

WILLIAMS

April 8, 1931 - June 28, 2009

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend, Hilda Marie Williams (nee Swanson) was peacefully called into the arms of her Lord and Saviour after losing her courageous battle with ovarian cancer at the age of 78. Hilda will forever be loved and cherished by her husband Len of 61 years, children Dan (Bev) Williams, Judy (Keith) Jepson, Brenda (Doug) Mantai, Cheryl (Don) Mori, Randy (Shelene) Williams, Jeff (Joyce) Williams, and their families including 21 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Also survived by brother Derek (Esther) Swanson, sisters Emily Nixon, Lena Trautman, Nancy Nixon, Lois Fester and numerous nieces and nephews. Hilda was predeceased by her parents Carl and Mabel Swanson, brother Carl Swanson, grandsons Chad Douglas Williams, Cameron Robert Williams and great granddaughter Sidney Elise Curlock. Hilda will always be remembered for her love and faith in the Lord Jesus and her prayers. She loved the time spent with her family. Her loving, kind and caring ways will never be forgotten. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the loving and caring staff at the Aspen Ridge Lodge, Unit 4, Didsbury and Southwood Hospice. If so desired, donations may be made in Hilda's name to Every Home for Christ P.O. Box 3636 Guelph, ON, N1H 7S2 or Victoria's Quilts Canada, 454 - 1568 Merivale Rd, Ottawa, ON, K2G 5Y7. Funeral service was held at Carstairs Church Of God on July 3, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury, phone 403-335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

KLYS

1922 to 2009

John Peter Klys, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away June 27, 2009 at the age of 87 years at the Didsbury Hospital following a brave fight with cancer. John was born in Holland and immigrated to Canada with his family at the early age of five. They located in the Strathmore area and later moved west of Carstairs where he farmed on the family farm for the remainder of his life. John attended school at Jackson, just a 1/2 mile up the road from their farm to Grade 8 then mixed farming with his father. He was an avid sportsman enjoying all sports including curling, bowling, horseshoes, baseball and hockey. It was while he was playing hockey that he met his wife Shirley. They were married for 50 wonderful years, living on the farm where they raised their three children, Alice, Jim and Mary Ann. John also enjoyed the game of golf, and took many fishing trips with "the boys" who included a large group of family and friends. He also loved to go camping and travelled many miles with his motorhome and later his 5th wheel to rodeos, or just to camp out somewhere. Wherever it was he was always accompanied by family or great friends. He spent many summers at Burntstick Lake where it was his great joy to drive the boat for all the children and grandchildren while they water-skied. John's greatest love was farming and he was happiest when he could be in the field driving that big green tractor with his name on it. John was well liked by everyone he met and made some very special friends throughout his life. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley, mother Cornelia, his father Cornelius and a sister Deanna (Dixon). He is survived by his daughter Alice (Russell)

Sackett and their children Bryce, Lesley (Jason), and Bradley(Michelle); his son Jim (Gerrie Lee) Klys, their children Casey (Pattie), Robert (Crystal), Jennifer (Andrew) Keeley, and David (Alana); and a daughter Mary Ann (Paul) Sparling and their children Jacqui (Greg) Piebiak, Christy, Ryan (Amanda), and Julie (Jeff) Bellamy; seventeen great-grandchildren, Ethan Sackett, Lorelee, Tannis and Tyson Klys, Chelsea, Jillian and Caden Klys, Molly, Jack, Charlie, and Abbie Keeley, Canter and Gage Klys, Braeden and Brooklyn Piebiak, Dalton and Koda Sparling, and soon to arrive new baby, Bellamy. John is also survived by two sisters, Nancy Jefferies and Ann Marsh; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. John's family would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Smit and all of the caregivers on Unit 2 at the Didsbury Hospital for the wonderful care he received while there. A memorial service for the late John Klys Was held Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 2 pm at the Cremona Congregational Church, Cremona, Alberta with Pastor Ian Mason officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to STARS Air Ambulance, the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

