

Christmann, Lyle Jacob

September 21, 2020



Lyle Jacob Christmann

Lyle Jacob Christmann passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends, on Saturday, September 19th, 2020 at the age of 61 years. The “Big Guy” was known for his huge heart, being a friend to all and his willingness to help anyone in need. He had a passion for ranching and Sunrise Ranch was his absolute pride and joy.

Lyle was born on March 23rd, 1959 in Central Butte, SK to Margaret and Bernhart Christmann. He grew up at the ranch with his older siblings Betty and Allan, and his younger brother Carl. Lyle took a keen interest to the art of farming/ranching under his father’s guidance that eventually lead to a partnership. On April 8th, 1978, Lyle married his first wife Kathy (Noel) Christmann. Together they created a family with the birth of Angela (1979), Ryan (1981), and Alison (1984). Lyle and Kathy remained married for 30 years when they parted ways, but remained amicable to enjoy the marriage of their youngest daughter Alison, their grandchildren coming into the world, and shared holidays with the family they created.

In January 2009 Lyle met Jennifer Tonks, who shared his passion for ranching and the outdoors. He found a true connection with Jennifer through day to day ranch life, hunting, traveling, and being with family. Together they took an active role in the Herbert Stampede community. Lyle endeavored to love and guide Jennifer's three children Chase, Micahyla, and Ayden Tonks as his own. On August 24th, 2019 Lyle married Jennifer Tonks.

Lyle fought a short but courageous battle with cancer and was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Bernhart Christmann; brother, Allan Christmann; and father-in-law, Lou Tonks. Lyle is survived by his wife, Jennifer Tonks and her three children: Chase Tonks (Brittany), Micahyla Tonks, and Ayden Tonks; his children: Angela Simoneau (Alain), Ryan Christmann (Amber), and Alison Busse (Paul) and their mother Kathy Christmann. He was adored and treasured by his seven grandchildren: Mikayla, Tye, and Cord Christmann, Neva Simoneau, Anna and James Busse, and Sophia Tonks. Lyle is also survived by his sister, Betty (Jim) Johnson, brother, Carl (Christina) Christmann, mother in law, Peggy Tonks; sister-in-law, Oneida Woidyla; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends.

Due to restrictions from the current health situation, a Private Celebration of Life to honour Lyle will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Ann Brown on September 21, 2020 at 2:57 pm

To Jennifer and your family, Kathy and your family, Carl and Betty and families, my sincerest condolences. I don't think Lyle had an enemy. His generosity and kindness was part of Lyle. May your good memories comfort you. He is indeed looking down on you every day.

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2.



Joyce Senchuk on September 21, 2020 at 4:49 pm

So sorry to hear of Lyles passing, a great guy, I am sending condolences from Dave & i for the whole family

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3.



Jo-Ann and Jack Turner on September 21, 2020 at 6:46 pm

My sympathies to Jen, and all the family on Lyle's passing. May the Lord comfort you and grant you peace as you mourn Lyle, husband, father and grandfather.

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4.



Bernie Demich on September 21, 2020 at 8:42 pm

To Jen and family....we are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Bernie & Lorraine

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5.



Cheryl Johnston on September 21, 2020 at 9:53 pm

Sending my condolences to the whole family. I am sorry to hear of lyles passing. May you all find comfort in your memories.

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6.



Tracey Woodrow on September 21, 2020 at 10:19 pm

Deepest sympathies go out to the family. Lyle was a great guy he will be missed by so many friends and family.

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7.



Tiffany Reihl on September 22, 2020 at 10:24 am

So sorry to hear this news. Lyle was always such a happy guy whenever we saw him. Sincere condolences to you Jennifer & family and also Kathy & family. May the love you all had for Lyle bring you comfort and peace during this hard time. We will be praying for you all.

Tiffany & Darren Reihl

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8.



Starla Griffiths on September 22, 2020 at 6:20 pm

My thoughts and prayers are with you Angela, Alain and

family at this sad time.

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9.



Heather Johnson on September 23, 2020 at 4:31 am

Ryan and Family

So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I will always remember how kind he and your mom were to my mom (Donna Johnson) she was always so excited to tell me that she

had visited your family.

Please accept and extend our condolences to your family

Heather and Jamie-Dawn Johnson

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Kathy Christmann on September 24, 2020 at 10:05 pm

Thank you for your kind words Heather. Donna and Abe were truly a part of our family.

Kathy

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10.



Larry & Meryl Joel on September 24, 2020 at 8:46 am

Deepest sympathy to Lyle's family. Our thoughts & prayers

are with you Jen, Angela, Ryan, Alison, Betty & Jim,
Carl & Christina and all your families from Larry & Meryl
Joel

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11.



Mel and Ferne Bradford on September 24, 2020 at 2:23 pm

We got to know him as a young lad, and I must say he was not hard to like. He grew up with our children and he wore a smile and a contagious smile that done anybody's heart good. Our condolences go to all the families. We will be thinking of you and your loss I know he will be sadly missed by many.

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12.



Helen Marzolf on September 24, 2020 at 4:14 pm

My condolences to the Christmann families sorry to hear of your loss.

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13.



Pat & Joanne Hicks on September 25, 2020 at 8:40 pm

Our deepest sympathy to Jen, and Lyle's entire family. He

will be greatly missed by everyone .

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14.



Bonnie Mackow on September 29, 2020 at 3:57 pm

So sorry – sincere sympathy to Lyle’s family and everyone that cared about him. Sincerely Vern and Bonnie Mackow

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