

BIFANO

Peter Bifano passed away at the Sundre hospital on Sunday February 25, 2007 at the age of 83. Peter is survived by his loving wife Elsie of fifty-six years, his daughter Tina (Russell) Cummins and his two cherished grandchildren Cole and Keltie, sister Elsie (Chuck) Gallion, brother Mike (Adele) Bifano and numerous special nieces and nephews. Peter was born in Nordegg, but left at a very young age, but returned as a young man. He worked in the coal mines for 13 years. Peter met and married Elsie in 1950. She was the light of his life. In 1954 the mines closed down and they moved to Calgary for two years. He never liked living in Calgary, he missed the outdoors and having his horses. Pete applied with the Alberta Forestry and was hired in 1956. He and Elsie were stationed at numerous Ranger Stations until he was transferred to the Red Deer Ranger Station in 1961. In 1968 Pete got his dream of having a family and Tina came along, she was "Daddy's Little Girl". In 1974 the Forestry centralized and he bought a farm SW of Sundre. He loved his work with the Forestry and due to ill health he retired in 1987 after 31 years of service. In 1995 he got another happiness of his life, his grandson Cole and granddaughter Keltie came into his life in 1997. They were his pride and joy. He enjoyed his ranching, farming, horses and puttering in his shop to the end. He will be sadly missed and always remembered. Peter was predeceased by his parents Yvonne and James, sister Irene, brother Jim and nephew's David and Tony. A Memorial Service was held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sundre at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2007, Pastor Granberg Officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Sundre Hospital Ladies Auxiliary or S.T.A.R.S.

WILLIAMS

Our greatly loved Mom, Gram, and Great Gram peacefully passed away on March 1, 2007 at the Innisfail Rosefield Centre at the age of 85. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Joan and husband Dave, and her son Joe and his wife Sandra. As well as by her 3 grandchildren Tammy, husband Derek and family, Chris, wife Sharon and family, and Jillanna, husband Kim and family. We will always cherish the memories of the warm house, hot brownies, and the special times spent on the road, in the campground and around the kitchen table. We would also like to thank all the staff at the Innisfail Rosefield Centre for all their care and compassion for Gram. At Jean's request, there will be no service.

MITCHELL

1913 - 2007

Katherine Mitchell (Neufeld) was born November 22, 1913 and passed away February 23, 2007 in the Sundre Hospital. Homemaker, farmer, gardener, and trapper, "Mom" Mitchell was a superb mother and grandmother. Active in her church, contributing to the community and creating a loving foundation for her children, grandchildren and friends, Katherine left a rich legacy of generosity and compassion. Kay married Fred Mitchell in 1932 in Dawson Creek BC. They moved to the Sundre area in 1937. She provided the hearty meals and warm hospitality that was the centre of activity for friends and family. Her home baked bread, chocolate cake and cookies were renowned throughout the area. Kay's love for beauty and nature was reflected in her abundant garden and colourful flower beds. Pre-deceased by Fred in 1992, Katherine leaves to mourn: a sister Sue in Dawson Creek, her daughter Viola (Harold) Silvester in Calgary, her son Roy (Clara), 6 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and friends. Funeral services were held on March 1, 2007. In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, Unit 9, 20 - Regan Road, Brampton, Ontario L7A 1C3. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Olds, Phone: (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

MECKELBORG

Anna Meckelborg passed away March 1, 2007 after a difficult year of poor health. Anna was born in Irvine, Alberta on January 13, 1914 to Karl and Katherina Meier. She was the oldest of five children. She greatly enjoyed farming with her father and had a great love for horses. Anna married Alex Trekofski in 1931, farming was so bad in the Medicine Hat area that Alex built a cover over their wagon and they moved to Kneehill Valley where they homesteaded for 17 years and raised their four children. She worked hard on the farm doing chores, stooking at harvest time and cooking for the harvest crew in the fall. She gained a reputation as being a good cook and was often asked to cook for the neighbouring thrashing crews. Alex passed away in 1966 at which time Anna moved to Sundre to be closer to her many long time friends. There she met and fell in love with Leonard Meckelborg a widower for five years of Bergen, Alberta. They were married in 1973 and continued to reside in Sundre where they actively served in their church. Anna was very involved with the women's ministry serving as their president for 26 years she also taught bible study and Sunday school. Anna loved crafting and made many beautiful afghans, lamp shades and photo albums all of which are highly prized by her children and grandchildren. Anna and Leonard spent many days and weekends with friends camping and fishing, they also enjoyed traveling with their truck and camper to visit relatives in North Dakota and to the interior of B.C. to buy grapes and apples for juicing. This was a yearly trip for them and they often would drive to Vancouver to visit family members until Leonard was told at the tender age of 95 that he would have to give up his driver's license. Anna was predeceased by her daughter Elaine Grynke wife of Leonard Grynke in 1999 and two grandchildren Like Trekofski in 1982 and Janice Rhind in 1962. She will be lovingly remembered by her devoted husband Leonard Meckelborg, daughter Esther (Glen) Rhind and two sons Earl (Ruth) Trekofski and Elmer (Marlene) Trekofski; son-in-law Leonard Grynke; two step daughters Doreen (Mike) Zatylny and Gladys (Tom) Guzmanuk as well as 16 grandchildren (with both family's combined) and 15 great grandchildren and many great friends. The families of the late Anna Meckelborg wish to thank the Doctors and staff of the Sundre and Red Deer Hospital, Staff and Residents of the Foothills Seniors Lodge, Sundre Value Drug Mart, Rev. and Mrs. Bernie Pickersgill and congregation of the Sundre Gospel Centre, Sundre Legion Ladies Auxiliary for providing refreshments and to friends for all their acts of kindness.
- Leonard Meckelborg & families

