

**RUST**

1946 - 2007

Gordon passed away on August 26th at the age of 61 after a long battle with cancer. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Ann, son Kevin (Sam), daughter Jaime, grandchildren Savannah, Brandon, Tyler and Madison, his relatives and many friends. Gord will be remembered for his willingness to help others, his unconditional love for family and friends, and his great sense of humour. He may be gone from our presence, but not from our hearts. A celebration of his life will be held at the family home, September 7th, 2007 at 3:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

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**HUGHES**

Oct. 6, 1911 - Aug. 29, 2007

David Hughes, beloved father, brother & uncle, passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on August 29, 2007 at the age of 95 years. He immigrated from Wales in 1925 with his parents, two brothers and two sisters to the Lone Pine area east of Didsbury. Following his schooling at Siebertville school, he worked for local farmers which included threshing crews for Alhgrim's, renting land from Sid Bouch and driving "CAT" for McCulloch's. During the early 1930's, Dave worked at the BAR U Ranch south of Longview providing him life long interest in the site. He commenced working for REGENT Drilling in the early 1950s and over a thirty year span, worked from Pincher Creek in southern Alberta, to the Didsbury/Sundre area, to northern Alberta, North West Territories and the Arctic. In his position as driller, he received 7 perfect years of safety awards between 1962-1968 from the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contracts for successfully supervising a drilling rig without a lost time accident to himself or any crew members. He was married to Julie in 1952 and maintained his marital home in Edmonton for over 50 years. On his retirement at the age of 71 years, he visited his birthplace in Wales, enjoyed his longtime oilmen friendships in Edmonton and visited family at Edson, Stettler and Didsbury/Carstairs. Following his recovery from a serious stroke, he moved into Carstairs Chinook Winds Lodge in May, 2004 where he thrived from lots of attention and visits from his extended family, friends and the Lodge staff. In particular, he really appreciated the Lodge's delicious home cooked meals. Dave leaves to mourn, his son Dave Jr. of Edmonton, his sisters Myra Underhay, Gwyneth Pratt and Olwen (Frank) Bray, sister-in-law Doris Hughes, special nephew Doug Hughes and many other nieces, nephews & friends. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Enoch and Margaret Hughes and brothers, William, Alan & Trevor. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Heartland Funeral Services for a memorial service in Didsbury on September 01, 2007. If desired, memorial donations may be made to: Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut #101, 5208 - 53rd Ave., Red Deer, AB. T4N 5K2.

## **HUGHES**

March 23, 1930 - Sept. 1, 2007

Bob (Robert Scott) Hughes was born in Radnar (near Calgary), the only child of Margaret and Jack Hughes. He moved to Carstairs in 1932, where he has since resided. Bob attended school in Sunnyslope and Carstairs. While working in Eastend, SK, he met his wife Sandra, and they were married in 1953. He spent most of his life in the construction industry. Along with Jim Yousph, they formed Hughes and Yousph Construction Ltd. Bob was a hard worker and lived life to the fullest. When not working, he was busy gardening, but was never too busy to go fishing. Many happy hours were spent camping and fishing with his family and friends. In later years, he especially looked forward to his yearly 'Big Fishing Trip' with his son Don. Bob was a member of the Carstairs Elks #556. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Barbara, in 1962, as well as his parents. Bob will be sadly missed by his wife Sandra, two children, Don (Corrie) and Joanne, his grandchildren Tracy, Amanda, Brittany and Braden and great grandchildren Corbin, Breena and Madison. Funeral Services were held at the Carstairs Bancroft United Church, Carstairs, AB on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 2:00 pm, with Rev. Nancy Nourse officiating. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bob's memory may be made to the Carstairs, Bancroft United Church, Box 34, Carstairs, AB T0M 0N0 or to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, 1331 - 29th St. NW, Calgary AB T2N 4N2. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 7016 Farrell Rd. S.E. Telephone 216 - 5111.

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## **NEILSON**

1920 - 2007

On September 13, 2007, Winifred Mary Neilson passed peacefully in the Foothills Hospital after complications from a fall. Beloved by her family, she leaves a son, John (Alice) Neilson, and a daughter, Ann (Dave) Beattie, having been predeceased by her son, David (Jocelyn) Neilson, in March 2007 and her daughter, Shirley Wik, in December 2005. Win leaves grandchildren, Brenda (Ray) Pereversoff, Marilyn (Henrik) Neilson, Malcolm Beattie, Sean (Megan) Beattie, Ryan and Michelle Neilson and Allison and Lindsay Wik as well as eight great-grandchildren. Also mourning her loss is her dearest childhood friend, Nora Edwards and family, her cousins, Kathleen Cutler and family, and Jack (Betty) Harris as well as many extended family and friends in Canada, England, and New Zealand. Born in Iping, Surrey on July 12, 1920 to Winifred and Ted Allen, Win was raised by her grandmothers, primarily Mary Ann Gravatt/Davey. A World War II bride, Win married Canadian soldier, Thomas Neilson, in 1941 and, in 1944, accompanied by John, emigrated to Canada through Pier 21 to reside on a farm west of Bowden, AB. She eventually settled in Cochrane where she raised her four children and was an active member of the community for more than fifty years. Win was a talented musician and taught both violin and piano to a host of students throughout her lifetime. Her love of music was one of her many gifts to her children - classical, war tunes, Broadway musicals and contemporary music spanning the decades from 1930 to 2000. Win was an independent spirit with a strong work ethic committed to her family and her community. At the United Church she was superintendent of the Sunday school, led choirs and Explorers and worked with both the UCW and CGIT. She was also a cub leader and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. For many years, she worked for Cochrane area ranching families. Win loved the foothills, the mountains, gardening, history and travel and fulfilled her dream to experience both new places and revisit familiar ones with friends and family in her retirement years. On Friday, September 21, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate Win's life at St. Andrew's United Church in Cochrane. Win's family gratefully declines floral tributes in lieu of a contribution to any Cochrane area community support agency, specifically either the Bethany Cochrane (Pastoral Care), 302 Quigley Drive, Cochrane T4C 1X9 where Win was lovingly cared for during the past two years or the United Church Women, 128 First Street East, Cochrane T4C 1Z3.