

OVERGUARD

John Clifford Overguard of Paradise Hill, Sask. passed away on March 22, 2007 in Saskatoon, Sask. at the age of 81. He was born on February 19, 1926 north of Sundre on the family homestead to Martin and Maude Overguard. John was the second youngest to a family of six. John started working in wildlife conservation in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba with Ducks Unlimited with his Dad, a career that spanned 41 years. In 1985, John received "The Big Horn Award" from the Alberta Government for his outstanding contributions in the conservation of Alberta Fish and Wildlife Resources. John was very deserving of this award and very proud of it. John will be remembered for his kind and caring nature and his entertaining story telling ability. We all have many fond memories of John's stories from the past, many of which included "Ducks". On December 2nd, 1995 John married Margaret at the "Little Church of the West" in Las Vegas. John and Margaret have spent their winters together with their "snowbird" friends in California and their summers with family and friends in the Paradise Hill and Sundre areas. John and Margaret were looking forward to a cruise to Alaska in the near future and to many more years together traveling around visiting their many family and friends. John passed away on March 22, 2007 at St. Paul's Hospital following knee replacement surgery with Margaret, Karen, Jack and Freda Wigham by his side. John was predeceased by: his parents, Martin and Maude Overguard; his first wife, Edna; his brothers, Wilfred, Ken and Frank; and his sister, Doris. John is survived by: his wife, Margaret; his daughters, Karen (Leigh) and Cindy (Barry); his brother, George; his mother-in-law, Viola Allan; his grandchildren, Alana, Chrissy, Brad, Darcie, Duane and Mike; his great-grandchildren, Greg, Caili and Kaiden; numerous nieces and nephews that were very dear to him; his close friends, Jack and Freda Wigham; and his cat whom he simply called "Cat". A memorial service was held on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. from Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in Paradise Hill, Sask. with Rev. Don Retzlaff officiating. Brian Doyle was the urn bearer. Honorary bearers were all of John's friends and family. The eulogy was given by Dan Palsich. Andrea Carr was the soloist and she was accompanied by the organist, Audrey Greves. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John may be made to the Paradise Hill Care Home or to a charity of the donor's choice. Marshall's Funeral Home Ltd. of St. Walburg, Sask. was in care of the arrangements. The family of the late John Overguard would like to thank everyone for their support and compassion during our time of sorrow. Thank you to Reverend Don Retzlaff, organist, Audrey Greves, the U.C.W. ladies for the lunch, and to Marshall's Funeral Home for administering the arrangements.

CYR

To my son, Todd who passed away on April 5, 2007 at the Drumheller Hospital. Todd will always be loved and have a special place in the hearts of his family. Todd is the beloved son to Pat Ghostkeeper of Sundre; sister Connie (Mike) Mallinson and their son Brett all of Sundre; sister Natasha Ghostkeeper of Saskatoon; brother Lance (Erin) Ghostkeeper of Sundre. Todd will also be missed by many relatives and friends. A private family celebration of his life will be held at a later date. He had a great love for nature and all things living. His loss we regret, his memory we revere. Memorial donation may be made directly to the Red Deer Methadone Clinic, 4926 46 St., Red Deer, AB T4N 1N3

A Mother & Child

There is no relationship that is deeper, warmer, or more significant than the one between a mother and her child. It is a love that defies description, a caring that goes beyond the ordinary, a steadfastness that resists all change. As a tribute to Todd Cyr, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393

MORGAN

The following is from the "Spotlight on Sundre" series written by Leslie Munns, from the Sundre Round Up - November 22, 1978 - used with permission.

