



REMEMBERING Cory Rey OLLIKKA

July 3, 1970 - July 2, 2020



Tribute from Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel

Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Rudie & Janice Loffelbein

Relation: Acquaintance

We are in shock and saddened by this news. It's unfortunate that we have lost another great individual to something so tragic. RIP Cory

Tribute from Lorne Rubis

Relation: Friend of Maureen Parker

Maureen and all Cory's family and friends. Our most heart felt condolences as you all navigate this painful loss . We know the grief each of you feel is so searingly personal . Words seem hopelessly inadequate . Please know how much we are wishing you all a peaceful forward path through your suffering . I guess Cory would say with living care : " Carry On ".

Tribute from Darlene Chizen

Sincere Condolences on the loss of your loved one

Tribute from Ted Lubomsky

Relation: Neighbors

We give our sympathy to Ollikka family

Love , Francis , Ted and Willie lubomsky

Tribute from Members of theNational Farmers Union in Prince Edward Island

Relation: Friends through the National Farmers Union for many years.

Sincere sympathy to you all on the passing of this brilliant person, our friend Cory. May you be comforted in knowing that many people right across the country are thinking of you during these difficult days.

Tribute from Frances. Tkachyk

Relation: Friend of his mom

My deepest sympathy to the family .

Tribute from Giles Smith

We extend our deepest sympathies to Maureen, Corbyn and to Cory's family and friends. We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss and are sorry to be so far away at a time of need. May the care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead.

Remembering Cory's wonderful and gentle soul. He will forever remain in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

Thank you, Cory, for your kindness and generosity in sharing some wonderful and relaxing days of discovery among the most beautiful scenery on Earth in the summer of 2016. A meeting, and reunion, that we will never forget.

Giles Smith and Nigel Mitchell
Ashford, Kent, England

Tribute from Shelley Sabo

Relation: I am Maureen's friend

Dear Maureen, my heart breaks for you and your family. I am lighting a candle and holding space.

Tribute from Michelle and Dale Sieben (Prather)

Relation: Ollikka family friend

Our heartfelt sympathy to all of Cory's loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for peace, understanding and caring for each other in this difficult time and beyond.

Tribute from Chris Tait

Very sorry for your loss. Cory will be missed.

Tribute from Brent Lawrence

Relation: First cousin

We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care, Brent & Erin Lawrence.

Tribute from Rick and Sandra Barnay

Relation: Childhood and School days friend

Dear Ollikka and Parker Families. Our deepest condolences to you on the passing of Cory. It has been many years since we crossed paths with Cory, but he was always a good friend throughout the school days in Waskatenau and Smoky Lake. Rest In Peace my old friend

Tribute from Bernie and Glenda Clarke

We are saddened by the tragic loss of such a special person. Our deepest sympathies to the entire Ollikka family. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.

Tribute from Tracy Miskiw

Relation: cousin

Thinking of you all as you move through this difficult journey. Cory was a soul that deeply impacted so many people, including me. I will cherish all of the memories I have.

Tribute from Christine Andrusiak & Family

So terribly sorry for your loss, know we are thinking of you.

Tribute from Ron Bobocel

Relation: Lifelong friends

On behalf of the Bobocel Family to the entire Ollikka Family I would like extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies at this time of loss. Our families have been connected for some 40 years and I hope you all find comfort in these words. Cory and I spent 10 of those years together on Smoky Lake County Council and he taught me all I know about local government and governance. I am a better person for that time spent with him. He has touched so many in this world and made it a better place to live. I will miss his brilliant mind and will never forget the life we shared. Rest easy Cory until we meet again.

Tribute from Susan & Jim Lega

Relation: Our children Peggy & Robin went to school with him and we were neighbors. I worked with his wonderful mom.

To all the Ollikka family,
Our very deepest sympathy in your loss of Cory. Our thoughts are with you at this most difficult time.

