

**BONKOWSKI**

1928 - 2007

With heavy hearts, Max's family announces his sudden passing on October 15, 2007. He is lovingly remembered and will be sadly missed by his wife of 57 years, Elsie, son Barry (Darlene), daughters Leslie-Ann (Vaughn), Donna (Steve) and Naomi (Mark). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Aaron, (Pauline and Bryana Bonkowski, Shawn (Lori) and Heather Murray, Jerran (Lori), Cameron and Katey Ontklean and Joshau, Megan and Jaimee Sheehan and 5 great grandchildren Ryder, Dayton and Hudson Murray and Braydon and Eric Bonkowski. He is also survived by sister Hilda and brothers Carl and John and their families. Max was an active member and former elder of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury. His faith brought him and Elsie enormous comfort and guidance in their lives. Max spent the majority of his work life in the oil and gas industry in Alberta. During this time period he was very proud to have established his own successful companies, TM Transit (service rigs) and M& E Consultants Ltd. Max will be best remembered as a kind and gentle man who enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved to help build, restore, renovate and create and generously shared his abilities with his family and friends. Max enjoyed his time helping whenever he could at both Naomi's and Barry's farms. He took great pleasure helping with haying and the harvest season. His children and grandchildren regarded him not only as a grandfather but as a friend, a man who was loyal and loving always. The family had just enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend together which included yard work, window washing, turkey and laughter which gives them great comfort. Rest in peace Dad. We'll see you in heaven. Put the coffee on. The family wishes to thank all family and friends for the lovely flowers, offerings of food and condolences. These messages of sympathy have helped us all through this very difficult time and we are very grateful for your kindness.

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**CARTWRIGHT**

1921 - 2007

Patricia Jean Cartwright (nee Peters) of Didsbury, Alberta passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on October 14, 2007 at the age of 85 years. Patricia was born on November 5, 1921 in Capel, England. She moved to Canada with her family in 1930. After leaving school she worked as a housekeeper and with harvest crews until she joined the Air Force. This is where she trained as a secretary and worked on the base in Vulcan. In 1944 she married Mack Cartwright and had five children. The family moved to Carstairs in 1949 living south of town where she resided until entering the hospital in 1999. She remained in Long Term Care until her passing. Patricia is survived by two sons Wayne (Brenda) and Ralph; two daughters Daphne (Lloyd) Turner and Maxine (Curt) Jensen; eight grandchildren Shaunna (Damon), Christopher (Annette), Dawn (Bill), Dean (Jan), Teri, Bryce (Julie), Lance (Amber) and Glenda; three great grandchildren Merek, Brady and Dillon. Also left to cherish Patricia's memory are her sister-in-law Jean Peters, sister-in-law Helen Spielman and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Fred and Audrey Cartwright as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her mother and father, brother Bob, brother-in-law Bud Spielman, infant son Dennis in 1947, and in 1995 her beloved husband Mac. Funeral services for the Late Patricia Jean Cartwright were held in Carstairs on Thursday, October 18, 2007 followed by interment in the Carstairs Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Patricia may be directed to S.T.A.R.S., 1441 - Aviation Park, NE, Box 570, Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7 or to the Carstairs Public Library, Box 941, Carstairs, Alberta T0M 0N0. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, 1413 - 21 Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta (403) 335 - 4773. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

**ECKSTRAND**

Wilbur Allan Passed away at the Olds Hospital on October 20, 2007 at the age of 93 years. Wilbur was born in Milaca, Minnesota on September 19, 1914. He is survived by his wife Melba, brother Lloyd, 3 sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Manne and mother Kristine, sister Ruby and brothers Maurice, Bert, Milton, Carl, Cliff and Roy. A Memorial Service will be held at the Madden Community Center on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wilbur's name directly to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Southern Alberta Branch (6007 - 1A Street S.W., Calgary, AB, T2H 9Z9) or to the Dialysis Unit at the Olds Hospital (3901 - 57 Avenue, Olds, AB). Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY, 17 Avenue SE at Garden Road, (1.5 km east of 84th Street SE). Telephone (403) 272-5555.

