

BURKE

October 15, 1917 – June 19, 2009

Dave was born in Kerrobert Sask., in 1917 where his parents, Fred and Mabel, homesteaded. When Dave was 7, they came to the Sundre area and settled about 5-1/2 miles North of Sundre. Dave had to quit school in Grade 10 to help his Dad in their business of custom lumber planing. Dave's life-long friends, Maurice Boettger and Stuart Ferguson worked with them in the business for several years. In 1943, Dave joined the Canadian army and went overseas as a radar technician. By that time, his parents had moved into their new house across the river (the white, two story home near the foot of the Sundre hill), which Dave and his father, Fred, built. Dave's mother passed away just before he returned from overseas, and it was very hard for him not to have been able to say "Goodbye" to her. In 1947, Dave Burke and Phyllis Davidson were maid of honor and best man at Mary and Louis Lund's wedding. After the wedding, they drove Mary and Louis to the train station in Olds, and the return trip to Sundre apparently ignited a spark between Dave and Phyllis! They were married later that year. Soon after, Dave and his Dad, Fred, built Burke's Hardware and Building Supplies, and they worked together in that business for about 18 years. Dave and Fred had a unique father-son relationship, working, hunting, and fishing together all of their lives. Fred was at the Burke household every night for supper with Dave, Phyllis and their family, and he participated in all family events until he died at the age of 98. Dave was a very community-minded person, and has made significant contributions to the successful and beautiful town that Sundre is today. He played a key role in the establishment of the Legion, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a Charter member of the Elks, the first secretary-treasurer of the Foothills Cowboy Association, treasurer for the United Church, where he also taught Sunday School, and a member of Masons. Under the mayoralty of Rod MacLeod, Dave was on the first Sundre Town Council. He and his dad were committed to the building of the stampede grounds, and it was Dave's encouragement of the rodeo grounds committee that resulted in the donation of a large buffer of natural land around the hospital. Dave and his father, Fred, donated many months of their time to the planning, and much of the building materials, for the construction of the West Country Seniors Centre, and Dave and Sid Doyle were key organizers in the building of Sundre's hockey arena. Dave had a keen interest in public speaking, and was a member of Toastmasters, which later helped him in his career as a high school teacher. He approached everything with enthusiasm, vitality, and a terrific sense of humor. He believed in giving whatever he could to his family and his community, and often said that he got back many times more than he received. Dave and Phyllis took their five children on many holidays. The most memorable ones were to Disneyland, water skiing at Lake Windermere (with the United Church Minister, Reverend Terry Anderson, his wife Daphne, and their family), camping throughout B.C. and Alberta, and horseback riding at the Ya Ha Tinda. Taking all the equipment for the children, horses, tents, camping gear, and food for everyone for 2 weeks in the mountains was no small feat! Dave and Phyllis were a good team, and their love of horses, the back country, and all of nature was instilled in each of their children at an early age. Dave and Phyllis also went on several 2-week pack trips with their good friends, John and Anna Phillips and Russell and Mary Cooper. When Dave was 48, he and his father decided to sell Burke's Hardware and Building Supplies, and Dave returned to school at the Sundre High School, to complete his Grade 12, something he had always wanted to

do. He and Corliss, their eldest daughter, graduated from the Sundre High School at the same time, and then they both completed a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta, and became teachers. For 13 years, Dave taught Industrial Arts and Math at the Olds High School. Before and during the four years that Dave was away at university, Phyllis managed her own business in Sundre (the Variety and Gift Centre), and cared for their children. Dave recognized that without Phyllis' support, he would not have been able to complete his degree. They were truly a team, in making this life long dream a reality. When they retired, Dave and Phyllis travelled for 7 years in their motor home, throughout Canada, including the Yukon, Northwest Territories, the Maritimes, and Newfoundland. They spent several winters in Arizona with Bessie and Nate Ellithorpe and many other friends. Dave and Phyllis had planned their retirement well, and were happiest when they were "On the Road Again", which was their theme song. On Sept. 22, 1989, Dave and Phyllis' lives changed forever. Dave suffered a brain aneurism, and along with it, severe brain damage. His recovery, however, was unpredicted by the medical establishment, and quite miraculous, thanks to the love and support of Phyllis and their 5 children. Phyllis looked after Dave at home for the first 6 years after this injury. For many of the last 14 years, Dave was able to get home several times a week from the Sundre Continuing Care, to visit friends, to participate in community events, and to enjoy drives out in the west country, which he loved so much. During this time, his daughter, Leslie Huber, and her husband, Glen, spent their winters in Sundre, doing whatever was required in order to help Dave and Phyllis, and ensuring that they were able to visit one another at home. In addition, another special person, Valerie Sarsons, has also cared for Dave for more than three years, working with him at least three times a day. The family is so grateful to Valerie for her efforts to ensure his comfort and quality of life in Continuing Care, and for her consistently positive and loving approach to Dave's care. Dave's family also appreciates those staff members at the Sundre Continuing Care who often spent extra time and energy, despite increasingly heavy workloads, to address Dave's ever changing needs and health concerns. Some staff frequently took time to say, "Hi Dave, how are you doing today?", or to joke with him, and to make him more comfortable and happy. That made so much difference to him, and to the family, during all those years. Dave is survived by Phyllis, his loving wife of 63 years, their children (Corliss, Leslie, Paul, Morton, and Brontie), 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was loved like a brother, by his cousins, Bertha Burk and Lillian McGonigal. All are welcome at the celebration of Dave's life, to be held at the Sundre United Church on July 13 at 2 p.m.

