



# Man dead in Mexico fondly remembered

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For the past two months, Dale Clack couldn't stop talking about his daughter's upcoming wedding at a Mexican resort.

"He was so excited to see her get married and excited to go on a trip," said Josh Dally, general manager of Great West. Clack had managed inventory for the past three years.

"He was bragging about it as anybody would when they have a chance to go on a holiday."

Dally's heart is now filled with sadness after receiving the news that the 51-year-old single father of two would not be vacation due to a horrible accident.

Clack was reportedly swimming with his teenage son near San Jose de Cabo on the Baja California peninsula Monday when he was swept away by the current off the Pacific Ocean.

His body was found the next day by Mexican authorities.

Clack's daughter phoned the dealership on Tuesday to deliver the terrible news about her father, who had made man dealership - of which two went to Mexico with him for the wedding.

Last Thursday was Clack's last day as a full-time employee at the dealership.

According to Dally, Clack, who had a previous shoulder injury, was going to continue working at the dealership part-time in Ponoka to be a heavy machine operator.

Before he left for vacation, Clack stopped by the dealership with his son to say hi and show off his new motorbike — a both shared.

Clack's son wrote on his blog that he loved dirt biking and sometimes went out with his dad and other friends who had.

Dally described Clack as the ideal employee, who always went above and beyond to make sure everyone was happy.

"He was definitely well-liked. He never had any run-ins with anybody," said Dally, who noted the mood at the dealership was solemn the last few days. The company is planning to provide a couple of cars to give to Clack's family when they return.

"You didn't have to ask him to do things. He just got them done and never asked for anything back in return."

Clack is the third Canadian tourist this year to lose his life to the strong currents along the Pacific coast.

In February, Dale McDougall, 63, and his wife Linda, 59, were caught by a rogue wave and swept out to sea near Cabo San Lucas. The couple were vacationing with their daughter and her husband, along with their three grandchildren.

The Pacific side of Cabo is known for its strong currents and powerful waves, with Mexican tourism websites reporting that the beaches are too dangerous for swimming.

AMA Travel Agent Nikola Berube said that doesn't mean travellers can't go in the water, they just have to be careful.

Berube advises her clients to follow the local guidelines, noting there are some areas that are designated specifically for swimming.

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