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**NYSTEN**

Marie Elizabeth Nysten passed away peacefully in the early morning of October 17, 2007 in the Olds Hospital at the age of 74 after a long courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her 2 sons, Marty and Mel (Heidi) and six grandchildren, Ryan, Travis, Brayden, Jason, Cassandra and Dustin. She is also survived by her 3 sisters, Joan (Sam) Thomas of Calgary, Marj (Karl) Hasselmann of Fort MacLeod, Pat (Brad) Goett of Calgary, and her brother Ross (Cheryl) Fredell of Mcleese Lake, BC. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her daughter Rosemarie in 1990, her husband Alf in 1993 and her parents Waiter and Gladys Fredell. She also lost 2 brothers, Mel (Mac Clark) and Art (Kay Hicks), earlier in life. Marie was born in Calgary and has resided on the family farm east of Carstairs her whole life. She attended the Meadowside School by horse and buggy with her brothers and sisters just down the road. She then went onto Nursing Aid School in Calgary where she worked at the General Hospital until she returned home to help her parents, as her dad was not well. Marie married Alf in 1956 and they took over the family farm that was homesteaded by her grandfather in 1909. They raised three children here, and she resided in the original farm home her whole life until her passing. Her greatest love and joy were all of her grandchildren. She appreciated seeing them daily and watching them play in the same yard she grew up in. She was proud to attend their graduations and could be spotted at every school event, and most hockey games. She was their biggest fan. Marie raised pheasants and ran the shooting grounds for many seasons even after Alf passed away. She made many friends and especially appreciated her close relationship with Bill and Jean Clapperton, as they spent many hours helping her fix pens and became like family to us all. Marie also loved crafts and singing. Her calendar was full of events to attend and she was often seen driving a truck full of ladies around the countryside. She was a long standing member of the IODE and gathered with her Red Cross sewing circle to stitch with her friends. She especially enjoyed her paper tole and attended a class every Thursday in Calgary for years with her friend Betty. She sang with the Drifters and the church choir and also did some travelling with her long-time and dear friend Oda. Marie spent hours studying the family genealogy and can boast generations of history on both sides of her family as well as Alf's family tree in Holland. She has many old pictures and could recognize and tell you stories about each one. Marie was a very special friend to many and will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all those whose life she touched. Memorial services were held Monday, October 22, 2007 at the Crossfield and District Community Center at 1:00 pm. Cremation and arrangements in care of SUNSET FUNERALSERVICE Linden, AB 403-546-3903.

**WATTERS**

(nee: Northcott)

August 22, 1922 - October 22, 2007

Dorothy (Bernice) passed away peacefully at the Airdrie Bethany Care Centre on Monday, October 22, 2007 at the age of 85 years. Bernice is survived by her loving husband of nearly 64 years Harold, son Roger (Brenda) Watters, daughters Kathleen (Murray) Pearen, Valerie (Harry) Hall. Also survived by grandchildren Keith (Shannon) Hall, Jennifer (fiancé Ryan) Hall, Chad (fiancé Jenn) Pearen and Teresa Pearen and one great grandchild Alexis Hall. She was predeceased by her parents George and Bertie Northcott, brother Earl Northcott and brother-in-law Larry Saunders. Bernice was born on the farm at Balzac then moving to the Airdrie area where she devoted her life to her family, friends and farm work. The family expresses their sincere appreciation to the staff of the Aspen wing of the Airdrie Bethany Care Centre for their dedication, care and support. A Memorial Service will be held at the Town & Country Centre, 275 Jensen Dr. N.E., Airdrie, AB on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to Alzheimer Society of Calgary, #201-222 58 Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB, T2H 2S3. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) FOSTER'S GARDEN CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM Telephone: 297-0888. Honoured Provider of Dignity Memorial [www.fostersgardenchapel.com](http://www.fostersgardenchapel.com).