



## Reid Leeson

January 26, 2015

Elliott REID Leeson of Wallaceburg passed peacefully at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Hospital on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the age of 79. Reid is the son of the late Elliot Leeson (1987) & Annie (McPhail) Leeson (2002). Predeceased by his wife Thelma (Craven) in 1995. He will be dearly missed by his partner Bonnie Burke (Burgess). Loving father of Mary Kathryn, Elizabeth Eglin (Doug) of Tecumseh and Darcy Leeson of Wallaceburg. Dear grandfather of Deanna and John Eglin. Brother of Richard Leeson (Jean) of Ridgetown. Predeceased by his sister Rosina (Leeson) Craven (1987) and Brother-In-Law Donald Craven (1994). He will be missed by Bonnie's son Bill Burke and his daughters Riley and Ruby Burke. He was an outstanding farmer and excelled in what he loved for over 55 years. He was instrumental in bringing back the sugar beet industry to this area in 1996. He was active in politics and also served as Councillor and Deputy Reeve for Chatham Township. He was a Director at North Kent Mutual Fire Insurance. He served on the Kent County Cattleman's Association and Seed Corn Producers boards. He spent several years in the development, ownership and management of a hotel (Oak's Inn), apartments and housing. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 2-4 & 7-9 PM on Thursday. The funeral will be celebrated at the funeral home on Friday, January 30 at 11 AM. Interment in Dresden Cemetery. If desired, remembrances to the charity of your choice may be left at the funeral home. 519.627.3231. Online tributes

may be left at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home** - January 30, 2015 at 12:06 PM

RG

*Video is WOW---GREAT*

*Excellent*

*former neighbour  
Ron Gelderland*

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**Ron Gelderland** - January 30, 2015 at 03:25 PM

CF

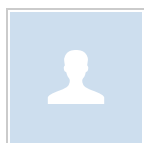
*What a wonderful Video. Thank you so much for sharing. Reid was a wonderful neighbour and will always hold a special place in our hearts. God bless.*

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**Cathy Van Damme & family** - February 03, 2015 at 03:48 PM

MM

*Great man and great loss! RIP Reid*

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**Maureen McCutcheon** - February 08, 2015 at 07:30 PM



“ *Reid Leeson*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

JC

“ *JANICE COLE lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**JANICE COLE** - February 21, 2015 at 07:24 PM

LB

“ *Lance Babcock lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Lance Babcock** - February 09, 2015 at 07:40 PM

JC

“ *Jay Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Jay Cunningham** - February 04, 2015 at 01:42 PM

AF

“ *Anne Fraleigh lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Anne Fraleigh** - February 02, 2015 at 10:21 PM

JE

“ Jean And Dave Elliott lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Jean and Dave Elliott** - February 02, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ Kim MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Kim MacDonald** - January 31, 2015 at 10:07 PM

DJ

“ It was comforting to have Reid as a landlord in the old neighbourhood after my parents passed...My condolences Mary Kathryn , Elizabeth, Darcy , Bonnie.....Debbie Jinkerson

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**Debbie Jinkerson** - January 31, 2015 at 07:22 AM

RR

“ Sincere sympathy to all the family. Reid and I attended Ridgetown Ag School together. We were the first class to attend the school. We will remember the good times we shared as we gathered as a class each July to reminisce. Our paths crossed many times over the years as we both were farmers. A good friend and classmate.  
Russell W. Rogers, Mount Forest, Ontario

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**Russell W Rogers** - January 30, 2015 at 08:15 PM

PP

“ Pam Perrin lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Pam Perrin - January 30, 2015 at 07:48 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 30, 2015 at 11:28 AM

HH

“ Harvey And Susan Handsor lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Harvey and Susan Handsor - January 30, 2015 at 11:16 AM

CS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Charlene Rose Stedtler** - January 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ *Charlene Rose Stedtler lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Charlene Rose Stedtler** - January 30, 2015 at 09:38 AM

