

LOGAN

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we announce the death of Darcey Logan as the result of a brain aneurism on January 1, 2008 at the age 45. Darcey is survived by his loving wife Cherie and daughter Lynne. His parents Don and June his siblings and their spouses, Brenda and Dave, Willie and Robyn, Warren and Shelia. His nieces Teanna, Kayla and Cloressa. His nephews Jeremy and Chase, his step niece Krystal, and step nephews Cody and Kyle, as well as numerous extended family, friends and their children. Darcey worked as a mechanic / millwright most of his life, starting off with RES where he flew all over Canada repairing various compressors, jet engines and other equipment for the oil and gas industry, and ending up back home for the past ten years doing the same type of work contracting with ALW Specialized Services. But Darcey will likely be remembered more for the man that he was. He was a strong husband and father. Darcey was a great friend to many people and countless numbers came to pay their respects on Saturday, January 5 at the Legion Hall. He will long be remembered for his generous and warm heart and gestures. He was always there to help with anything and happy to do it. He was many things to many people, a hard workin, quad ridin', skeet shootin, fish jiggin, wrench pullin, gun collecting, truck driving, cooler packing, tractor fixin, crib playing - and the list goes on. Darcey Logan will always be fondly remembered as 'ONE OF A KIND'

MERCER

The family of Ivan Graham Mercer is saddened to announce his passing at Langley Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 31, 2007 at the age of 84 years. They rejoice, however, that he is now present with the Lord. Ivan is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Stella; three children, Linda (Ken) Andrews, Sharon (Merv) McBride, and Collin (Beth) Mercer; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Sundre. If friends wish, donations can be made to a charity of their choice.

TYLER

Jack died unexpectedly but peacefully, perhaps the only thing he did quietly, at the Strathmore hospital December 28th, 2007. He leaves behind his partner Joan and her family; his first wife Evelyn, their children Linda, Jacqueline, David, grandchildren Aaron, Adrian, Kendra and the Perkins family. He is also survived by his siblings Mary Ann Milton, Jim Tyler and Dixie Crouse. Jack was born December 12th, 1932 at Medicine Hat Hospital and just celebrated his 75th birthday. This was about 25 years longer than he expected and we are thankful for the extra time we had with him. Jack's career was long and varied - he had a true entrepreneurial spirit and a healthy appetite for adventure. He had an extensive stint in rodeo of which he was very proud and was a gold-card lifetime member of the CPRA. His spirit was larger than life and all of our lives are richer for his being here - he will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Easter Seals Camp Horizon or charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 10 Strathmore branch, Thursday, January 3rd 2008 at 1:00pm. If you wish to share your 'Jack' stories you are welcome to tell them at the memorial or send them to us via email (lintyler@gmail.com) for reading there.

KRUGER

1916 - 2008

It is with deep sadness the family of Elli Kruger announce her passing on Friday, January 4, 2008 at the age of 91 years. We are thankful she is resting peacefully, and not suffering with Alzheimers anymore. Elli was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the youngest of six children born to Emilie & Johan Weiser, on July 21, 1916 in Kusik, Poland. Elli married Richard Kruger on December 23, 1948 in Goslar, Germany. In 1951, they left their homeland and moved to Eagle Valley to start their new life in Canada. Otto, the eldest son of Elli was 9 years old when they immigrated to Canada and Sigfried was a toddler, learning to walk on the long boat trip to Canada. Elli & Richard moved a couple times during their first few years before settling on the land, which they still own today. Their family was completed in 1954 with the arrival of their youngest son Arnold. Elli worked alongside Richard clearing land and farming since they came to Canada. She made sure the boys learned German and she continued to cook many German dishes for them. Ellie was happiest, when everyone was eating - it didn't matter if you weren't hungry - she still wanted everyone to eat more! Grandma loved her large garden and her chickens and pigs. As Grandma's family grew, and the grandchildren started arriving, her eyes sparkled when she held the babies and she loved to sneak them chocolate as they got older when their parents weren't watching. Elli was predeceased by all of her siblings, parents and her great grandson, Richard Polei Jr. Elli leaves to mourn, her husband of 59 years, Richard; sons: Otto (wife Colleen) Polei, their children Richard & Catherine and family of Calgary; Sigfried, and his daughters Tanya and Shawna and families of Olds, and son Kevin and daughter of Calgary; Arnold (wife Jane) and their sons, Greg & Ryan of Eagle Valley. Also left to cherish Elli's memory is her loving and devoted caregiver Gloria Bustamante as well as numerous relatives in Germany. A memorial service for the Late Elli Kruger was held at Mountain View Chapels, Olds, Alberta on Wednesday, January 9th, 2008 with Pastor John Lentz officiating. Interment took place prior to the service at the Hainstock Cemetery. Memorial donations in Elli's honor may be directed to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta, 10531 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 4K1. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