HEWITT

FEBRUARY 13, 1919 - JULY 11, 2009

Olive Beatrice Hewitt passed peacefully at the Brentwood Care Center on July 11, 2009 at the age of 90 years. She was born in Edam, Saskatchewan, and married Bruce Hewitt on August 10, 1948. Olive resided in Cremona for 56 years before moving to the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane, and later to the Brentwood Care Centre in Calgary. While living in Cremona Olive operated the AGT switchboard and then the Alberta Treasury Branch and Motor Vehicle Licensing Bureau. She leaves to mourn her passing, her children Sheila Kinch (Philip), Edward, Ethel Hewitt (Kelly Tennant) and Lyle. Also her grandchildren: Jason, Jamie, Jennifer, Curtis, Alicia, Kevin, A'aron, Burt, Nathan and Lee; Great Grandchildren: Laeken, Aspen, Cache, Parker, Kyle, Tyler and Levi. As well as several step grandchildren. Olive is also survived by her close cousin Madge (Lawrence) Severson, Aunt Laura Williamson and numerous other family members. Olive was predeceased by her husband Bruce (Dec 21, 2007), father Ed (Dec 8, 1949), mother Ethel (Oct 17, 1994), brother Don (Nov 21, 1986), brother Keith (Aug 29, 2003), brother Ken (Sept 21, 2006) and special Aunt Mille Dell (Apr 29, 2008). A funeral service was held at the Cremona Congregational Church, Cremona, Alberta on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at the Cremona Cemetery, where she was laid to rest with her husband Bruce. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements entrusted to Cochrane Country Funeral Home, Cochrane, AB 403-932-1039. "Life Is Like a Rose."

VAN TETERING

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cornelius Johannes Van Tetering on July 15, 2009. Cornie was born January 8, 1933 in Calgary, Alberta and lived in Carstairs, Alberta. He is survived by his loving wife, Laurie, his children Joanne (Greg) Miller, Don (Sandy) Van Tetering, Tom (Lisa) Van Tetering, Steve (Dawn) Van Tetering, and their mother Viola Van Tetering. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Jolene, Melissa, Lindsey, Erica, Joel, Carley, Stacey, Janelle, and Justin. Cornie was predeceased by his brother, Hank. Among his most cherished moments were farming, hunting, fishing, going for drives and family gatherings. Sincere thanks to Ashrat, Kevin, and staff at Hillcrest Extended Care Centre. At Cornie's request there will be no memorial service but a celebration of his life will be held at the old Dog Pound School on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, if you choose, you may donate to the Alzheimer's Society, or Arthritis Society of Calgary.

MUNT

February 24, 1940 - August 5, 2009

Lorne Kenneth Munt passed away peacefully on August 5, 2009, at his summer home in Mistusinne, Saskatchewan. He will lovingly be remembered by his wife Linda of 44 years, his son Shane (Shirley Leaver), daughter Dana (Brent) Adams, his 2 grandchildren Ryan and Abby, his brother John (Roberta) Munt, Juanita (Bobby) Mathew, one sister in law, two brothers-in-law, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Elbow, Saskatchewan on Monday, August 10, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, for the wishing, memorial donations may be made to Village of Mistusinne (Golf Course), Box 160, Elbow SK, S0H 1J0.

