

# Hillyerd Ruddy

APRIL 16, 2020

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**Crossfield Community Center**

**May 6, 2022 - 2:00 PM**



Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and neighbour, Hillyerd Ruddy passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Although he spent the last year of his life in Calgary at the Fanning Center, he was a life long resident of the Crossfield community where he was born, grew up, married, and raised a family on the farm.

He met and married Heather Macaulay in February 1955. They bought a quarter section of land west of Crossfield and started to raise a family. Ken, Gordon, Frank, Donald, Lorraine and Allan were all born during this time. In 1981, they moved to the original Ruddy homestead northeast of Crossfield. Hillyerd and Heather were active members in the community - Hillyerd cleared the outdoor ice rink, coached hockey teams, drove kids to boy scouts, 4H grain club and dairy club, basketball, ski hills and music lessons. He was a member of the Recreation Board and involved in the fund raising and building of the Pete Knight Arena. He was in the Elks club for over 40 years and a life long member of the Legion - helping with the annual poppy campaign and awarding prizes at the school for the Remembrance Day posters.

He was also a member of the Crossfield Old Timers society before he was even eligible - he checked coats for 20 years before he was old enough to join. Later in

life he was active in the Golden Key club and enjoyed singing with the group there. Music and laughter were often a part of wherever Hillyerd was, and then there was cribbage. He liked nothing better than the table to be cleared and the crib board to come out - he taught his kids, his grandkids and anyone else who cared to play. He was still playing cribbage this year and winning more than losing. He was patient and kind and had a twinkle in his eye when he told a story. He had a lap large enough to rock one or two babies when cuddles were needed. His eyes lit up when Craig, Kylie, Zac, Cole or Reilly showed up for a visit. He was hard working, fun loving, quick to lend a hand, and to share a chuckle. He had the biggest tie collection, thanks to family and friends alike, and he never turned down a piece of pie. He always asked good questions and took an interest in those around him.

He is lovingly rememebred by his sisters, Hazel Foreman and Anne Lozinski (Michael); his brother, Neil (Pat); his children, Gordon, Frank (Barb), Donald (Robin), Lorraine (Dave), Allan (Amanda); and Anne Louise's children Mary Catherine (David) and Angela (Doug); and numerous grandchildren, and great-grand children. He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Jim; and his sister, Gladys. He lost his wife, Heather in 2005, and then married Anne Louise Crawley in 2007, who passed away in 2018. He was also predeceased by his eldest son, Ken.

The family also wishes to thank the 3West team at the Fanning Center for the loving care they provided - they too called him Dad, Uncle or Poppa.

"In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, which ultimately supports the wonderful team, led by Dr. Muruve, at the Shumir Nephrology Clinic."

A Celebration of Life for our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and neighbour, Hillyerd Ruddy will be held at the Crossfield Community Hall on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Kidney Foundation,  
6007 - 1A Street SW, Calgary, AB, T2H 0G5.

## Messages of Condolence

To all of the Ruddy families;

We wish to extend our prayers and sympathy to you all. Hillyerd was a great man.

He will be missed.

Harley & Vivian Walsh

— **Harley & Vivian walsh**

To Hillyard's Family,

What a lovely tribute to your Dad and Grandpa. He will be fondly remembered by so many. Just loved to watch Hilly and Heather do the chattis at the Community Dances.

Sincere thoughts at this sad time,

Karen and Ken Murdoch and Family

— **Ken and Karen Murdoch**

Our condolences to all the Ruddy families. We have many good memories when we were bringing up our families in Crossfield. Our sympathies, love and prayers to all of you.

— **HOWARD & RUTH RUTLEY**

Our sincere sympathy to all Hillyerd's family. He will be greatly missed in this community. Our hearts go out to all of you.

Sincerely, Barb & John Hinger

— **Barb & John Hinger**

It is with sadness that we learned of Hillyerd's passing but it is mixed with good feelings; that he is no longer suffering the pangs of old age.

John and I had the pleasure of knowing Hillyerd for over 15 years and what joy. I met him through the Golden Key Choir and that began a most delightful friendship. Over the years we enjoyed music BBQ's parades crib murder mystery dinners and summer evenings sitting on each other decks and scotch. We know he is at peace. May you cherish happy memories of your Dad. Pat and John Godley

— **patricia godley**

Gordon, I am sorry to hear of your family's loss of your Father. Prayers and sympathy to you all and may your Father Rest In Peace.

— **Joyce Whitnack**

Sorry these condolences are coming so late. We wanted all Hillyards family to know what a treasure they had for a father,grandfather and friend. He was certainly a mainstay in Crossfield and a friend to so many. His smile and giggle will be missed.

— **Don and Marg Gatto**

Want to extend our thoughts and condolences to the entire Ruddy family. They are great neighbors and community supporters. I have many fond memories Hillyerd and Heather at school and Crossfield events. I always knew something fun was going to happen when the Ruddy family showed up. I was very sad when I heard this new.

— **Keith Mason**

We know Lorraine and David Murray and wish that we could be there this Friday for support. Very sorry for this huge loss Lorraine. We are thinking of the both of you and give you strength. Wish that we could give you a great big hug.

— **Linda McIntyre**

My deepest condolences to the Ruddy family.

— **Candy Harnack**

Deepest condolences to everyone. Many memories of our family visiting yours on the farm. Hillyerd was a story teller extraordinaire and had one of the best laughs and sense of humor of anyone I have ever met.

— **Brad Oneil**

My parents, Leon and Margaret Mason, often spoke about highly of Hiliyerd. He was a valued friend and neighbour. His thoughtfulness, sense of fun, and commitment to friends was much appreciated by my parents.

— **Marilyn Jackson**

Our sincere condolences on the loss of Hillyerd. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May all your cherished memories help you through this difficult time. He will most certainly be missed.

**— Russ & Delcene Fletcher**

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