BRODIE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother Ida Leona Brodie on July 3, 2009 at the age of 95 years. She spent her last 2 years at the Rosefield Centre in Innisfail, where she received the best of care. She was predeceased by her husband George in 1962; her parents Norman and Lillian Courts and 3 siblings. She leaves to mourn her passing her children Barb (Ken) Neilsen of St. Paul, Ruth (Art - deceased) McKenzie of Elk Point, Gordon (Donna) of Balzac, Doug (Cora) of Innisfail, Berna Petersen of Edmonton, Don (Diane - deceased) of Barrhead and Betty (Clarence) Moore of Innisfail; One sister Dean (Russ) Mayberry of Hanna; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. A Graveside Service was held on Thursday, July 8, 2009 at 2:00pm at the Sundre Cemetery. A celebration of her life followed at the McDougal Flats Missionary Church with Rev. Kent Janz officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

SWITZER

1924 - 2009

Douglas Switzer entered the presence of his Lord and Saviour in the early morning hours of August 11, 2009 from complications resulting from a fall. Doug was born on May 16, 1924 in Chinook, AB to William and Violet Switzer. His early years were spent in Chinook, the Innisfail area and Albert Park (Calgary), Alberta. He is predeceased by his parents as well as his three younger sisters; Alice Neufeld, Marion Djuve, and Enid Nadon. Doug was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Ethel, in 2001. He is survived by their four children. Son Dale and Sheila Switzer, children Christina, Jennifer and Eric of Okotoks, AB. Daughter Debbie and John Andersen, children Micah and Jesse of Beijing, China. Daughter Judy and Keith Phillips, children Jason and Jewel of Cochrane, AB. Daughter Linda and Rick Botheras, children Kinza, Tucker and Sheydon of Luling, Louisiana. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta. 403-216-5111 and 403-912-0307

HAYNES

Mildred Virginia Haynes passed away on July 17, 2009 at the age of 94 years. A Graveside Service was held at the Sundre & District Cemetery on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Mildred Virginia Haynes, better known as "Millie" was born at home to Josephine "Heyse" Smith and John Smith of the Waterside District near Olds on May 11th, 1915. She married Guy Heslope Haynes on March 14th, 1934 and they lived their first ten (10) years in the Innis Lake District. In 1943 they moved to McDougal Flats west of Sundre. For many years Millie was head of travel for the Seniors. She was responsible for planning and booking the bus so many seniors could enjoy day trips and local trips to all parts of Alberta. Such trips included Florida, New Zealand, California, Bronson, Maritimes and many more. Millie had many hobbies such as painting, rug making, wall plaques, quilting, knitting and crocheting. She was also well known throughout all of Canada for her dog raising. Her dogs were shipped from as far away as the Northwest Territories, to Montreal, and also to the West Coast. This was one of her loves for thirty (30) years. Millie and Guy also took in children from the city and gave them a holiday on their farm. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1984 and were also fortunate enough to celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Millie was still active in the Sr. Rec. Centre in all activities, Carpet Bowling where she has obtained many medals as the Skip of her team and was also a very avid crib player. She was an ardent gardener until the last few years. Millie called the Sundre Foothills Retreat Lodge "home" for over the past fourteen (14) years. Millie is survived by her two children, John (Vi) Haynes, and Virginia (Eric) Thomas; four grandchildren: Sheryle, Christine, Wesley and Doug; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by one sister-in-law; Vi Woods of Edmonton. Millie had a great love for all of her friends and enjoyed visiting with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial Tributes may be made to McDougal Flats Community Centre at Box 5, Site 18, RR 1, Sundre, Alberta, T0M 1X0.

