



Mr. James "Jim" Kevin Kowal

November 18, 1961 - January 26, 2016

It is with the heaviest of hearts that the family of James Kevin Kowal announces his passing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the age of 54 years. Jim was born in Drayton Valley on November 18, 1961 and was at his home at Lake Isle at the time of his passing. Jim will forever be lovingly remembered by his parents, Roman and Eldora Kowal of Rocky Mountain House and siblings, Raymond (Rea), Arthur (Shelly), Karen (Ed), and Linda. To those who knew him better as Uncle Jim, he leaves 3 nephews, 7 nieces, 3 great-nephews and 9 great-nieces. For those who were fortunate to know our Jim will remember him for his quick wit, incredible sense of humour and unfaltering kindness. Jim's life will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Catholic Church - 4708 50 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. with interment to follow at a later date. Rather than flowers, the Kowal family would appreciate memorial contributions in honour of Jim be made directly to Centennial Centre –Halvar Johnson Centre for Brain Injury, Box 1000, Ponoka, Alberta T4J 1R8.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB **4.** 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
4708 50 Avenue
Drayton Valley, AB

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I read most of the condolences and I see a trend, my cousin Jim was witty, always willing to pitch in to help when someone was in need! etc. etc etc

I always admired Jim for his ability to let all negativity slip off his back, he always looked at the cup as being half full (not half empty). I admire this ability and wish I was able to be more like him. He was my closest cousin (in age). I was born 2 months after him and I believe in our families we shared many common personalities. He is a hero and will always forever more be in my thoughts, Love you Jim, miss you already, was really glad I was able to see you in September 2015!

Margaret Pawelek - February 06, 2016 at 05:42 PM

KS

“ Our deepest condolences to Jim's family and those whose lives he touched. He was our lake buddy, the keeper of the point who looked after anyone who needed a hand. Such a giving person. And his dog, Ogdan will be missed as well. Two wonderful souls gone too soon.

Karen Kokotilo and Dave Straub - February 05, 2016 at 07:52 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Kowal family on Jim's passing. I will continue to look back fondly on the times I was able to spend with Jimmy (JK) and Doug around the card table or Risk board in Edmonton when Jim was our "long term" guest while we attended university. To this day, I still hear (and borrow) some of Jim's non-stop, witty commentary from those good old days. We will miss you Jimmy! God Bless!

Mike Malloy and Family

Mike Malloy - February 03, 2016 at 10:17 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the Kowal family on their loss. I have great memories of Jim throughout high school and after - his kind heart and great sense of humor were second to none. May all your cherished memories be kept close during this time.

Diane Poloway Hutchinson

Diane Hutchinson - February 03, 2016 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ Our sincerest condolences. Jim was a stalwart and upright neighbour who was always ready to lend a hand, with a wit that entertained us all. His love of dogs and kindness to them made him the most beloved person for the canines on the point. You will be very missed, Jim.

Jane & Kurt Berk and family

Jane Berk - February 03, 2016 at 07:14 PM

KE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Kevin Hann & Family

Kevin - February 02, 2016 at 03:18 PM

JD

“ We will miss you Jimmy. A gentle soul has left us too soon. Our condolences to the family in these trying times. Jean and Dave Duniek, Sherwood Park

Jean and Dave Duniek - February 02, 2016 at 02:45 PM

DC

“ Dear Uncle Roman, Auntie Eldora and the rest of the Kowal clan
How saddened we are , sharing with you in sorrow at the loss of your beloved Son, Brother, Uncle , cousin and friend . Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and we will be thinking of you all on Thursday as you say final goodbyes. He will be missed . May memories will help you thru the difficult days ahead. Love and Gods Blessings

Mike and Darlene Chatwell (Isley Cousin)

Darlene Chatwell - February 02, 2016 at 11:25 AM

TM

“ Will always have fond memories of our families time during our childhood days out at lake Isle and in DV.. Our deepest condolences during this time.. 💜🙏💜

Trish Meraw - February 02, 2016 at 02:00 AM

SG

“Up on heavens Boulevard.....with to many that we have lost to early. We loved Jim, and I will keep his memory and smile when I think of all the laughs we shared. Blessings and peace for his family. He rests now. Much love Susan & Dean Gray

susan Gray - February 01, 2016 at 11:31 PM

DM

“Jim, Jimmy, JK. These were just a few of the names my good friend Jimmy Kowal went by with his friends. Jim had a razor sharp wit and he loved to use it, often at my expense. We lived about a block apart growing up and we grew up together in DV and at Lake Isle. Jim worked the drilling rigs after high school and it was normal for him to spend his days off living on the couch in me and Mike M's apartment. We spent a lot of time together throughout our 20's and many of my fondest memories involve laughing with Jim. I moved to BC and over the years Jim and I didn't see as much of each other as we had. I know that after his accident Jim's life wasn't what he had dreamed it would be or what his family wished for him. That is a shame because Jim had so much potential. Jim was one of my best friends and the Kowal family has always been good to me. My sorrow for their loss is deep and my thoughts and prayers are with them.

Doug Meraw - February 01, 2016 at 10:07 PM

SG

our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kowal family in this time of devastation and mourning may god be with you all
The Gascon Family

Susanne Gascon - February 02, 2016 at 07:15 PM

PS

Our family has your family in our thoughts and prayers today...as your lay your Dear Jim to Rest.

Pat and Harvey Senecal - February 04, 2016 at 12:05 PM