DYCK

Gordon Daniel Dyck (age 87) of Didsbury, Alberta, passed away on Friday, August 7th, 2009, after a lengthy illness. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Susanna Dyck, who died on July 1, 2009. His family wishes to thank Dr. Hoeve and all the staff at the Olds Hospital, as well as his volunteer caregiver, Marie, for their kindness and excellent care during his stay there. Gordon will be fondly remembered by his siblings, Paul, Harley, Jim and Norman Dyck, and Lorna Loudon, and also by their spouses Kathy, Mary and Anjane Dyck. He will be greatly missed by his children, Darlene Cameron, Joan Young, Jan Carroll, Larry Van Dyck, Allan Dyck, and by their spouses/partners, Glen Cameron, Hal Dawson, Steve Lilgedahl, and Genia Van Dyck. Gordon will also be greatly missed by his grandchildren, David and Dermai Young, Matthew and Ian Cameron and his wife Anisa, Jamie and Daniel Dyck, and Jessica and her husband, Troy Thompson. He will also be missed by his great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Hannah and Tristan Thompson. Finally, he will be remembered by all his dear friends of many years in the community. The funeral service was held at West Zion Mennonite church, and the interment service at the Bergthal Mennonite church cemetery on Friday, August 14th, 2009. Friends wishing to contribute are asked to make donations to the Mennonite Central Committee, Relief Fund, Suite 210, 2946 - 32 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T1Y 6J7 in his honour. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta. 403-216-5111 & 403-912-0307.

LAING

Winnifred Anne Laing passed away at Drayton Valley, AB, on August 29, 2009. Winnie was born in Winnipeg on March 9, 1917. She had many friends in Stonewall and Rosser, MB; Carstairs, Bear Canyon, and Fairview, AB where she resided over the years. She is survived by her daughter, Roberta (Neale), and her sons, Doug (Glenda), and Darrell (Diana), as well as many grand- and great-grandchildren. Winnie was predeceased by Edgar in 1993, and Doug in 1951. A graveside service was held on September 5th, 2009, at the Carstairs Cemetery. Those who wish to remember Winnie may do so directly to the charity of choice or the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Kneehill Funeral Services, Three Hills, AB, were entrusted with arrangements.

NEUMILLER

Anna Elizabeth Neumiller (nee Klein), wa born January 25, 1917 in Acme, Alberta and passed away September 29, 2009 at age 92. Survived by son Gerald and wife Linda; grandchildren Carol Moffit (Dave), Diane May Naugh (Bob), Trudi Neumiller (Will Bosomworth); great-grandchildren Alanna Jonson, Daman Jonson, Shane Bosomworth, Aric

Bosomworth, Tyson Bosomworth, Drew Maffitt and Brooke Maffitt; one sister Ida Yandt, Calgary; and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by husband Edward Neumiller. Funeral services were held October 1, 2009 at the Carstairs Bancroft United Church, Reverend Bryan Derksen officiating. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

ADELSBERGER

Ernst Adelsberger was born in Austria on Dec. 3, 1949 and died Oct. 10, 2009 in Olds Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. Ernst and Anna Rose came to the Carstairs area from Switzerland in 1991. For the first ten years, he was involved in farming, then became the proud owner of his Truck, transporting goods in Western Canada until his illness. Ernst is survived by his loving wife Anna Rose; daughter Saskia; and 5 month old grandson Emery. He is also survived by a daughter Sylvia (Karli); granddaughters Sandra and Katrin; and son Joachim in Austria; sister Brigitte (Stephan) in Switzerland; and sister-in-law Vreni (Bruce) in Carstairs. Burial took place Oct. 13 with the memorial service Oct. 16 at the Carstairs United Church.

MOORE

Norman Ernest Moore of Carstairs, Alberta passed away suddenly on Sept. 29, 2009. Norm was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario on April 14, 1926 and in later years moved to Alberta, where he was involved in horses and transportation. Norm could be seen around the stables and horse tracks, where he was moving horses even at 83 years of age. Norm was predeceased by his brother, Roy Moore of Hamilton, Ontario and the love of his life, his wife, Julia Mary "Julie" Moore. Norm leaves behind his daughters, Shelly Moore of B.C.; Laurie and Mike Salhab of Alberta; granddaughter, Roxanne Moore; and nieces, Suzanne and Michelle. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held Monday, October 26, 2009 at the Carstairs Legion at 10:30 a.m.