MERKEL

December 11, 1946 - January 7, 2008

Our loving Mom, Lynne Adelaide Merkel, began a new journey at 8:50 pm Monday. Her life exemplified her love of family, friends and flowers for which she had an amazing green thumb. Lynne grew up in Red Deer where she excelled in athletics. She raised four beautiful children with Peter Ward first husband and Jeremy Merkel, second husband. Her spirit lives on in her children: Dawn (Keith Anderson), Tracey (Brent Woolsey), Michael (Naomi) Merkel and Sarah Merkel; her grandchildren: Jessica, Cassidy, Lindsay, Tristin, Sage, Kaitlyn, and Jayden. Lynne is survived by her mother Mickey Marshall of Red Deer and predeceased by her father Douglas Marshall and sisters Valerie and Kathryn Marshall. A celebration of her life was held on Monday, January 14th at 11am at the Cochrane RancheHouse. The Celebration of Lynne's life was graced by Rev. Carol Carnes from the Centre For Positive Living in Calgary. Funeral Directors - Slywka's Cochrane Country Funeral Home.

MILLER

1929 - 2007

With sadness we announce the death of Albert Miller at Soux Lookout, Ontario. He was tenth child of Annie & Edwin Miller of Sundre. He leaves to mourn one daughter, Laurie (John) and three grandchildren; one sister, Doris Ferguson of Vernon, B.C.; wife Suzanne; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son, wife Margaret, his parents, three brothers and four sisters. Cremation Celebration of life at Ignace, Ontario and later on in Vernon, B.C. Albert was in the army where he learned the trade of radio technician. He worked for Marconi until his retirement. He was a kind, gentle person, loved by all. Gifts in memory of Albert could be sent to cancer research.

TURNER

1931 - 2008

Mrs. Vivian Irene Turner passed away suddenly at the Rockyview General Hospital on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the age of 76 years. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Condolences may be forwarded to the family through www.commemorativeservices.ca.

BAKER

Elizabeth (Betty) Josephine Baker (Blessum) passed away peacefully in Sundre with her family by her side on January 13, 2008 at the age of 81. Betty was the second youngest of five girls born to John and Marie Blessum. She was born in Claresholm, Alberta. Betty married Howard Baker on February 12, 1945 on the Blessum homestead in the Moose Wallow area. After Howard retired in 1987 they moved to Didsbury. When Howard passed in 1993, Betty decided to move here to Sundre to be closer to her family, and resided in the Wild Rose Court for 8 years. In 2002, Betty was welcomed as a resident into the Foothills Lodge. This was her final home and lived here until her passing. Betty was pre-deceased by her parents, her husband Howard, and sisters Emma and Audrey. She leaves to mourn her sisters Karen Romeo of Barrhead and Hilda Steinke of Valley View. Children Bev (Don) Johnson of Sundre, Linda Peet of Edson, Greg (Elaine) Baker of Barrhead. Grandchildren Kerrie (Rob) Manchur of High Level, Marnie Schwartz (Darwin) of Calgary, Randy (Stacey) Johnson of Sundre, Tyler Baker of Rocky Mountain House, Janell Baker (Kerry) of Calgary, Penny Peet-Dootjes of Edson, Lee (Krista) Peet of Leduc, Ricky Peet of Whitecourt. Great-grandchildren Bryce, Ashlee, Lindsay, Phoenix, Kaieson Myles, Chloe, Pete, Hani, Rylee, Sophie, and Meagan. Along with the numerous nieces and nephews and great friends made over the years that all had a special place in Betty's heart. Memorial Services were held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 with Rev. Richard McInnes officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Betty's name to the Foothills Lodge, Sundre. As a tribute to Betty Baker a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services entrusted with the arrangements.

BAUGHMAN

1922 - 2008

Mr. David Carlton Baughman of Sundre AB, passed away at the Sundre Hospital on January 11, 2008 at the age of 85 years. David, dearly loved husband of Edna, was born April 19th, 1922 at Kirrimuir, Alberta. He spent his early years looking after the families' herd of sheep, residing in a camp wagon. The family eventually moved to the Bergen area residing on the present Bowhay farm. In 1950, he met Edna Burton and they were married September 26th, 1952. The couple resided in Calgary where he built a house for them. Dave was employed at Butchers and Packers, Edna taught school and was a homemaker. Yvonne arrived on June 23rd, 1953. The family sold their home in Calgary and moved back to the Bergen area. Dave purchased a quarter of land and used a D2 to clear part of his land and built a house for his family. As the D2 was too small, he purchased a TD18A from Gary Gibbs and continued to brush and clear his land. He helped build the Gibb's new house to pay for the cat. Linda was born on July 5th, 1960 and the family was complete. David saw-milled with his brother, Gerry and soon the present house was built. Dave enjoyed working with machinery, tearing down and rebuilding his caterpillar several times over the years. He and Edna milked cows for 10 years and then went into the beef industry for another 10 years. He always had a project on the go and kept busy constantly. He enjoyed his grandchildren, Jenny, Shane and Shawna, spending many hours with his grandson, Shane. Dave remained on his farm until his passing on January 11th, 2008 at the age of 85 years. David is survived by his loving wife Edna, daughters, Yvonne (Joe) McIntyre of Crooked Creek, Alberta and Linda (Les) Buck of Grande Prairie, Alberta. Also by three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Beulah Lutkehaus of Fort St. James, B.C. and June (Jimmy) Haug of Sundre, Alberta. He was predeceased by his sister, Faye Nisbet, brother, Gerald Baughman, and parents Gale and Lottie Doris Baughman. Memorial tributes in Dave's honor may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice. A Memorial Service was celebrated at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Sundre, Alberta on Saturday, January 19th, 2008. Internment followed at the Bergen Cemetery. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta (403) 556 - 3223 entrusted with arrangements. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

