry that you’ve lost Roy, someone so important in your life. Please know that you and your mom are in my thoughts and prayers.

— Valerie Olesen

We would like to express and forward our hugs to you and your family on the sudden loss of Roy. He was a kind, sweet, smiling man. I saw him last at Art Bilton's Funeral not too long ago and he made sure to make his way over to us to say hello to the folks that he know from Prairie. We wish you peace and many, many fond memories of Roy to help you through this hard time. Take care.

— Prairie Bus Lines

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