



Brian William Gessell

March 18, 1951 - February 17, 2016

It is with great sadness and much love that we announce the sudden passing of Brian William Gessell on February 17, 2016.

Brian will be forever loved and remembered by his wife of 43 years and best friend, Carol; their daughter, Sandra; and their granddaughter CJ. Also left to mourn him are his twin brother Barry (Mary Lee), brother Gordon (Edna); sister-in-law Esther Gessell, sister-in-law Nancy Jaenen (Leonard); brother-in-law Peter Christie (Nining); sister-in-law Diane Christie; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Brian was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandpa and known to many as a great friend. He will be remembered as a fun-loving guy with a great sense of humor. Golfing with Carol and their friends, ice fishing with Sandra and his buddies, skating and being with CJ were his passions.

Brian was predeceased by his parents, Bill and Frieda Gessell; brothers Melvin and Aldon; and sister Violet.

The family wishes to thank the Callingwood E.M.S. as well as Dr. Nielsen, the nurses and staff at the Misericordia Emergency for trying so hard to save his life, while showing us great care and compassion.

A Service honouring Brian's life will be held at the Devon Community Centre, 20 Haven Avenue, Devon, AB on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 10985 – 124 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5M 0H9, or the Edmonton Humane Society (SPCA), 13620 – 163 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5V 0B2.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Devon Community Centre
20 Haven Avenue
Devon, AB

Tribute Wall

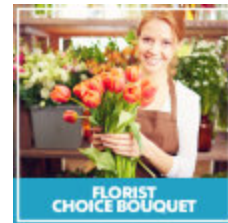
KP

“ On behalf of the Petrie family, we are so incredibly sorry for your loss. I sometimes bumped into Brian at the Devon Canadian Blood Service drive and he shared how much he loved being a grandpa. With heartfelt prayers to you Carol, Sandra and family, Iain and Kim Petrie

Kim Petrie - February 26, 2016 at 03:56 PM

LG

“ Love, Nining, Peter & girls purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian William Gessell.



Love, Nining, Peter & girls - February 24, 2016 at 08:05 PM

GW

“ We are so sorry for your loss Carol, Sandra and CJ. Brian was such a good friend we had so many good times together! The times we spent together in Smiley, Devon and Drayton Valley were so precious. Seeing Brian last year at the Drayton Oilmen was very special, we had a great time together and did a lot of reminiscing. Brian will be sadly missed by everyone he was always a joy to be around. Sorry we are not able to attend Brian's memorial but our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincere sympathy's Garry Rejane and Family

Garry Wagner - February 23, 2016 at 06:47 PM

DF

“ *Dwayne and Val Swendseid and Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Brian William Gessell.*



Dwayne and Val Swendseid and Family - February 22, 2016 at 05:05 PM

DH

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. Brian was a wonderful man with a great sense of love for life. We enjoyed his humour whenever we saw him over the years. Sending our sympathies Pat & Deb Holland (Kindersley Sk)*

Deb & Pat Holland - February 22, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian William Gessell.*



February 22, 2016 at 02:36 PM

DS

“ Our hearts were saddened on hearing of Brian's sudden passing. Thoughts are with you Carol, Sandra, CJ and extended family, at this difficult time. We may have lost touch lately, but have many fond memories of our time together in DV. Brian was such a good, kind man and great friend, always fun to be with. He will be missed by so many. Sincere thoughts and prayers, Dwayne and Val Swendseid Tony and Lee Swendseid and Mike Dumas

Dwayne Swendseid - February 22, 2016 at 02:07 PM

GB

“ So sorry Carol to hear about Brian. He was one of my favorite people from Premium. I loved working with him. He will be greatly missed. My deepest Condolences.
Gail Benedict (Litke)

Gail Benedict - February 22, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ The Geez! What can a guy say? My heart goes out to Carol and Sandra. Brian, Carol and Sandra quickly became family to me when I first moved to Devon! Brian was my best friend and confidant, who taught me a lot. I know Brian is enjoying a round of golf on the greatest golf course ever built and with his celebrity group and may even shoot under par for a change!
Brian will be greatly missed but never forgotten! He's that LARGE!

Frammer - OUT

John Fram - February 22, 2016 at 10:26 AM

SB

“ We were shocked and saddened today when we heard about Brian's passing. Even though we didn't see him much in past years, we always considered him a very good friend. Words fail me Carol, just know that you, Sandra and CJ are in our thoughts and prayers. Brian will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Richard and Sharon Beutler

Sharon Beutler - February 21, 2016 at 11:25 PM

NU

“ We are very sorry to hear of Brain's passing. He will be missed, very kind person.
God Bless.

Lee & Nuala MacDonald

nuala - February 21, 2016 at 01:25 PM

DY

“ My condolences to Brian's family, he was a good man to his family and friends. Didn't matter to Brian being in champion ship flight and start out with a 8 on first hole, laugh it off and was just glad to be out golfing with friends at Devon. Wil be having a beer for for you buddy. Your friend Doug Young

Doug Young - February 21, 2016 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brian William Gessell.*



February 20, 2016 at 07:16 PM



“ *Carol, Sandra & CJ ...*

We are just so saddened to hear this news. We have so many good memories of him. Meeting you in Smiley, being neighbours in DV & in Devon. Chuck loved working him. Such a fun loving and caring man. Never a dull moment when in his company. Big Gis is going to missed.

We are away so can't attend the Celebration of his Life. We will be with you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

*Sending love,
Chuck & Glenda Henne & Family*

Glenda Henne - February 20, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CH

Carol, Sandra, CJ

We are so saddened to hear of Brian's passing. He was an amazing person who always made me feel like part of your family. He always made me laugh and we always felt great support from him and Carol growing up. Brian will be dearly missed!

Hugs to his 3 girls, my thoughts are with your during this difficult time.

Cindy Hoffmann & Mike Bradbury

cynthia hoffmann - February 21, 2016 at 07:20 PM