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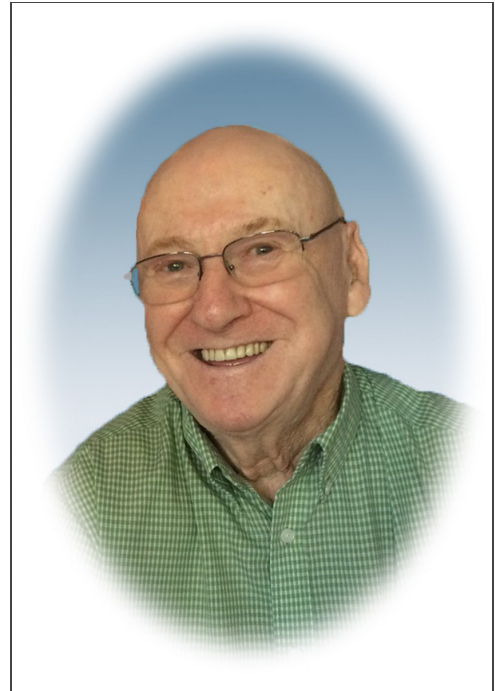
June 8, 1937 - November 28, 2015

It is with sadness we announce the sudden passing of Eugene (Gene) Bardal Musgrove on Saturday, November 28th, 2015 at the Didsbury Hospital. Gene is survived by his wife of 56

years, Betty; son, Boyd (and Kathy) Musgrove; granddaughter, Saoirse; daughter, Sheila Musgrove of Calgary, AB; sister-in-law, Marjorie Musgrove of Virden, MB; niece, Deb & Tim Whales of Whistler, BC; nephews, Murray Musgrove of Virden, MB, Brad Musgrove & Kelly of Stoney Plain, AB and Wes Musgrove of Ft. McMurray. He is pre-deceased by his brother, Jim Musgrove and infant sister, Katharane.

Gene is also remembered by, sisters-in-law, Eileen Blakemore of Beaumont, AB; Dona Dobbyn of Strathclair, MB; Lois Shmyr of Shoal Lake, MB; and brothers-in-law, Wayne McCutcheon of Strathclair, MB; Fred & Donna Miller; Ed & Kathy Miller of Vista, MB.

Uncle Geeno will be sadly missed by his numerous nieces and nephews, Kathy & Clarence Verbruggen of Hinton, AB; Brent Rockall of High Level, AB; Ernie & Kerri Rockall, Bob & Myrna McCutcheon, Darin Dobbyn & Nancy, Cindy & Troy Leavitt, Jason & Angela McCutcheon, Dan & Donna Shmyr, Trevor & Veronica McCutcheon, Dawn Miller, Dallas Miller, Devon & Troy Mackie, Sean Miller, Lindsay Miller & Phil and Kelsey Miller; along with 16 great nieces and nephews. Gene Musgrove was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba, son to Beatrice and Wilfred.



He grew up on the farm with his only brother, Jim. After school he became a truck driver before joining the Manitoba Highway's Department as a grader operator and snow plow operator. He remained with the Highways department for 15 years before he and Betty made the big decision to move to Hinton in 1974.

Upon arrival in Hinton, he was employed at the Pulp Mill, first as a machine operator and then as a Lubrication Mechanic. He worked at the mill for 25 years, retiring in 1999. Prior to retiring, Mom and Dad spent many a weekend searching for the perfect new town to settle in - the requirements were pretty specific. It needed to be driving distance to Calgary to be close to Boyd, Kathy and Sheila. The other requirements were a golf course, curling rink and a hospital. Didsbury was the clear winner.

In 2000, Dad met the Alternative Funeral & Cremation Services Owner, Diann Rowat. He had always wanted to have a career in the funeral business, so it was a natural fit. He looked pretty darn spiffy in his funeral suit and loved the 15 years of service. With Dad, of course he was early, buffed and polished and ready to be a part of an impeccable service.

Gene was an avid golfer and member of the Hinton and Didsbury clubs. He enjoyed curling and the many fun bonspiels in Hinton, complete with team costumes! He was an long term volunteer on the annual Coalminers golf tournament in Hinton. He volunteered on two Senior's Games in Hinton and Didsbury, along with the Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer.

He enjoyed the RV Club travelling around the Province, along with many trips back to Manitoba to see family and friends, and cruises to the Panama Canal, Caribbean and Alaska this past May. Annual trips to Holiday Park in Kelowna were a highlight each summer.

He and Betty enjoyed bowling, cards and dinners with their friends in Didsbury. He LOVED to tell jokes. He was well known for being the jokester - on colour or off, it didn't matter. If a joke needed to be told, it needed to be told. :-) He was incredibly quick witted and very sharp.

He was in tremendous health all of his life with a few bumps coming in the last few years. In 2012 he had major heart surgery, followed by a stroke a short time later, with a quick recovery. He fell off a ladder in 2013 breaking his pelvis, which took its toll. He was admitted to the Didsbury Hospital for pneumonia which ultimately took his life.

A Celebration of Gene's Life was held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury, AB. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rosebud Health Foundation, PO Box 962, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0.

Messages of Condolence

Betty,

I was so sorry to hear of Gene's passing.

I wish to send along my heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

He will be truly missed by many friends and acquaintances

Bev

— **Bev Lane**

Betty and family,

We were so sorry to hear about Gene's passing.....this is sent with much love from my family to yours.

Mom, Jean Wyatt sends her prayers and thanks for being able to have him as a friend and neighbor while she lived beside you.

You are in our prayers.

With much sympathy, Betty Walker and son William

Jean Wyatt

— **Betty Walker**

Betty, I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Please know I am keeping you in my thoughts and sending all my love to you and your family.

— **Christine Wigley**

Our deepest condolences to the Musgrove family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Betty and Cheri Besse

— **Cheri Besse**

Boyd, Kathy Saoirse and the Musgrove Family,

We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones.

We are here to support you and remember that we love and care about you.

God Bless

The Staff of Seven Generations Energy Ltd.

— **Staff of Seven Generations Energy Ltd.**

Deepest Sympathy Betty.

Gene will be greatly missed by all his curling buddies. I hope the wonderful memories of him, help comfort you at this time.

Love from Isabelle Pitkanen.

— **Isabelle Pitkanen**

Betty,

Today we will all gather to say good bye to an absolutely wonderful gentleman. We at the "A" team will forever be grateful for the 15 years of wonderful dedicated service that he has shown. Gene will be truly missed by all our staff and families who had the opportunity to truly see who he was, a kind gentle soul who would do anything for you. All our staff send many thoughts, love and prayers to you, Sheila, Boyd and of course the apple of Gene's eye at this very difficult time.

Diann, Crissinda, & all the staff

— **Alternatives Funeral & Cremation Services**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Betty and your family at this time.

— **Bob and Norma Disney**

Betty, we are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.hugs

Gay &Glen

— **Glen & Gay Coutts**

Betty and family,

My sincerest condolences to you all. I always remember his special kindness on giving me an occasional ride to the country school on his motorized bike in the early 1950's when I did not have to take my horse. That showed his kind & friendly nature. As you all do we have good memories of Eugene.

— **Robert Reid**

Betty & family,

I just read in our local paper that Gene had passed. I want to pass on my condolences to the family. I thought about all the times we golfed with you both, times we dressed in crazy costumes at the Mine bonspiel, house parties and so on. We always enjoyed your friendship and the times together. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Betty.

Ann Scobie

— **Ann Scobie**



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