ROBERTSON

March 31, 1925 - October 9, 2009

Leon Ritchie Robertson was born in Carlyle Saskatchewan and passed away peacefully at the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary, at the age of 84. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 59 years, Hazel. He will also be greatly missed by his sons Ryan and Neil(Colleen), and his grandchildren Aaron(Alana), Chelsea and Courtney. Leon is also survived by brothers Larry(Florence), Jack, and sisters Romelda Judd, Joyce Leask, Gloria Bayne(Stuart), brother-in-law Alton Gano, sister-in-law Lila Robertson, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Jim and Lyla Robertson, brother Loy, brothers-in-law Harold Judd and Mac Leask, and sisters-in-law Lorna Gano and Jeannette Robertson. He trucked in Calgary and Dog Pound before farming fulltime for many years in Dog Pound. He was very active in the community and will always be remembered for his generosity, kindness, honesty and great sense of humor. A Memorial Service was held at the Madden Hall on Thursday October 15, 2009. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to S.T.A.R.S., Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7 and the Canadian Diabetes Association, 204, 2323 - 32 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 6Z3. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta 403-216-5111 & 403-912-0307

ARNDT

Dorothy Irene Arndt of Dogpound, passed away, surrounded by her family, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the age of 83 years. Dot was born in Rouleau, Saskatchewan on Wednesday, January 27, 1926. She was the eldest daughter of Wesley and Lesley Wilson. In 1933, they moved to Cochrane Lakes, where Dot grew up and went to school. In 1941, she met the love of her life, Steve. They married in Cochrane on Wednesday, June 26, 1946. In 1951, they moved to Dogpound where they ran a garage and bulk fuel business. Steve and Dot remained in Dogpound until 2008. Dot will be lovingly remembered for her kindness and generosity to all. Her heart and home were always open to anyone. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to neighbors and friends, whether that meant driving grain truck, taking someone to an appointment or just being there in a time of need. Dot was also a very talented musician, she played several instruments, all self taught. Dot played for many dances in and around the community. She treasured the social gatherings when neighbors would get together and play some good old time music. Dot always tried to keep busy, she took up painting in her 70's. Dot will be deeply missed by her husband, Steve; daughters, Betty (Doug) McArthur, and Linda (Cam) Sorensen; brothers, Stan (Barb), Dyle (Virginia), Don (Judy) Wilson and sister Norma (Ian) MacKenzie. Dot's memory will be further cherished by her grandchildren, Stevie Cameron, Jim, Dan and Dale (Debbie) McArthur; great grandchildren, Donald, Bret, Sean, Chantelle and Mya, as well as several nieces and nephews and Dot's extended family of 'kids and grand-kids'. She was predeceased by her sister, Roberta (Berta) and brother-in-law, Dennis Arndt. At Dot's request, no services will be held. If Dot touched your life, and you desire, a donation can be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 101, 5208 - 53 Ave., Red Deer, AB T4N 5K2. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mountainviewfuneralchapel.com. Arrangement entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 1413 - 21 Ave., Didsbury. Phone 403-355-4773. Locally Owned and Operated, Proudly Serving Our Community for Over 45 Years.

ARBUCKLE

April 18, 1919 - November 3, 2009

Phyllis Agnes (Lester) Arbuckle passed away in Didsbury Long-term Care on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at the age of 90 years. She is lovingly remembered by her sons Harvey, Murray (Diane), Allan (Pat), Richard (Teresa), and her daughters Carol and Marjorie (Peter) Hunt. She will be missed by 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 1 brother Gerry (Grace) Lester of Penticton, BC and 1 brother-in-law, Robert Arbuckle of Souris, MB. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Gordon, her parents, 1 granddaughter, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. A Memorial Service will be held at the Cremona Congregational Church, Cremona, Alberta on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Ian Mason officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Unit 4, Long-term Care at Didsbury Hospital, c/o Rosebud Health Foundation, PO Box 962, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0 or Cremona Congregational Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 186, Cremona, Alberta T0M 0R0 or the charity of one's choice. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta 403-216-5111 & 403-912 - 0307.

