Craig Howard Switzer

Beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and love on August 18, 2025, after a long and quiet battle with illness.

To know the eldest son of George and Una Switzer, was to know warmth, wit, and unwavering love. His family and friends were the center of his world, and he cherished every moment spent with those he loved. Whether over a shared meal, a family vacation, or just a quiet laugh together.

He worked incredibly hard to provide for his family as a journeyman gas fitter. Spending decades in the propane industry, in both Alberta and the Northwest Territories. His children still remember the smell of propane on his work clothes when he got home at the end of each day. They also have fond memories of being taken on work road trips around the Northwest Territories. He retired from his career in 2013 and got to enjoy some wonderful years being close to his daughter April and watching his grandsons grow up.

He had a passion for life and a hope that never dimmed. He loved to travel, to swim, to play water polo, and to explore new foods. Especially when they were shared with good company. Fun followed him wherever he went, and he never missed a chance to make others smile (even if it meant telling one of his famously terrible jokes). Behind the groan-worthy punchlines was a brilliant sense of humor that lit up every room.

Throughout his life he was frustratingly unhurried. Craig was never in a rush to get anywhere, whether it be to learn to crawl as a baby, to catch a train in Holland, to take a drive in Iceland, to walk to the beach in Hawaii or to drive to work down the Highway in Calgary, Craig just got there when he got

there.

He faced his illness quietly, bravely, and with remarkable grace, the same way he lived his life. He never let it define him, choosing to remain focused on the joy of living, the people he loved, and the memories yet to be made.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Craig is survived by his children, Geoff (Frances), April and Shawn; his grandchildren, Diana, Phaedra, Graham, Cameron and Oliver; his great-grandchildren, Sophia and Charlie; his sisters, Kim and Allyson (Lavern), his nieces and nephews, as well as many other extended family and cherished friends.

He now gets to join his wife Debbie, his brother Stuart, his parents and his best friend Art, who all passed before him.

In honor of his love, his laughter and his life, the family invites you to join them in celebrating and memorializing Craig on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 2:00pm at Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home Edmonton South location, 4820 Meridian St NW, Edmonton, AB.

For those unable to attend in person, please join us via Zoom:

Zoom link for Craig's Service

If you wish, donations in Craig's memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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