

*Celebrating
the life of*

GREGORY
"GREG" BUDD

21.08.1980 - 19.05.2024

It is with deepest condolences that USW Local 7916 must inform the membership of the loss of one of our members, Greg Budd, on May 19th, 2024. Greg was a member in great standing and respected by everyone around him. He will be truly missed and leaves a void in all our communities. Greg will never be forgotten, and we will share his memories forever. The family has provided us with these memories of Greg.

Greg (Gregory) Budd

Greg entered the world on August 21, 1980 in Lethbridge, Alberta (surprising his mother Anita by being six weeks ahead of schedule). He was always enthusiastic about getting things done.

Greg was a happy little boy who was always wanting to learn something new. He attended kindergarten through the first half of grade nine in the French immersion program in Lethbridge. During this part of his life, he developed a passion for sports of all sorts from soccer to Ping-Pong, bowling, and volleyball but his greatest interests were golf, baseball, and hockey. His grandpa and grandma were great Calgary Flames fans and so Greg became one too.

Whether at home or at his grandparents' farm the hockey games were always popular. One player caught his attention, Theoren Fleury (number 14) was a scrappy player of a slighter build like Greg himself. Ever after that Greg always asked for the number 14 on his jersey if it was available. One of his childhood delights was attending two of the Fleury summer hockey schools and meeting him in person.

In the second half of grade nine Anita accepted a transfer to Red Deer, Alberta.

Greg decided to continue his education in the English program close to his home. He quickly became involved in all his favorite team sports and made good friends.

Another passion of Greg's was travelling. His motto was why drive if you can fly. Sitting in the car was not productive when you could spend the time exploring or attending a sports event. One of his highlights was a high school exchange to Japan. He enjoyed it so much that he and his mother returned after high school graduation. They also visited friends in Taiwan and Hongkong.

Greg attended Red Deer College and ventured out into the work world trying a few vocations from banking to farm equipment before working for CPRail. One of Greg's good friends Jeff Borle asked him to attend his wedding in Maryfield, SK. That is how Greg came to live in Saskatchewan as Jeff's bride Corrie Wielgoz had a sister Joni who later became his partner. Greg transferred with CP to Moose Jaw and then a year later to Moosomin where he worked out of the Brandon office. Joni, Greg, and the children of his heart, Rooen and Kobielle formed a family. First in Moosomin and then at Moosomin Lake. During this time Greg came to work at Nutrien where he made some lasting friendships as well as in the community. Of course, he also managed to find a hockey team, a great golf spot and a ball team where this year he and Rooen would have played together.

Greg has gone too soon, in a work accident and we will miss him terribly.

We continue to support the family and ask for privacy at this time. As all the membership has been affected, I ask that everyone support each other in this difficult time. We will all work together to keep each other safe so everyone can go home to their families. The trauma and sadness cannot be ignored but by communicating we will work our way through this tragic event.

Please reach out for any of the support resources the union can provide.

-Derek Palmer - President - USW Local 7916-