Tribute from Colleen Elliott

Relation: Friend

Cory was a gentle, thoughtful and welcoming friend to all. He loved the land, his community and his family and he worked to make them all better. We are all the better for his compassion and efforts - he truly made an impact and that is a legacy to be grateful for. My condolences to Maureen, Corbyn, the Ollikka and Parker families, and his friends across the country.

Tribute from Grant & Betty-Anne Gillund

Relation: I have known Cory since he was a little boy

Our sympathy to all of Cory's family. A special hug for Joyce , a friend and former coworker. I cannot imagine your pain.

Tribute from Leonel & Mona Touchette

Relation: Cousin

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Tribute from Jodi Montalvo

Although I did not know Cory personally I know Maureen and she always spoke so fondly of her life

with Cory and of him. I wanted to express the sincerest expression of shared grief and condolence. Maureen you are a light to so many that know you. You ARE strong and will find a way forward in your own time. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Tribute from Eva & Larry Hrycun

Relation: Close family friends

Our deepest condolences to the Ollikka family on the passing of Cory.

Tribute from Juanita Krause

My condolences to Cory's family. He will be missed by many, personally and professionally.

Tribute from Ernie Jacobson and Gioia Sallustio

Relation: Long-time friend of mother, Joyce

Dearest Joyce, We were extremely saddened to hear of the sudden passing of your son Cory. Please accept our most profound condolences. Cory, your family and you are in our hearts and prayers. In friendship and with much affection.

Tribute from Shirley and Rick Ennis

Relation: Joyce's friend and co-worker

Dear Joyce and family, we are deeply sorry for your loss and are holding you close in our hearts,

Tribute from Marcella & Gil Pedersen

Relation: Friend of Joyce & Cory.

Cory will be hard void to fill. We will miss him greatly at NFU conventions (his chairing and his singing). May precious memories of Cory give you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead. God's blessings to the family and our sympathy.

Tribute from Brenda Coates

Relation: NFU

Deepest condolences to the Ollikka family.

Tribute from Mark Nicoll

Relation: I'm a circle process colleague of Maureen's

Maureen,
So sorry to hear of Cory's passing. Take good care of yourself.

Tribute from Waqas et Haley

Relation: Good Friend

We are super sad and shocked to hear about Cory's passing. We feel his absence and he leaves a massive void in our hearts. Our sympathies to Corbyn, Maureen, and to Cory's family, friends, colleagues, and all those who crossed paths with him. We are deeply saddened by the news. We are

grateful that he invited us into his world and shared his true self. We loved the saunas, our deep and meaningful conversations with him, his groundedness to the land, and his focus on making his community, province, and country better for all. As we reflect and celebrate his life, our thoughts are with his loved ones and family at this most difficult of times.

Tribute from Irene Cooper

Relation: Work association

On behalf of the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association I would like to express our condolences to Cory's family, friends, co-workers and Council members. Cory did one of the most admirable jobs of any, to serve and care for the residents of the community. He will be missed.

Tribute from Trevor Harrison

Relation: Friend and colleague

My sincere condolences to Cory's family and friends. I've worked closely with Cory over many years. He was one of the kindest, warmest, and smartest people I have known. I am saddened and frankly stunned at the news of his passing.

Tribute from Teresa Banman

Relation: Aunt of Victoria

Sending our love and deepest condolences for the loss of a father, partner, brother, son, uncle, cousin and friend to many. Cory was a socially conscious and community minded individual who put the needs of others often in front of his own. Most importantly he was a loving father to his children. Taken far too soon, he will be deeply missed by all those who loved him. My thoughts are with Victoria and Corbyn, his partner Maureen, his family and all those who loved and cared for him. A terribly sad loss.

Tribute from Terry Boehm

Relation: Friend and fellow fighter with the NFU

My deepest sympathies to all of Cory's family and friends. Cory was an amazing man, full of irrepressible wit, intelligence and courage. He was great fun to be with and his intelligence kept one on their toes. He was warm and I was fortunate to experience his hospitality over the years including the famous sauna experience at the farm. I will deeply miss him and NFU conventions will not be the same without him. I am proud to have been a little part of his life. Thank you Cory for all that you gave to make Canada a better place. Terry Boehm

Tribute from Kana Paszek

Relation: Maureen's friend

My deepest condolences to the Ollikka family on the passing of Cory. I am very sorry for your loss, Maureen. I can't imagine what you and Corbyn are going through... I hope you will be able to find the time to pause and take care of yourself in this difficult time. I am thinking about you and your family and sending love. Hugs.

