

Baum, Richard

March 27, 2023



RICHARD "DICK" BAUM

April 15th, 1937 – March 21st, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Richard (Dick) Baum on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, three weeks before his 86th birthday. Dick was born to Helen and Adolf Baum on a small family farm near Keeler, SK where he went to school and helped with farm duties. He moved from farm life at 18 years of age and settled in Moose Jaw, SK. He started working out at Dave Pyle's Gym, taking on body building and wrestling and later earning a black belt in jujitsu.

Before joining the police force, he worked as a bouncer at Temple Gardens where he met his loving wife of 65 years, Shirley (née: Breton) and they had three daughters. He continued to farm for many years at the same time having a 37-year long

career with the Moose Jaw Police Service. He started as a constable, was promoted to detective, inspector, and finished his career as the Chief of Police. Dick shared many stories about his policing career with friends and family over the years and always looked for the humour in every situation. One of the highlights of his policing career was his SWAT training.

Farming and policing aside, Dick had many interests and hobbies over his lifetime. He had a passion for hockey and played in the Police Hockey League and later in the Old Timers League until his knees gave out and then resigned himself to watching the Warriors and NHL games, which he loved. He was an accomplished model airplane builder and could design and build a plane from a picture that could not only fly but put on quite an acrobatic show. He always loved attending the Moose Jaw Air Shows. Dick was never afraid to take on a project, including building a cottage at Buffalo Pound Lake where he enjoyed water-skiing, being outdoors and around nature. He was musically talented and taught himself how to play the guitar and sing and even wrote some of his own songs. When he gave up building model airplanes, he built a mandolin for his granddaughter and only months before his passing, a guitar for his son-in-law, a major feat for an 85-year old. Dick was creative and liked to draw cartoons to keep busy and was great at jerry-rigging gadgets to get jobs done. The onset of Parkinson's was an annoyance that kept him from doing the things he loved other than visiting with family and friends.

Dick loved his family dearly and unconditionally, along with his special granddogs. Dick is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Shirley; daughters: Brenda Ramen, Terry Gudmundson (Jim) and granddog Jasper, Shelly Nobert (Guy) and granddaughters Amanda Nobert (Paul), Paige Nobert, and granddog Ruby. Dick is also survived by his sister, Margaret Sikorski; brother, Don Baum (Pat); brothers-in-law: Jack Breton (Elaine), Dave Breton (Donna), and Floyd Breton; sister-in-law, Mavis Zyba; along with many nieces and nephews, and extended family.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, Adolf and Helen Baum; brother, Bill; sisters, Marion and Leona; nephew, Shaun Baum; as well as in-laws, Wendy McCrum and Lois Mitchell, and mother and father-in-law, Esther and Jim Breton.

Forever in our hearts.

A Celebration of Dick's Life will be held on Wednesday, April 5th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Harvey Room at Moose Jaw Funeral Home. A private family interment will take place at the Moose Jaw Funeral Home Columbarium at a later date. **Those not able to attend may view the service virtually by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's name to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth – Intern Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Terry Phillips on March 27, 2023 at 11:37 pm

Shirley and family, my deepest condolences on the loss of Dick, he was a great guy and I enjoyed working with him for a number of years at MJPS.

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2.



Dana Pretzer on March 28, 2023 at 8:31 am

Shirley and family, my condolences on the passing of Dick.

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3.



Randy & Donna Fuhr on March 28, 2023 at 3:24 pm

Dick was a colleague at MJPS for many years. Condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

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4.



Blair & Roberta Buccsis on March 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Mrs Baum and family, please accept our condolences and prayers for you and Dick. I enjoyed working with him and it is with fond memories that Dick will be remembered by our family.

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5.



Kerry Olson on March 28, 2023 at 6:54 pm

Sincere condolences to the Baum family's
Flying with or having Dick at Our RC Airplane field was a joy and always an integral part of conversation with everyone he met
He'll be missed deeply by myself and in all my flights and true spirit he shared in certainly the hobby and his abilities he help place in our hearts to go forward

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6.



Elaine Ford on April 1, 2023 at 10:07 am

Dear Terry & Jim :

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your father and this Irish blessing of memory:

I am the thousand winds that blow...I am the diamond glints on snow... ..I am the gentle autumn rain...I am the sunlight on ripened grain...When you waken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush. Of gentle birds in circling flight...I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry—I am not there... I did not die..

Love Elaine & KD

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7.



Bonnie Clubbe on April 2, 2023 at 9:37 pm

Sending deepest condolences to the Baum family. My parents, Ron and Myrtle Hennenfent often spoke of their valued friendship with Dick.

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8.



Bruce Boulton on April 5, 2023 at 8:48 am

I remember Dick as a calm and cool headed person. He helped me in the early days of my RC model airplane hobby.

Fond memories.

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9.



Lesa Morgan on April 5, 2023 at 2:07 pm

Mom and I are sending our love and sympathy to you, Aunty Shirley, as well as Brenda, Terry, Shelly and the rest of the family. We loved hearing and remembering Uncle Richard's amazing life, Terry and Jim did a great job. Mom was telling me stories of how she would be the bratty little sister and Uncle Richard would chase her through the house to get revenge. But I think we all know he probably deserved what he got, he was a prankster too. I envy the relationship mom had with her big brother because I always wanted a big brother as well. I know she will definitely miss his frequent phone calls and I will miss hearing him ask me "Hello, is Plunka there?" Our hearts and prayers are with you all.

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10.



"The Kid" on December 26, 2023 at 9:23 pm

Dear Dad,

May the winds in heaven blow softly in your ear. Telling you: we love you, miss you, and wish you still were here. Peace be with you.

Love,

Shelly & Guy

Paige

Amanda & Paul

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