

Helland, Alfred “Lyle”

July 15, 2018



Alfred “Lyle” Helland

It is with profound sadness we announce the sudden passing of **Lyle Helland** on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018 at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan due to complications after a brief illness. He was predeceased by his father, Alfred; mother, Lillian; siblings: Kenny, Gerry and Barry; and his favourite daughter-in-law, LeeAnne. Lyle is survived by his loving wife, **Frani**; children: **Teri** (Greg), **Dale**, **Traci** (Randy), **Dean**, **Tevi** (Mark), **Trelee** (Bruce) and **David**; ten grandchildren: Amber (Rion), Shasta (Dustin), Ashley (Curtis), Shayn (Paula), Mark, Victoria, Jiness, Kristian, Reece and Jake; seven great-grandchildren: Zak, Jackson, Mya, Reid, Presley, Logan and Mason; brother, Lorne; sister, Darolyn (Robert); and brother-in-law, Grant (Loretta). Lyle was born on the farm near Ardill, Saskatchewan on December 1st, 1933. As a child he and his siblings were active and competitive in a variety of sports. That competitive love of sports was passed down to all of his family. Known for his loud motorbike on the streets of Mossbank, he attracted his bride of 60 years Frances and during their time together they raised a family of seven children in Moose Jaw,

Saskatchewan. Lyle worked as a farmer and for the City of Moose Jaw, Cypress Paving and Wilms Transport, and for the past 25 years he was self-employed. Lyle became well known for his endeavours in bringing the WHL to Moose Jaw in 1984 and as a talent scout for the Victoria Cougars and Medicine Hat Tigers.

As a scout for the Medicine Hat Tigers he was fortunate enough to win two Memorial Cups. Lyle and Frani were deeply appreciated for their dedication to the running of Memorial Field and he was well known for the "Lyle Burger". Lyle and Frani spent many years travelling. They went to Palm Springs, Hawaii, Norway and across Canada. Lyle was known as the unofficial Mayor of Moose Jaw. He was a pillar of the community, everyone's biggest fan and had an eye for a special talent in every kid. You could not go to a game or a practice without seeing Lyle in the stands cheering everyone on. To our family he was our husband, Dad, Poppa, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa but to everyone whoever met him he was their friend and he will be sorely missed. **Please join us at a Celebration of Lyle's Life at The Moose Jaw Cosmo Senior Citizen Centre, 235 3rd Avenue NE, Moose Jaw, SK on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** In lieu of flowers the family respectfully asks you to make a donation in Lyle's name to Moose Jaw Minor Hockey, 370 Saskatchewan St W, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 2T2 or any local sports organization of your choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Michelle Surtees Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Lorne on October 29, 2018 at 4:59 pm

Met Lyle back in my ball days and he became an instant friend and have talked ever since.

Will miss his friendly smile and miss seeing him at the hockey rink.

Take care !! Our thoughts are with you and his family.

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2.



Sharon Schafer on October 29, 2018 at 4:59 pm

To Lyle's family, I am so sorry to hear that he has passed away although I can imagine that so many memories will keep him "alive" in your lives.

To Lyle: you will be so missed and am so glad that I got to know you. Do me a favor and give LeeAnne a big hug and tell her we think of her always..safe travels and watch over the diamond and the rink..

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3.



Greg Nicholls on October 29, 2018 at 5:36 pm

Wow so sad Lyle was quite the guy . I remember when his son Dale lived on south hill and I would be over there and I was calling him Mr. Helland he would say call me Lyle I not that old. My sympathy to the Helland family Greg Nicholls.

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4.



Linda Ing (Hoppenreys) on October 29, 2018 at 6:25 pm

To all the Helland family members, Lyle will be greatly missed all around Moose Jaw. Hugs to all of you...I will

always remember his smile. You are all in my thoughts.

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5.



Shearn and Doug Bonner on October 29, 2018 at 10:11 pm

Franny, thinking of you and your family at this sad time. Your memories and loving family will be a great comfort to you. Lyle will be missed, by many. He was a person who always filled up the room when he walked in, friendly, outgoing always just a great guy. Doug and I send our condolences to all the family. Hugs!!