To hear the story of Trevor Morgan is somewhat synonymous with hearing the story of Sundre itself. Trevor's parents came from England in 1904. Mr. Edwin Morgan's brothers John and Charlie were already in Alberta having come out in the late 1890's, homesteading in Harmattan and John owning the ranch on the Williams Creek now operated by the Red Deer River Ranches. Trevor was born one stormy May day at Harmattan where he grew up and attended school. He remembers riding out to Sundre to attend the School Fair in those days. Schooling was followed by attendance at the Prophetic Bible Institute in Calgary, of which William Aberhart was head. Trevor was one of the first day students at the college, one other was Ernest Manning, later to become Alberta's premier. Trevor remained at the Institute for two years then continued his education in Three Hills and later Red Deer. Eight years after beginning college, Trevor was ordained as a minister of the Church of the Nazarene. In 1933 a milestone was reached for Trevor and Helen Moore became man and wife and, and in 1934 they embarked on mission work in Alberta and B.C. They continued in this work for the next eight years, but health problems for both of them made it necessary for them to leave the ministry. Around this time, 1941 Trevor's cousin Jack Morgan had bought a garage in Sundre, from Hugh Pearce and was looking for a manager. This garage, called Sundre Motors, was situated on the corner now occupied by V & G Centre. The hamlet of Sundre was then largely bush area having possibly fifty residents. Trevor accepted the position of manager and thus embarked on a career totally different to the ministerial work for which he had been trained. His salary, Trevor noted was \$60.00 a month, of which \$25.00 went for the rental of a home. Times were difficult in many ways, for it was war time and both tires and gas were rationed, with permits required for the purchase of tires and coupons to be surrendered for gas. Dave Davidson was the other employee of Sundre Motors. The going charge for work on customer's cars was 50¢ per hour. In 1946, after two additions had been built onto the old shop, work began on the new building east of the corner and the move to the new premises took place in spring of '47. Trevor settled down to life in Sundre. His father who had passed away in 1943, had trained as an electrical engineer in England, and had taught much of his profession to Trevor, who was now able to pass his provincial examination as an electrician. The knowledge he had acquired became extremely useful when the residents of Sundre joined to form the Sundre Power Cooperative Association. Prior to this, the only electricity in the hamlet was provided by a 7 h.p. diesel at the garage, supplying power to the shop and a few houses close by. The Co-op, a non-profit arrangement, financed by loans and shares was able to buy some second hand equipment and generate power at 550 volts so as to be able to power lights and small motors across the area on both sides of the river. The old Petters diesel had to be started with two blow torches and a tank full of compressed air. It was necessary to add lubricating oil every four hours so it was shut down at 11:00 p.m. An alarm clock was adapted to drop a short plank on the throttle lever to stop the engine. As the war was drawing to an end, they were able to finally buy new engines and twenty-four hour power became available. Among the original supporters of this Co-op were Nate Ellithorpe, Reg Morris and Walt Davidson, who still resides here. By 1951 the number of subscribers to power had reached 110 and they were able to interest Calgary Power in buying out the Co-op and supplying hydro. Meanwhile, the garage business was expanding and in 1947, the first new machinery outlet for the district was acquired when the Morgans were able to get a franchise with the International Harvester Company. They sold their first new truck, a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, to Gerald Murphy for some \$1,400.00 and W6 tractors were about \$2,500.00. In 1952, Jack and Trevor bought a service station at the corner of the Bergen road, operating as Corner Service and they were able to secure a General Motors franchise for this outlet. In 1954, an addition that houses the present parts department was added to the Sundre Motors building. The companies were incorporated in 1952. The year 1946 was an eventful one for the Morgans. In May, while working under a car, Trevor was pinned when the hoist failed. Fortunately, Walt Lowrey and Louis Lund happened to be there and had the presence of mind to quickly apply the air hose to the hoist, thus releasing him. This happened during a severe electrical storm which put the phones out of order. Someone volunteered to drive to Olds to find Dr. Harvey, who came out and prescribed pain pills until such time as Trevor could be moved to the Olds Hospital. That same night Helen had arranged a piano recital for her twenty-five pupils including three of the Morgan