CLARK

On August 17, 2009 after almost 6 years of battling a rare heart condition, Richard John Clark passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife Shelley by his side. Richard was born May 31, 1959 to Joe and Rosie Clark of Eagle Hill. He lived his life on the family farm being the fourth generation and farming with the three most important people in his life; his mom, dad and Uncle Allan whom he missed terribly after their passing. Richard and his dad were well known for their close relationship. Aside from farming together, they started Eastern Slope Wood Products in 1991 making survey stakes and bagged firewood delivering all over Alberta. After Joe's passing in 2003, Richard sold the business in 2004. He then

started a new business venture with his stepson Brandon Czerniak named Dick Clark Trucking. Richard and Shelley met in October of 1993, when she came to work at the sawmill. They became very good friends and began dating with a little push from their friend Elizabeth. It was the start of a most amazing, loving relationship for both of them. Richard often telling his friends he had found his soul mate and Shelley felt the same. Richard became the stepfather to Shelley's children Robin and Brandon Czerniak. He loved them as if they were his own. Richard and Brandon shared many interests and projects together including hunting, fishing and being in the Panther together. They worked side by side in their many work ventures until Richard became too ill in 2006. Dick was very proud of the fine young man Brandon had become and always looked forward to seeing his son. He also liked Brandon's girlfriend, Krystal and told Brandon that she is a keeper and he better hang on to this one. Richard was well respected for his hardworking and honest, caring ways. He will be sadly missed by all. Richard leaves to mourn his loving wife, Shelley; his stepdaughter Robin Czerniak; stepson Brandon (Krystal Lohr) Czerniak; beloved granddaughter Kali Rae Meadows; father-in-law Fred Fiedler; cousins Linda Clark and Mike Clark of Washington as well as many friends and neighbors. He was predeceased by his parents Joe and Rosie and an older sister that died in infancy. A visitation was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds. In keeping with Dick's wishes, no funeral service was held. Memorial donations may be made directly to S.T.A.R.S Air Ambulance or Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com.

CAMERON

Byron Merle Cameron of Sundre, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2009 at the age of 84 years. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy, 9 children, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one sister Vesta as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Byron was predeceased by his granddaughter Alana in 1992. In keeping with Byron's wishes, no service will be held. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Salvation Army. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393. www.heartlandfuneralservices.com.

SEYMOUR

Lynn Seymour born November 11, 1954. At the age of 54 passed away Sept 14, 2009 after a short illness. Lynn was the son of Marguerite and Ken Seymour. He is survived by his mother Marguerite Seymour, Sundre; and two sisters, Roxanne Seymour of Westlock, AB, and Corinne Sveinbjornson of Kimberley, B.C. He was predeceased by brothers Garson and Nelson; also his father Ken Seymour. Lynn attended Sundre Elementary School, Christine Meikle School in Calgary and Horizon school in Olds. His interests were drawing, music, and exploring the "back 40" of the farm. He was an excellent help tending the garden and always cheerful and had an amazing ability to find his way around the bush. For the last couple of decades he has resided with the Dan and Lili Stang family of Westbank, B.C. and the highlights were hunting and camping trips. A special Thank You to this family that took such good care of Our Lynn.

CALDWELL

Buddy Caldwell passed away on September 18, 2009 at the Olds Hospital. Buddy was born in High River, Alberta on August 18, 1932 and was raised in Bearberry. Buddy was a loving and caring mother, grand-mother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and crib partner.

Buddy lived a remarkable life, giving birth to a large family and raising quite a few extras along the way. She was a strong woman who never shirked from working tirelessly at the task at hand. She will be truly and sadly missed by all that knew her. Buddy was predeceased by her daughters Darlene, Deana and Kathy. She is survived by her daughters Debbie and Jana and her sons Harold, Gerald, Jordan, Ed, Lloyd, Don, David; and the grandchildren she raised Sam, Billy-Jo and Wayant as well as 15 other grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. An Open House will be held at the Sundre Legion on October 17, 2009 from 1 - 4 pm. No flowers or donations of any kind. Buddy's wishes were to have family and friends get together to celebrate all of our lives sewn together with loving care and to be thankful for the blessed opportunities to be shared with love that day. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393. www.heartlandfuneralservices.com

HARVEY

On September 16, 2009 Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Forsyth Harvey (nee McKillop) of Drayton Valley formerly of Olds, passed away peacefully at the age of 99 years. She is survived by two sons, Bill Harvey of Olds, Jim (Sandra) Harvey of Drayton Valley; four grandchildren, Tom, Erin (Jason) Josephson, Nikki (Daryl) Schwab, Megan Harvey, all of Drayton Valley; two great grandchildren, Morgan and Craig Josephson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Susan was predeceased by her husband, Jim; parents, John and Elizabeth; three brothers, John, Donald, Peter; four sisters, Peggy MacLaren, Jessie Marshall, Jean Ellis, Isabella Elder; as well as two infant siblings. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Olds with Reverend Stan Braun officiating. Interment followed in the Olds Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 200, 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 2P5 as expressions of sympathy. Drayton Valley Funeral Services Tinant Funeral Directors in care of arrangements 780-542-5511.