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6.



Jim Johnson and Margie Metereo on October 30, 2018 at 5:34 am

We are very saddened to hear of Lyle's passing. He was a terrific guy .
Condolences to all.

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7.



Bob and Evelyn Tremel on October 30, 2018 at 9:37 am

Our sincere condolences to Fran and her family. Our

thoughts and prayers are with you.

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8.



Lynn Kirk on October 30, 2018 at 12:44 pm

Deepest sympathies to Dale and Jake.

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9.



BRIAN & ANNE BOWES on October 30, 2018 at 1:32 pm

FRANI & FAMILY, So sorry to hear of Lyles passing. Condoences to all, at this sad time.

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10.



Diane VanderZande on October 30, 2018 at 3:50 pm

Fran and family

So sorry to hear about Lyle. Have lots of good memories when mum and dad were back lane neighbours.

Diane, Nick, Stephen and Jamie VanderZande and families

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11.



gerry reilly on October 30, 2018 at 4:51 pm

Deepest sympathy to the family. Lyle really made a difference by his life in sport here in Moose Jaw. Thanks Lyle for all you have done .

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12.



John & Linda Stirton on October 31, 2018 at 12:15 pm

To Frani and family, we extend our deepest sympathy. We enjoyed a talk with Lyle only a few days before his passing. He was a friend to so many and had a large impact on our community so will be sorely missed. You and family will have many special memories to cherish and he will not be forgotten.

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13.



donna mcsherry on October 31, 2018 at 2:31 pm

Dear Trelee and Family;my heart goes out to you as I saw your Dad;s obit.He passed I day in Oct before Mom.I really don't like this month,but we'll get through it with friends and family-right-Lucy!I would often see your Dad downtown,always had a smile.I hope he didn't have any pain and as time goes by,you'll all learn how to smile and

laugh again,Sincerely;Donna McSherry.

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14.



Wally and Dale Marak on October 31, 2018 at 6:05 pm

Our sincere condolences to Fran and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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15.



P.J. Knight on November 1, 2018 at 10:18 pm

Dear Dean... So sorry for the loss of you Dad..."Give it time, let it heal. The goodbyes and tears will morph into memories that you will hold close to your heart now and forever...

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16.



The Mackeys on November 2, 2018 at 3:36 pm

Thinking of you all at this sad time Lyle will be sorely missed love you all

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17.



Todd Blahitka on November 3, 2018 at 7:34 am

To Fran and the entire Helland family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please accept my sincere condolences. In 1984, when leaving family, friends and the comforts of home for Moose Jaw, Lyle soon became an important part of life. Genuinely, he took you under his wing. He offered guidance, support, a feeling of safe and trust. Most importantly, he became a life time friend. I had many long talks with Lyle and no matter the topic, you always finished the conversation with a smile on your face and a better person for it. Fran, thank you for sharing Lyle with all of us. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

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18.



Faye Rusu on November 3, 2018 at 10:02 am

Our Prayers and Thoughts are with You and Your Family,
Lyle was a great friend.

Robert and Faye Rusu

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19.



Ron and Joan Bumphrey on November 3, 2018 at 10:37 am

Sending our sympathy to your family. He will be missed.

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20.



Marla Gamble on November 3, 2018 at 10:53 am

To Frani and family, Jayson and I think of you all during this sad time.

Lyle was a big part of our life when Jayson and David were growing up together.

Tom and Lyle will be reminiscing about all the memories they shared.

Bless them both.

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21.



greg fysh on November 3, 2018 at 12:35 pm

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Deepest condolences to the entire Helland family. Lyle will be deeply missed all.

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22.



Tom and Phyllis Thul on November 4, 2018 at 12:05 am

our condolences to Dean, Mark and family

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23.



delmar helland on May 18, 2019 at 12:08 am

Hi Fran

I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS , HE WAS A GREAT MAN.

Delmar here in Australia

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