Tribute from Eileen Ratke

Relation: His mother, Joyce Ollikka is long-time friend.

Dear Joyce and family,

Please know that words fail what my heart feels.

~ Eileen

Tribute from Andrea & Shane (& girls) Bothwell

Relation: Close friends

Dear Maureen & Corbyn & Family ... my heart breaks with yours. We are deeply saddened by your loss of Cory - far too soon and sudden. Cory was a kind, intelligent, thoughtful person; a really good guy and someone very easy to be around. He will be missed. It won't be the same. And we are all here in love and support to help in any way we can as you navigate a painful and personal journey. Our thoughts and prayers stay with you both and with the rest of Cory's family members.

Tribute from Cathy Holtslander

Relation: Through the NFU

My deepest condolences to you, Maureen, Colby, Joyce and all his family and friends. Cory was a wonderful man. I knew him through the NFU, mostly by working on national convention planning together, especially developing the democratic process workshops that he and Karen did together. His thoughtful, careful way of thinking through what was needed, and the way he presented with lots of humour and fun, was another way he expressed his love for others and the world. He sought to empower and encourage. He always emphasized that democratic process was about protecting the voice of the minority so they could always be heard. He brought fun and lightness to serious matters, and brought people along with him. I learned so much from him! He will be a life-long inspiration to me. My heart is with you, his family and his many dear friends.

Tribute from Sheila Kitz

Relation: Fellow CAO

My sincerest condolences go out to Cory's family and friends and to the Council and staff at Smoky Lake County. I had the pleasure of being one of Cory's colleagues and neighbours at the County of St. Paul. He was a great guy and will be missed! Rest in Peace my friend.

Tribute from Thais McKee

Relation: I am a friend of Cory's wife, Maureen.

Maureen, it is difficult to know what to say at a time like this...the loss and grief is enormous. Please know I'm thinking of you, feeling for you and wishing peace for you in the coming days...I look forward to our next meeting, until then xoxox Thais McKee

Tribute from Bonnie Hutchinson

Relation: I know Maureen.

Thinking of you with love, Maureen and Corbyn and Zia.

I so appreciated your loving courageous words at Cory's Celebration of Life.

Tribute from Adeline Hupka

Relation: Friend and long distance Neighbour from Barich

Dear Joyce & Reynard & Ollikka Family We would like to send condolences to you in the loss of Cory That was a lovely service God Bless you all and Peace be with you We met you Joyce when you

were with Nancy at a perogy supper in Lamont many years ago. John Hupka and daughter Adeline

Tribute from Ingrid Berg

Relation: 2nd cousin , Cousin to his mother Joyce

My sincere condolence to the entire family. It was an honour to attend the virtual service and celebrate the life of Cory. He was an honorable man of integrity , generosity and service to his community and to his family. The love he shared with all of us will remain and I have been blessed to have known him. Thank you to his family for sharing his wonderful life.
Much love Cousin Ingrid

Tribute from Kim Heymab

Relation: I know him as a councillor and Reeve and I know him as a fellow CAO.

Maureen and family, I have known Cory professionally for almost 20 years. I cannot begin to fathom the depth of your grief for this truly special man. Your words at his celebration of life truly touched my heart. Your strength and love for him shone through as it will as you find the strength to move forward.

Tribute from Chris Hansen

Relation: his dad's cousin

Deepest sympathy Zia, Corbyn, Joyce, Reynard, Todd, Mia, Cindy, Brad, Lynne, Donald, Wilbert and Ronald

Tribute from Mireille Farkouh

Relation: Friend of Maureen

From all the beautiful stories and memories shared of Cory today, he sounds like such an amazing, caring and thoughtful person. I regret never having the chance to meet him, however, I know his energy will live on through all those who love him. My thoughts are with all Cory's family and friends.