CS

*Dear Reid.... I will never forget the day fate smiled down upon me. I met you and Bonnie on the shores of beautiful Tahiti, in August 2004. We three were never strangers and developed, instantly, a wonderful, joyful bond of friendship. I was blessed in having you proudly show me your farmland, listened to your tales and witnessed your devotion to your partner Bonnie. Your love for animals, the earth, all those in need, won my heart. You and Bonnie came to visit me and I you. Every visit, brought the three of us closer. We have all lost a wonderful man filled with compassion and humanity. God Bless you my sweet friend. Prayers of comfort to Bonnie and all whom loved you. I was blessed to have known you. Charlene, Matthew and Erik*

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**Charlene Rose Stedtler** - January 30, 2015 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ *Mary Catherine, Elizabeth, Darcy and Bonnie,  
Our deepest sympathy to you and your families. We regret that we weren't able to attend the service today. Reid was a great guy with lots of personality and generosity. We have fond memories of our families getting together at our homes and Junior Farmer Picnics when Darcy, Elizabeth and Mary Catherine were young.  
Our condolences,  
Marian, Sally, Allan and Andrew Shaw*

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**S Shaw** - January 30, 2015 at 09:00 AM

DB

“ *Doug Bowen lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Doug Bowen** - January 29, 2015 at 07:31 PM



“ *Mary Kathryn, Elizabeth, Darcy and Bonnie, Carol and I send our condolences to you. Sorry we are away at the present time and won't be able to make the service tomorrow.  
I have many fond memories of Reid from our days growing up on the farm. Our thoughts are with you in these difficult times.  
Lee and Carol Holling*

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**Lee Holling** - January 29, 2015 at 06:24 PM

BP

“ *Bill & Janice Pearson lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Bill & Janice Pearson** - January 29, 2015 at 06:12 PM

KI

“ *Kevi Innis, lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Kevi Innis**, - January 29, 2015 at 03:37 PM

KI

*Sorry for your loss , Reid was a great man to know , those who knew him are truly blessed*

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**Kevin Innis**, - January 29, 2015 at 03:41 PM

TK

“ *Bonnie... We are so saddened to hear of Reid's passing. We send our deepest condolences to you and family. Our thoughts,Love and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Oveta,Roy and Daniel*



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**The Kennedy's** - January 29, 2015 at 01:22 PM

RF

“ Reid and Bonnie lived across the street from us when our kids were growing up. That was a long time ago. He was so good to the kids. He would bring a new litters of puppies over for them to see and always had a story to tell. Thoughts and prayers to you Bonnie and your family during this difficult time.  
*Remi & Deb Foulon*

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**Remi & Deb Foulon** - January 29, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Charbonneau sent a virtual gift in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Cheryl Charbonneau** - January 29, 2015 at 11:32 AM

DA

“ Dennis And Annmarie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Dennis and Annmarie Alexander** - January 29, 2015 at 05:41 AM

DC

“ Dave And Norma Cogghe lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Dave and Norma Cogghe** - January 28, 2015 at 10:21 PM

JR

“ *John & Barb Robinson lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**John & Barb Robinson** - January 28, 2015 at 09:05 PM

AE

“ *Bonnie, Mary Kathryn, Elizabeth, and Darcey  
We were so sorry to see that Reid has passed away. Hard to believe it is over ten years since our parents were neighbours. We remember fondly Reid bringing puppies to show our boys who were all terrified. We laugh about that to this day. Alan always enjoyed meeting with Reid on business and having a tour of the farms. We are thinking of you at this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Alan and Kim Enns*

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**Alan Enns** - January 28, 2015 at 05:56 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Malloy lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**maxine malloy** - January 28, 2015 at 02:59 PM

Joyce  
Ritchie

“ Bonnie, Gord and I are so very sorry to hear of Reid's passing. Oh the memories I have when Reid was my boss at the Oak's Inn. Some of my greatest memories from that time, and the trip to the states on his boat one day. He truly was one of the best! My heart goes out to you and Reid's family. God Bless.