PICARD

1939 - 2008

Yvonne Picard of James River, AB passed away at Red Deer on January 13, 2008 at the age of 68 years. Yvonne was born and raised in the James River area. After getting married, Yvonne and her husband moved to Ontario where they started their family that grew to five children. In 1969, the family moved back to James River where she raised her family. Yvonne ranched on her parent's homestead until the time of her passing. Yvonne is survived by her children Suzanne Crouch of Sundre AB, Robert Picard of Regina SK, Michael Picard of Victoria BC, Leslie Sauter of Hanna AB and Jean Picard of Victoria BC. Also left to cherish her memory are three grandchildren Christopher Crouch, Joanna Crouch and Delaney Crouch; one great grandchild Alexander Gelsing and one sister Julia Pekse. She was predeceased by two brothers Roman Semaka and Mike Semaka. Funeral services for the Late Yvonne Picard were held at the Faith Lutheran Church, Sundre, Alberta on Saturday, January 19, 2008. Interment followed in the Lobley Cemetery. Memorial donations in Yvonne's honor may be directed to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, 2888 Shaganappi Trail NW, Calgary, Alberta T3B 6A8. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

LAVIOLETTE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Brian on January 20, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 61 years. Brian was born on June 4, 1946 in Glengarry County, Ontario. He was raised on the farm in Delkeith, Ontario and ventured out to Grande Prairie, Alberta in 1965. In January 1966, he met Gerry Clark and they were married on January 21, 1967. This is where they had their first child Dawn and then moved to Dawson Creek, B.C. where they had their second child Aaron. In March of 1975, Brian and his family moved to Olds where they purchased Wootton Tire and in 1990 went on to open up their present business The Tire Shop. Brian's love was his family, The Tire Shop, his cattle and his woodworking. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. Brian is survived by his loving wife Gerry of 41 years; daughter Dawn, son Aaron and grandchildren Jaeden and Jaycee; his sisters Shirley and Joyce; his brothers Claude, Herb and Owen; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ed & Diana Clark & family; special Aunt & Uncle Marion & Gordon Stromberg and family as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. He is predeceased by his parents Ernest and Elizabeth, his brothers Bob and Walter and his sisters Ollie and Patsy. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, Olds with Father Les Drewicki officiating. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Olds Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit or the Olds Hospital Cancer Unit. As a tribute to Brian Laviolette, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

MECKELBORG

Leonard Meckelborg passed away peacefully at the Sundre Hospital on January 25, 2008 at the age of 98 years. He was born in Bergen, May 10, 1909 on his parent's Elling and Beret homestead. Leonard took a homestead in Bergen when he was eighteen. He helped to open up the Bergen area by working with other pioneers building roads. Leonard farmed in Bergen until his retirement, raising cattle, sheep and hogs. He married Grace Anderson November 10, 1939. They farmed in Bergen where they raised their two daughters Doreen and Gladys. After a lengthy illness, Grace passed away November 19, 1969. Leonard continued to farm and a few years later he met Annie Trekofski. They were married September 15, 1973 at which time Leonard sold the farm and they bought a mobile home making their residence in Sundre. They enjoyed traveling, camping and most of all fishing. They moved to the Sundre Seniors Foothills Lodge in January 2007. Ann passed away March 1, 2007. Leonard continued to live at the Lodge until just before his passing. Leonard was predeceased by his mom and dad, his brothers John and Henning; his sisters Lena, Esther and Stella; stepdaughter Elaine Grynke and two grandchildren. He is lovingly remembered by Doreen (Mike) Zatylny, Gladys (Tom) Guzmanuk; stepchildren Esther (Glen) Rhind, Earl (Ruth) Trekofski, Elmer (Marlene) Trekofski; son-in-law Leonard Grynke as well as sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sundre Gospel Centre. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Sundre Hospital Palliative Care or the Sundre Senior Foothills Lodge. As a tribute to Leonard Meckelborg, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393.