Tribute from Doug And Donnalee Klem

Relation: Cousin

Dear Reynard, Joyce, Todd and family, Corbyn and Victoria
May your memories give you strength to carry on. Our sincere sympathies.

Tribute from Donna Thompson

Relation: High school friend

My heart goes out to Cory's family, co-workers and friends. Cory and I went to high school together and I will always remember his quick wit, way with words, kindness and generosity. He was a such a great friend and will be missed by all that knew him. Rest In Peace Cory.

Tribute from Katharine Weinmann

Relation: Maureen's friend

Dear Maureen,
To you and your son Corbyn, to your families, I send my deepest condolences on the loss of your

beloved Cory.

Attending yesterday's beautiful, and so thoughtfully designed and hosted celebration of his life, I felt the loss in never having met and known such a remarkable man. And that "glimpse" gave me the knowing of the vast enormity of your loss. Truly I am so very sorry. With much love and kindness to you all.

Tribute from Wayne Croswell

Relation: Friend of Cory's and his mother, Joyce.

So saddened to hear of Cory's passing. My condolences to his family and friends.

Tribute from Charlene Karpuk

Relation: Distant neighbor

Deepest sympathies on the loss of your son. From Stella and Charlene Karpuk.

Tribute from Michelle Beck

Relation: Friend of Maureen

My thoughts are with you - I am deeply sorry for the life's loss you and Corbyn, and the family, are experiencing. I wish for some kind of peace for you all as you walk your path.

Tribute from Colin Piquette

Relation: I knew Cory through shared social connections, political causes, and through work (I was the MLA representing Smoky Lake from 2015-2019). We were friendly and had we more time together I am sure we would have been good friends.

My deepest condolences to Cory's family, friends, colleagues, and fellow activists at this tragic loss. Thank you so much for giving those of us who knew him the opportunity to grieve and commemorate together while respecting Cory's support for quarantine measures. I just wanted to say just how much Cory impressed me with his intelligence, good sense, humour, and social conscience. He was a great help and mentor to me in my dealings not only with Smoky Lake County but in my roles as Municipal Government Act amendments co-sponsor and as chair of our Caucus Rural Development Committee. His reasoned and sincere advocacy did have an impact and I trust an enduring one. Rest in peace Cory.

Tribute from Lorne Smigorowsky

Relation: Cousin of Reynard, Cory's dad

We all go through life surrounded by death and bad things but also much that is good. Cory's death is especially sad because he was one of the "good" on this earth. My heart goes out to Cory's family. He will be missed by many for a long long time. Because I know Reynard and Joyce so well I really want to share your pain at this time. You both can be proud in the raising of your son, Cory. My love and support extends to you. Lorne Marcie Tamara and Darian

Tribute from Colleen Schayes

Relation: I know Joanne and Maureen.

My deepest condolences to Maureen, Joanne, and the whole family.

Tribute from Louise Patrick

Relation: friend

Sincere Sympathy to the family of Cory & extended family. So sorry to hear of your untimely loss . We are grateful to have known Cory. He will be missed. Bob & Louise Patrick

Tribute from Brian Torrance

Relation: Friend of Maureen

Our condolences to Maureen and family. Thinking of you and wishing you strength and bravery on your next steps. On behalf the team at Ever Active Schools.

Tribute from Lorne Randa

Relation: Work colleague

Cory will be greatly missed. I have had the pleasure of working with Cory through his role as Chief Administrative Officer of Smoky Lake County, and golfing against him on a number of occasions. To his family, please accept my condolences.

Tribute from Shannon Stunden Bower

Relation: co-worker

I worked at Parkland Institute while Cory was on the board. It was such a pleasure to have him involved and he added such an important perspective to our discussions and our work. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to meet him. My condolences to his loved ones.

Tribute from Kerckhof Family

So saddened to hear of Cory's passing. Our condolences to his family.
Georges,Goedele, Alois, Maurice, Pauline and Erika Kerckhof

