

SAUNDERS

June 3, 1921 - May 29, 2007

Arthur (Art) Francis, passed away peacefully in Innisfail Hospital on May 29, 2007. Art was born in Olds, Alberta on June 3, 1921 and was the eldest son of Les and Esther Saunders. Art learned much about operating steam powered equipment from his Dad and after leaving school he worked sawmilling, an occupation he pursued for many years to follow. In the spring of 1942 he met Elsie Johnson and they were married in Olds in 1943. During this time Elsie went wherever Art went with the mill, raising their children, maintaining a home in a bunkhouse and enduring all that a tough life then could bring. By 1949 there were three boys and a girl - Jerry, Duane, Allan, and Judy. Art bought his first Cat in 1952, a RD6 and with it engaged in land clearing and road work. This began a life long passion for heavy equipment and the work it involved. In 1967 Art and Duane became partners in a family business they called Elsan Contractors, by 1972 all three sons had joined their Dad in the company known as Saunders Contractors Ltd. Following the sale of the company in 1986, Art and Elsie enjoyed many happy times traveling and "searching for gold". Throughout the years many will recall Art's remarkable way of successfully witching water wells. As we look around the country side, the landmarks of Art's hard work and skills will remain in the lumber sawed, the land cleared, the roads built, the work in the oil industry, and the witching of water wells; and the knowledge he shared with all of us. Art is survived by his loving wife, Elsie, of 64 years - his four children Jerry (Darlene), Duane (Pat), Allan (Gwenda) and Judy - his 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren (with one on the way), who affectionately called him Poppy - 2 brothers-in-law, 5 sisters in-law and his nieces, nephews and cousins. Art was predeceased by his Dad in 1963, his Mom in 1993, and his two Brothers, Ernie and Bill in 2001. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the McDougal Chapel Missionary Church with Pastor A.V. Granberg officiating. A private family interment will follow at the Sundre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the charity of one's choice. As a tribute to Art Saunders, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

MORASCH

Bessie Laura Morasch (nee Nettnay) passed away on June 3, 2007 at the age of 90 years. She was born at the home in Elkton on June 30, 1916 and went to school at Elmwood, Big Prairie and Elkton. In 1945, she started working at Eatons in Calgary, retiring 17 years later. She married Sid Morasch on November 13, 1948. After the passing of Sid in 1978, Bessie moved to Sundre. She lived at Pioneer Place for 12 years and had just recently moved to the Foothills Lodge. Bessie was predeceased by her four sisters Mable in 1920, Gladys in 1926, Beatrice Oliver in 1996, Grace Coleman in 2001; two brothers Louis in 1906 and Walter in 1984; mother Lovina and father August in 1955. She is survived by two sons Wilfred (Eleanor) of Calgary and Wayne of Kamloops, BC; one sister Ida Grace of Sundre and one brother Albert of Didsbury; three grandchildren in Alberta and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of Wyoming. USA. In keeping with the family's wishes, no funeral service will be held. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Sundre Legion or the charity of choice. As a tribute to Bessie Morasch, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Sundre, entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393.

DINNSEN

1926 - 2007

Henry was born at home on what became his passion and joy: the DT Ranch. He was the only son of Martin and Mary Ellen Dinnsen, brother to Mary and Ivy, all now deceased. Always active in the Sundre, Garrington, and Eagle Valley Communities, Henry served as a deacon on church boards for many years and was a good neighbour to all. Henry achieved a lifelong dream of going to Africa where he assisted with the construction of an orphanage. Henry's passing leaves a deep void in the lives of his wife Margaret, children Anita, Petrina (Larry) and Stephen; grandchildren Ruark, James (Zuzana), Lawrence, Kimara, Daniel, Stevie T., and Jenai; sister-in-law Gigi (Fero) and many friends. In Henry's own words just minutes before he died, "I've lived a good life. It's time to go Home." God blessed Henry and Henry passes his blessings on to you. Interment to be held Wednesday, June 20 at 9 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetary. 11:00 Service at the Garrington Church.

THOMPSON

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Allison Leslie Thompson at the Red Deer Regional Hospital on June 15th, 2007 at the age 49. Allison was born in Olds on September 16, 1957. With the exception of a short period attending school in Red Deer and a short time with the Department of Agriculture in Calgary, Allison lived and worked most of her life in the Sundre area, farming, ranching and caring for her beloved horses. Allison loved her horses. As a youngster, she was a member of the Light Horse Association. She loved barrel racing, trail riding, camping in the mountains and working with her horses. She was involved in community sports and for a number of years she was a volunteer with the Sundre Rodeo Association. Allison is survived by her son, Jason Ellithorpe and his fiancée, Katrina Bergstreser of Calgary and son Curtis Ellithorpe of Sundre; two sisters, Lynne (Ken) Heck of Eagle Hill; Janet (Barry) Rooke of Calgary; two brothers, Phil Thompson of Watson Lake Yukon and David (Jenifer) Thompson of Okotoks; step-brother Wayne (Marilyn) Teed of Fort St. John, B. C. and step-sister, Penny Allen of Fort St. John, B.C., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother Helen Thompson, her father Douglas Thompson and a young brother Larry Thompson. A Memorial Service was held for Allison on Monday, June 25th, 2007 at the Legion Hall in Sundre. If desired, donations may be made to the Sundre Rodeo Association (Box 1218, Sundre, AB T0M 1X0) or charity of your choice. As a tribute to Allison Thompson, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

BLECH

1937 - 2007

At the age of 69 Renate passed away peacefully in the Sundre Hospital on June 19, 2007. She is survived by her husband Hugo of 43 years, and also her three sons, Troy (Pauline), Marcus, and Helmar (Sarah), all of Sundre. She immigrated to Alberta in 1953. She married Hugo in 1964 and lived in Calgary with their sons until moving to the farm in Sundre in 1981, where she lived until her passing. Services will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lutheran Church in Sundre. Lunch will follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, friends may make a memorial donation to the Olds Hospital Dialysis Unit. Arrangements entrusted with Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Sundre, 403-638-4393