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**Joyce Ritchie** - January 28, 2015 at 01:28 PM

JL

“ Joni & Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Joni & Lawrence** - January 28, 2015 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ Susan Stanley lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Susan Stanley** - January 28, 2015 at 12:48 PM

SC

“ Suzi Fraser Clatworthy lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Suzi Fraser Clatworthy** - January 28, 2015 at 11:53 AM

SC

*Bonnie - so very sorry for your loss!*

**Suzi Fraser Clatworthy** - January 28, 2015 at 11:54 AM

RD

*Our condolences to Bonnie and the family*

**roy and pat van damme** - January 29, 2015 at 08:09 AM

BT

“ *Brian And Linda Thornton lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Brian and Linda Thornton** - January 28, 2015 at 09:32 AM

JT

“ *Jack And Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Jack and Kim Thomaes** - January 28, 2015 at 09:24 AM

RT

“ *Roxanne (Young) Thomson lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Roxanne (Young) Thomson** - January 28, 2015 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ Pam Morley Cooke lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Pam Morley Cooke - January 28, 2015 at 08:57 AM

DL

“ Don & Kris Lee lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Don & Kris Lee - January 28, 2015 at 08:56 AM

CC

“ Connie Christian lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Connie Christian - January 28, 2015 at 08:20 AM

MS

“ Marjory And Rick Smith lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Marjory and Rick Smith - January 28, 2015 at 07:59 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Cofell lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Carolyn Cofell** - January 28, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Bonnie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Bill and Jeanne Thomson



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**Bill and Jeanne Thomson** - January 28, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BR

“ so sorry to hear - treasure the memories Bonnie

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**Brenda Robinson** - January 28, 2015 at 07:39 AM

HW

“ Hugh White lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Hugh White** - January 28, 2015 at 07:07 AM

KV

“ *K Verstappen lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**K Verstappen** - January 28, 2015 at 07:04 AM

LM

“ *Lorne & Wendy McCreary lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Lorne & Wendy McCreary** - January 28, 2015 at 06:53 AM

KW

“ *Ken And Janet Wade lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Ken and Janet Wade** - January 28, 2015 at 05:43 AM

MC

“ *Mark Childs lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



**Mark Childs** - January 28, 2015 at 05:22 AM

JN

“ Jeannie Carroll And Staff At Napa lit a candle  
in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Jeannie Carroll and staff at Napa** - January 28, 2015 at 05:07 AM

KH

“ Kathy & Andy Howell lit a candle in memory  
of Reid Leeson



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**Kathy & Andy Howell** - January 27, 2015 at 10:28 PM

LH

“ Lis Hyde lit a candle in memory of Reid  
Leeson



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**Lis Hyde** - January 27, 2015 at 09:11 PM

RR

“ Ray & MaryLou Racz sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Reid Leeson



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**Ray & MaryLou Racz** - January 27, 2015 at 08:21 PM

JV

“ Dear Bonnie, We are so very sorry for your loss. We have such warm memories of visiting you and Reid when you had those lovely dogs and one of them was due to have puppies that night. Reid just loved those dogs and he also used to stop by our home with all 3 furry friends in his truck with him when he was crop touring. We loved it when he would come by for a visit with them. John and Reid got along so well during their term of office for Chatham Township Council and they were so proud to serve their constituents. Lots of good memories and lots of love to you and your family Bonnie.



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**John&Mary VanDamme** - January 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM

ST

“ Sherri Teeter lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Sherri Teeter** - January 27, 2015 at 07:35 PM

EJ

“ Eric And Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



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**Eric and Sandra Johnston** - January 27, 2015 at 06:47 PM

CH

“ Christopher lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Christopher - January 27, 2015 at 06:26 PM

GB

“ Gary Broidioi lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Gary Broidioi - January 27, 2015 at 06:20 PM

BJ

“ Bonnie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson



Bonnie Johnston - January 27, 2015 at 06:16 PM

JH

“ Our sympathy to the family.



John and Judy Hooper - January 27, 2015 at 05:03 PM

RB

“ *Ron Brooks lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**Ron Brooks** - January 27, 2015 at 04:25 PM

LT

“ *We are so saddened by your loss Bonnie. Reid had such a kind and caring spirit with such a zest for life and people! He was a great friend! May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have in your heart and know our thoughts are with you and the family at this difficult time. Hugs to you.*  
*Lesley & Jim Taylor*



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**Lesley Taylor** - January 27, 2015 at 03:47 PM

DF

“ *David Teeter & Family lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson*



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**David Teeter & Family** - January 27, 2015 at 03:45 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie I am sorry to hear Reid has passed away. Condolences to you and the family.* ”



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**Brenda Stokes** - January 27, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Reid Leeson* ”



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**jane mcgill** - January 27, 2015 at 02:41 PM