LUFT

Janice Lorraine Luft (nee Owens) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at her home in Cremona at the age of 70 years. Jan was born in Didsbury and grew up in the Carstairs area. On Tuesday, December 27, 1960 she married the love of her life, Don, and moved to the family farm south-west of Cremona. Jan was a mother to four, a teacher to many and a friend to all. Jan enjoyed feeding, and especially serving pie, to any who came through her door. Her mastery of the piano and her skills at painting will never be forgotten.

Jan will be sorely missed by her husband of 48 years, Don. She also leaves to mourn her mother Arrena Owens, her beloved children: Dixi (Ward) Mackenzie, Jeff Luft and Keith (Sherri) Luft, along with her beloved six grandchildren. Jan's memory will also be cherished by her three sisters: Carol (Vic) Johnson, Peggy (Trevor) Moody, and Joan (Alan) Wilson. Jan was predeceased by her son Dallas Luft. If friends so desire, donations in memory of Jan may be directed to The Cochrane Art Club c/o Shannon Luyendyk 64 Riverside Drive Cochrane, Alberta T4C 1K8. A Memorial Service for Jan was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at The Cremona Community Hall. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mountainviewfuneralchapel.com

HACKENBERG

Doing what he loved and did best, serving the Lord, Wolfram "Uncle Wolf" Hackenberg passed to his rest on November 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife, daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Foothills Camp Lodge (from Olds W Hwy 27, N Rge. Rd. 2.3, W Twp Rd 342 follow to end). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. Cremation Arrangements Entrusted to Ponoka Funeral Home 403-783-3122. A Wombold Family Funeral Home.

MORASCH

AUGUST 27, 1930 - NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Harry Morasch passed away at the Olds Hospital after a lengthy illness on November 5th, 2009 at the age of 79 years. Harry was born east of Didsbury on a farm, the youngest son of Adam and Elisabeth Morasch. He grew up on his parents' farm and took his schooling at Neapolis. He loved horses & Rodeo competing in many events including calf roping at the Calgary Stampede in the early 1960s. Harry was pre-deceased by his parents, eight sisters and three brothers. He is survived by two brothers, Danny of Olds & George (Fern) of Calgary. Graveside service & internment at Didsbury cemetery on November 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. Pastor Dave Ingram of the Light House Church Olds officiating.

DIETRICH

Doris Olive Dietrich (nee Ault) passed away peacefully at her home on November 27, 2009 at the age of 78, surrounded by her loving family. Running to meet her with open arms were her husband, Alfred, her daughters, Linda Pothier and Gail Dietrich, her grandson, Ryan Pothier, her brothers, Walter and Stan and her sister Kay. She is survived by her sister Faye Wilcox, by her children, son-in law Brian Pothier (Linda), Lyle (Sandy) Dietrich, Steven (Sharon) Dietrich, Marie (Frank) Harris, Ann (Alan) Riddle and Dan Dietrich; her grandchildren, Angela (Scott), Kim, Kris, Michelle (Steve), Jessica, Travis, Cassandra, Carley, Colbey, Aaron, Angelina and her great-granddaughter, Adrianna. Doris was born to Bernard and Rose Ault in Galahad, AB on April 21, 1931. She was raised in Heisler, AB. Doris married Al Dietrich Jan 4, 1950 and started their new life in Turner Valley. Their family started to grow with the additions of Linda, Gail, Lyle and Steve. Then in 1960 the family picked up roots and moved to Didsbury, further additions to the family were Marie, Ann and Dan. Doris had a talent with her hands and sewed many of the clothes her children wore; she also knitted, crocheted and made her "Grandma Hug" blankets. Some of her other favorite things were Bingo, Horse races, spending hours doing crossword puzzles, gardening and spending time with family and friends. She was also actively involved in the CWL, St Anthony's Parish, Friends of St Lucia and the Boy Scouts for many years. Doris became a

world traveler and enjoyed many trips with members of her family to locations like New York, Disney Land, Houston, Portugal, England and her last trip was to Fatima. Doris will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Special thanks to Home Care, Companions Caring for U (Shirley and Peggy), Dr. Hoeve, Dr. Jackson, Margaret Baril and especially Aunt Faye for her time with her sister. A prayer service will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Didsbury. Mass Of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Olds. Interment to follow at the Didsbury Cemetery. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Linda Pothier Memorial Fund at Westglen School in Didsbury. Bag 200, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0 or any charity of their choice. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone:403-227-3123.

