

Stanley "Brian" Swensen

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SWENSEN, Dr. Stanley Brian

August 02, 1940 - October 21, 2016



With deep sadness, the family of Brian Swensen would like to announce his passing following a long battle with Alzheimer's and Cancer. Brian will be lovingly remembered by Linda, his wife of thirty-two years; his two daughters (the lights of his life), Cynthia Dawn of High River and Amanda Jane of Didsbury; as well as his stepsons, Will, Sean and Jeff. Brian went to join his mother, Edna Daisy Swensen, and the father he never met. Flying Officer Stanley Powell Swensen was killed in the Second World War when his bomber crashed on the way home from France to meet his newborn son. After completing high school in Calgary, Brian worked as a ranch hand on many southern Alberta ranches. Riding as an outrider behind the chuck wagons in the Calgary Stampede, his knowledge and experience were instrumental in bringing the chuck wagons to High River. Brian would happily reminisce about his "cowboy days" spent riding trails on the prairie, in the foothills and Rocky Mountains. Brian's genuine compassion for animals and years on the ranches led him to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Graduating from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1971, he went on to open the Highwood Veterinary Centre in 1974. A serious car accident in November 1980 would change Brian's life forever, but he fought both physically and mentally to overcome his injuries. In 1990 he moved to Didsbury to attend the Mountain View Bible College, graduating with a degree in Religious Studies. Brian continued veterinary work in Didsbury

and Sundre until his retirement. Brian would want to be remembered as a “good cowboy” and for his love of animals and family. We will never forget the care given to Brian and his family during his stay at the Didsbury Hospital. The professionals in Unit 2 were an amazing comfort to Brian and his loved ones and we are eternally grateful.

Messages of Condolence

Ross sent this to me.

Was sad to learn you had lost your loved one. Know that you are in my thoughts at this time and in the future. Was so sorry I missed seeing you Linda when were were in Calgary last week.

I think of you Linda with fondness and remember times past.

With affection to you Linda, Will, Sean, Jeff and families.

Margaret Huckle Lissel

— **Margaret Lissel**

Hello Linda,

I've been in Canada since the 19th of September, but I'm still not quite sure where I am yet. Anyways, I found out about Brian's circumstances today after reading the local paper. I'm very sorry you had to go through this terrible time and I hope things get better.

— **Dan Archer**

I am so shocked to hear of Brian's death. I was trying to get a hold of him to let him know of my brothers (Phil Goulder) death on Nov. 7 /16. I just can't believe it. My condolences.I do wish someone could have got a hold of one of his cousins to let us know he was sick! We would have been there.

— **Sandra Chong (Goulder)**



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