children, so it was bedlam trying to care for Trevor, dress the girls, take care of the guest pianist and manage the actual recital, which played in the old Hagen Hall to a packed house. (There was so little entertainment in those days that such things as music recitals were well attended). After X-rays, it was found that Trevor suffered three broken vertebrae, some ribs and his nose. He was put into a body cast which he wore for five months. Another accident occurred on Christmas Eve that year when Trevor was checking the town's power plant about 11:00 o'clock. He sustained a severe electrical shock due to a short circuit in a radio - noise suppressor and his hand was pulled into the revolving armature, severing the tendons on one finger. After a week in the hospital, Dr. Harvey's cleft work restored full use of the finger. Helen and Trevor have a family of four children. The girls Carole and Sharon, and the boys, Herb and Ed. Carole entered a nursing career at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary, earning her R.N. and Sharon received a degree in music. The boys both earned degrees in Business Administration and Herb became a missionary pilot, and Ed joined his father at Sundre Motors Ltd. By 1960, with gas fields around the area, the people of Sundre were anxious to have gas made available for their homes. The previous experience with the Power Co-operative convinced a number of active citizens that Sundre should have its own gas distribution system. Trevor was concerned to see this come about and worked with the Town council to help bring it to pass. \$50,000 was raised in debentures by the town and this was matched by the government. In 1961 work began on the Sundre gas system. The debt is now about paid off. In 1954, upon the passing of a former member, Trevor was appointed representative for the Village on the hospital board of the Olds Hospital. This was also the year, Trevor recalls, that the new General Electric Microwave equipment was installed by the A.G.T. to give Sundre better telephone connections with the rest of the world. Until a few years before this, there was only one rural line from Olds with about 40 phones on it, many of them business. A "farmers line" using fences for wire, linked some Bearberry homes with a Sundre house. After much pressure from the Chamber of Commerce, a microwave connection with Olds was installed using some war surplus equipment working from poles first by the hotel and later on Snake Hill. The new equipment with the town on what is now the Leussink farm, served the town for many years until, finally, a buried cable was put in. Sundre Motors got into the welding business when Dave Davidson, who had left to work in shipyards at the coast during the war and learned the art of welding, returned to work with Trevor again. For several years, they did a volume business in making log loaders, gravel boxes and about whatever people wanted. Bert Weins and later Hale Gochee and Jack Lewis worked at this. An electrical business was also developed and many of the older buildings were wired by Trevor and his men. Henry Kallis was one of these and finally he decided to buy out the electrical business from Sundre Motors and start up on his own. Another interest of Trevor's was radio servicing and, with the help of Walter Seversen, since deceased, who was a genius in electronics, Trevor was able to get his radio and TV servicing licence. For many years, a radio and later TV servicing department was operated at Sundre Motors, along with sales and servicing of appliances. One of the men who worked in this and took his apprenticeship was Don Major. In due time, he decided to start up on his own and Sundre Motors sold out this part of their business to him. He built what is now the Komfort Home Furnishings store and set up in business there. Sundre, in the early years, is a source of many recollections to Trevor. The homesteaders hauling lumber in to use as credit for their groceries - the Sundre Lumber company and Sundre Contracting Ltd., which provided work for many, with owners Nate Ellithorpe, John Macleod and Jack Morgan, all willing to show their faith in Sundre's future by investing money to provide what the area needed in the way of businesses and services. In the Fifties, in one year, as many as ten new tandem trucks were sold by Sundre Motors to be used for hauling gravel. The Sundre Lumber Co. was eventually sold to Revelstoke Lumber. It was natural that Trevor should be keenly interested in the affairs of the Nazarene Church in Sundre. Since its beginning in 1947, he has served on the Church board and assisted in Sunday School, teaching the Bible class much of the time. He has also been active in the work of the Church Youth Camp at Harmattan and, for ten years, was the business manager for the Camp. He served for nine years on the Board of Canadian Nazarene College at Winnipeg as one of the Alberta representatives. He also served on the Church's District Advisory Board for the three Prairie Provinces and was three times appointed as a delegate to the International General Assemblies, held every four years. In other community work, Trevor Morgan was a member of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce which included Rod Macleod, Archie McKechnie and Dr. Allan White, striving to gain approval for a hospital in Sundre, which approval was finally given in 1966 and the building of which commenced in 1967.

Trevor has served on the Sundre Hospital Board since its beginning, first as vice-chairman and currently as chairman. He recalls using John Marek's transit with Rod Macleod in surveying the site. The Chamber of Commerce committee for Senior Citizen's Housing was another venture in which Trevor was active with the late Rev. Mart McLaren. He is now on the Board of the Sundre and District Housing Association which operates the Wild Rose Court. In 1972 Sundre Motors Limited honoured several of its long-time employees, when Ed Halvorson, Randy Christopher, and Pat Spence were cited for twenty-five years of loyal service. Also honoured at the dinner were Hale Gochee and Fred Mitchell, who retired from Sundre Motors. It was at this dinner that the announcement was made that Ed Morgan would be taking over his father's role as manager of the company. The Morgans are enjoying partial retirement, although their varied interests keep them both quite active. On Nov. 10th they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Trevor feels that life is too short and its possibilities are far too great for us to take a negative attitude or to allow any ill feelings towards others. He believes that the God of the Bible, who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ is totally good, and that he is just waiting to help us make life a meaningful and beautiful adventure, if we will only put our whole trust in Him. Update: After 1978, Dad continued his life of serving wherever possible - Chairman and board member of the Sundre Hospital, assisting his son with accounting needs and being "Mr. Fix It" at Sundre Motors, continuing to repair and build Camp Harmattan and most of all to study and write about his favourite book, the Bible and his favourite person Jesus. His love of life and his questioning nature caused him to study the arts, sciences, philosophy, geography, theology seeking meaningful answers. We as a family are so thankful that he found the connection to the "Tree of Life" Jesus. The branch called "Trevor" is now producing fruit from seeds planted over many years - the fruit is bountiful, beautiful and everlasting. Trevor passed his final exam March 31, 2007.

He was born in Harmattan on May 1, 1912, the only child of Edwin and Evelyn Morgan. He was predeceased by his loving wife Helen in 1999 and his granddaughter Christine in 1992. He will be greatly missed by all his children: Herb (Eloise), Carol (Ken McIvor), Sharon (Charles Hoffman), Ed (Esther), 11 grandchildren and 23 Great grandchildren. The family is especially grateful to all the staff at Olds Long Term Care centre who demonstrated such loving kindness in meeting all of his needs over the past 3½ years. A Memorial service to celebrate this wonderful life is to be held Saturday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. at McDougal Chapel, 3 miles west of Sundre. Memorial gifts in Dad's honour may be given to Sundre Hospital, Olds Hospital, Tiyamike Numgula Centre (Will Phillips Orphanage), or the charity of your choice.