MacDONALD

On Sunday, November 15th, 2009, Mr. Neil William MacDonald passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, two days before his 69th birthday. Neil will always be fondly remembered and missed by his wife, Janet, of Edmonton; his daughter, Marcia (Carl) Ziegler, and their children, Carissa, Joel, Kayla, and Julia, of Rimbey; his 2 sisters, Judy (Bill) Snyder, of Carstairs, and Marva (Duane) Harder, of Vernon, B.C.; his sisters-in-law, Elaine Anhorn, Dorothy (Don) Ford, and Violet (Brian) Wray; his brother-in-law, Neale Smith, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is predeceased by his son, Kevin, in 1994; his son, Dale, in 1995; his sister-in-law, Eileen Smith; his brother-in-law, Everett Anhorn, as well as his parents, Bill and Mae MacDonald. Neil had an unconditional love for his family and grandchildren, and a great passion to share with others the love that Christ had for him, and the peace that they too could have with Christ in their hearts. A Celebration of Neil's Life was held on Monday, November 23rd, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Glenwood Funeral Home, south of Wye Road on Range Road 232 in Sherwood Park, Alberta. If desired, receipted memorial tributes may be made to Urban Missionaries' Association of Canada, 6727 88 Street, Edmonton, AB T6E 4Y4. Glenwood Funeral Home 1-780-467-3337.

REAP

John Steven Reap of Carstairs passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at the age of 94 years. John is lovingly remembered by his loving wife Vera of 61 years; his son Tom (Gill) of Sundre; his three daughters Geraldine (Rick), Trudy & Sharlene (Jim); four granddaughters, Kim (Grant), Christie (Ryan), Jody (John-Mark) & Jamie; four grandsons, Mark (Lisa), Shayne (Kendra), Christopher & Nicholas; four great grandsons & two great granddaughters, as well as many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 53, Carstairs, Alberta on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to S.T.A.R.S., Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta (403) 216-5111 & (403) 912 - 0307.

LAVECK

Phyllis Jean Laveck was born in East End Saskatchewan, March 14, 1932 to Marius and Florence Gallot, the eldest of four children. Her siblings were George, Leonard, and Rose. The family was raised on a farm at Ravenscrag, Saskatchewan, where Phyllis grew up enjoying the outdoors, her animals and riding her horse. Phyllis was her dad's right-hand man picking rocks, driving trucks and tractors, and braving the cold Saskatchewan winters.

Phyllis married James Patrick Laveck in 1956 in Carstairs at the United Church. Rose came with them on the bus to stand up with her sister at their marriage. Jim and Phyllis worked as farm hands in the Airdrie area and then later moved to Jim's grandfather's ranch at Water Valley, which they later bought. Jim and Phyllis ranched, guided and outfitted, rented out cabins, gave trail rides, and operated a sawmill. In their free time, they enjoyed nature, hunting and fishing, doing all sorts of crafts, and always enjoying a good host of friends. Jim passed away in 1985, leaving Phyllis to ranch alone. With the help of friends, she carried on until October of 2008, then sold out and moved to a senior's apartment in Sundre. Phyllis died of heart failure Friday, November 20, 2009 in the Foothills Medical Centre. She leaves to mourn, her sister Rose (Richard) Thorkman of Pincher Creek and a number of nieces and nephews and also many very good friends. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Jim, brothers George and Leonard Gallot and her parents. Phyllis' internment at the Water Valley cemetery and celebration of her life was held at the Cremona Country Fellowship Church in Cremona at 2 pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. Personal Alternative Funeral Services are in charge of management. Donations can be made in Phyllis' memory to STARS or to the Water Valley Community Association.