OLSON

Esther was born in Bergen, December 23, 1911 to Ivar & Olava Erickson. She had six brothers and one sister. Growing up on a homestead, she knew the meaning of hard work. Her preference was working outdoors. She attended the Eidswold School with her siblings until it burned, and then they walked across country three miles east to the Bergen School. Education went as far as the eighth grade. When she finished school, Esther was hired to work on farms mostly in the Didsbury area helping with the cooking and cleaning. She also cooked at various sawmills in the country. With her earnings, Esther bought a quarter of land three and a half miles west of the Bergen Store. She was the first woman in Bergen to own land and have a driver's license. She also owned her own car. Esther & Reuben Olson grew up together and had attended the same school. They married June 1, 1956 when she was 44 years old and he was 45. Their honeymoon was a trip to the U.S.A. They lived on Reuben's homestead 4 miles west of the Bergen Store. Every year on their anniversary, they took the day off and went for a long drive. Esther & Reuben shared a love for horses, raising Percheron workhorses for their own use and to sell. In 1970, they sold their farm and moved 1 mile north of the Bergen Cemetery to the land where Reuben was raised. Esther helped Reuben make harnesses by spending hours decorating it with spots. She was always a gracious hostess serving juice and cookies to their many harness customers, friends and family. She was Norwegian but never drank coffee. She would however, offer to make you a cup of instant. Esther was a good gardener growing a plentiful garden full of vegetables they stored in their root cellar. She also grew the best sweet peas and peonies. Esther taught their pet dog to smile. It would curl its' top lip up and actually looked happy unless of course you were afraid of dogs, then it would look like it was snarling at you. After having the dog for 14 years, they had to

have it put down due to old age. It was such a good dog that they never got another as they felt they would never get another one like it. Attending the Bergen Church, Esther at one time taught a girl's Sunday School class and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS). She had a strong faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a faithful prayer warrior keeping family, friends, and missionaries at the top of her list. Esther loved small children. Her face would light up, tears come to her eyes and she would smile whenever she was close to little ones. She was always a sensitive person caring from the heart. If she had a smile on her face there were tears running down her cheeks. She lived a simple life, happily in her plaid housedresses and not needing anything more than the basics. Esther was always cheerful and had a good sense of humor. She enjoyed sharing a good laugh. Her life was a great example of faith, love and doing what you do to the best of your ability. Easter morning, April 8, 2007 dawned a beautiful day and this was the morning Esther went to be with her Lord at the age of 95 years. She was predeceased by her parents Ivar & Olava Erickson; brothers Bierger, Leif, Joe, Egil, Ole, Eiven and Reder; her sister Marie; and three sisters-in-law Sigrid, Pam and Del. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Reuben, numerous nieces and nephews along with their families and many friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bergen Missionary Church with Reverend Willard Swalm and Pastor Stuart Swanson officiating. Interment was in the Bergen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to the Sundre Hospital Long Term Care. As a tribute to Esther Olson, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

BARTHOLOW

It is with deep sadness and love that we announce the passing of Ruby Lois Bartholow of Sundre on April 18, 2007 at the age of 80 years. Ruby was born on November 5, 1926 in Calgary. She was the third child born to Earl & Ruby Lee. She spent her childhood in Calgary along with her parents and nine siblings. Ruby spent 27 years in the Eagle Valley area as a farmer's wife. Ruby had a special place in her heart for the handicapped and moved to Red Deer where she worked at the Mitchener Centre for 16 years. After retiring from the Mitchener Centre in 1988 she moved to Sundre. Ruby loved camping, bowling, curling and gardening. She had a special love for her family. She enjoyed watching her great-granddaughter ride horses and her great-grandson's play hockey. She enjoyed her weekly canasta and tile rummy games with her good friend Iva White. She also loved playing crib against Bill, especially when she won. Ruby was predeceased by her parents Earl & Ruby Lee, one brother, one sister, son Dale, two daughters-in-law Diane and Dolleen as well as three brothers-in-law. Ruby is survived by her partner of 32 years, Bill Boger; her three sons Tom, Kenny & Terry; five grandchildren Kevin (Carla), Kelly (Maggie), Darren, Greg and Jennie; four great-grandchildren Nathan, Darcia, Chicole and Cain. Also mourning her loss is Bill's family; Paul (Dorie), Cody (Janet), Scott (Debbie), 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Although our loss and sorrow is great, we remember Ruby as a loving companion, mother, grandmother and friend. In our sadness, her family appreciates your thoughts and memories. A Memorial Tea will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sundre Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to the Sundre Hospital Palliative Care or S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance or the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. As a tribute to Ruby Bartholow, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393.