NELSON

Esther Bernice (Elias) Nelson was born in Kintyre, North Dakota on June 3, 1911 to parents Anna Elizabeth and Myron Eugene Elias. Her three brothers, Edward, Earl, and Archie affectionately called her 'Sis'. Bernice was a good student and completed her grade 8. She then helped her mother at home as well as her three aunts with their young families. With the opportunity of homestead land in Canada, Bernice's family immigrated to North Branch, Ontario in 1928. In her late teens, Bernice accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. At the age of 21, with a desire to complete her education, Bernice enrolled at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis, Minnesota to complete her high school and attend Bible School. Each summer she returned home to help her mother with picking blueberries and gardening. She also taught Bible classes in the schools around the district. Desiring to learn more of God's word and to train in children's ministry, she enrolled in the Covenant Bible School, Norquay, SK. It was there she met Howard Nelson. Howard joined the army and Bernice finished Bible School. After Howard returned from Europe they were engaged and later married on April 22, 1946. They had one boy and four girls. They were involved in mission work for several years in Alberta and Quebec. Most of their married years were spent living in Saskatchewan. In her seventies Bernice cared for her mother Annie in their home until great grandma was 103. In 1995 they moved to Carstairs and later to Linden. Her family is very grateful for the loving care she received from the Linden Nursing Home staff for the last 12 years of her life. She is survived by her husband Howard Nelson, 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Howard and Bernice were happily married for 63 years. Bernice cheerfully served her family with diligence and a delightful sense of humor. She will be remembered for her gentle loving spirit and her deep devotion to her Lord. Funeral services were held Friday, October 30, 2009 at 10:30 am at Linden Nursing Home, Linden, Alberta with interment in Linden Cemetery. Arrangements in care of Sunset Funeral Service, Linden, AB 403-546-3903.

WELDON

Dura Weldon passed away on Oct. 27, 2009 at the age of 93. Dura was born May 14, 1916 at Vulcan, Alberta. She moved with her family from the Vulcan district to the Madden-Crossfield district in 1917. Homer and Lura Gano had five children -- Irene, Bud, Dura,

Dorothy and Merle. In 1939 Dura married Eddie McArthur and they had two children Doreen and Doug. Eddie and Dura divorced in 1945. In 1949 she married Stan Haley of Cremona, AB. They had one son Gale. Stan passed away in 1974. She married Jack Weldon of Crossfield in 1977. After Jack passed away in 1991, Dura went to the Rocky View Lodge in Crossfield, AB in 1991. After spending eight years at Crossfield, Dura moved to the Pleasant View Lodge in Spirit River where she was closer to her daughter Doreen in 1999. In 2004 due to poor health she moved to Long Term Care in the Spirit River Hospital. Dura was predeceased by her parents Homer and Lura Gano; her sister Irene and husband Less Rapin; brother Bud and wife Irene Gano; niece Louise Walroth and nephew Earl Gano and Ken Rapin. She leaves to mourn her daughter Doreen and Marvin Peterson of Silver Valley; two sons Doug and Betty McArthur of Carstairs; Gale and Cathey Haley of Cremona; one sister Dorothy Dombroski of Rimbey, AB; one brother Merleand Doreen Gano of Dawson Creek, BC; 9 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Dura's interests were gardening, curling and playing ball. Her main hobbies were knitting and crocheting. She also loved music and sang with anyone. A memorial service was held Nov. 4, 2009 at Long Term Care in Spirit River. A memorial service was also held on Nov. 21, 2009 at the Cremona Community Hall with interment in the Cremona Cemetery. Heartland Funeral Service, Innisfail.

McBAIN

Malcolm (Mickey) Eric McBain, born October 15, 1920, peacefully entered his eternal rest on December 23, 2009 at the age of 89. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Elizabeth, his children, Bryan (Kathy) McBain, Sheryl (Rick) Martel, Brenda (Ron) McBain, Loree (Richard) Sheehan, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Cremona Community Hall on Wednesday, December 30 at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the royal Canadian Legion Cremona Branch No. 172.