CUNNINGHAM

Wayne E. H. Cunningham of Sundre, Alberta passed away on March 4, 2007 after a lengthy fight with cancer at the Sundre Hospital at the age of 66 surrounded by his loving family. Wayne was born in Regina, SK on April 28, 1940 and was raised by his grandparents Walter and Katherine Harvey of Silton, SK. Jackie met her cowboy, Wayne, in Vulcan, AB and after a nine month courtship they were married October 21, 1961. They have three wonderful children, Lisa Appleton (Dave and son Vance), Brad Cunningham (and son Alex), and Bret Cunningham (Brandy and sons Wyatt and Austyn). Wayne was extremely proud and loved them all. Wayne was a cowboy from the very start breaking horses at the young age of 14. He loved to compete in team roping, wild cow milking, and wild horse races. Besides his loving family, Wayne will be missed dearly by many more family members, friends, and rodeo pals. In keeping with Wayne's wishes, a private family service will be held.

May you walk beside us with hands so strong,
Riding tall, standing proud;
May you always guide us home from above that sunset cloud.

We will always love you Dad, you were the best. I will love you for all eternity - you were my lover, protector, soul mate, and best friend, all my love, Jackie. Donations in Wayne's memory may be made to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre - Pancreatic Cancer Research. As a tribute to Wayne Cunningham, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Sundre, entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393.

HINGSBURGER

On March 4, 2007 Roy Hingsburger passed away at the Sundre Hospital after a short but courageous battle with leukemia. Roy was born August 2, 1939 in Olds; the youngest child of Mike and Laura Hingsburger and grew up in the Sundre area. In 1962, he married Ethel Moore in Olds and from this union came 5 children. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Ethel; children Paul (Joan) of Mayerthorpe, Connie (Bob) Bjorkman of Sundre, Lance (Jennifer) of Red Deer, Perry (Laura) of Caroline, Becky (Don) Kibblewhite of Eckville; 11 loving grandchildren Travis, Duane, Jessica, Amanda, Robert, Justin, Nicole, Storm, Shayde, Joshua and Charlotte; mother-in-law Frieda Gillespie; brother Jerome (Margaret) of Campbell River, BC; 2 sisters Vesta Leibel of Sundre and Mary Digweed of Airdrie; brother-in-law Grant Whitehead of Edson as well as numerous family and friends. Roy was predeceased by his parents Mike & Laura; 2 grandchildren Michael and Jennifer; 1 sister Margaret Whitehead; 2 brothers-in-law Val Leibel and Earl Digweed; father-in-law Leslie Moore and step-father-in-law Delbert Gillespie. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, Sundre with Pastor A.V. Granberg officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made directly to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. As a tribute to Roy Hingsburger, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393.

HOEVERS

1921 - 2007

The family of Mrs. Henriette (Jetty) Hoevers of Sundre are sad to announce that their wife, mother and grandmother passed away at Sundre on March 1, 2007 at the age of 85 years. Jetty was born in the Netherlands. In 1954 at the age of 33 years she came to Canada with her husband and their two oldest children. One year later they moved to Sundre where they had two more children. Together they raised their children and then enjoyed the scenery of this country. Jetty always enjoyed her drives with Tony to see places and wildlife and took many pictures of their travels. She had just celebrated her 64th wedding anniversary. Her greatest love was always her husband and family. Jetty is survived by her loving husband Tony of Sundre; three sons Tony (Elda) of Spruce Grove, Rick (Jennifer) of Sundre and Jim of Bowden and one daughter Elly (Roger) Coderre of Sundre. Also left to cherish her memory are 11 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and numerous family members in Europe. Jetty was predeceased by her parents and siblings. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be directed to the charity of the donors choice. A private family service has been held. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Olds, Phone: (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

LOWRY

1916 - 2007

Mr. William James ("Bill") Lowry of Olds passed away at the Red Deer Nursing Home on Monday March 12, 2007 at the age of 90 years. Bill was born in Drumheller on November 22, 1916. Before moving to Sundre in 1952, Bill worked in the coal mines in Drumheller and area as well as for Browns Dairy. While in Sundre, he worked in various jobs before going to work for Borger Construction in Calgary where he remained employed until his retirement. Bill is survived by two sons, Douglas and Brian (Chris); one daughter, Marjorie (Wilf) Yalte as well as numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Hazel and one son James. The family wishes to extend a sincere Thank You to the Mount View Lodge and the Red Deer Nursing Home for the special care and compassion given to Bill during the past few years. As well, Thank You to Bruce MacArthur, Funeral Director and staff of Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Olds. Funeral services for the Late William James ("Bill") Lowry were held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 with interment taking place in the Olds Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Alberta Lung Association, PO Box 4700, Stn South, Edmonton, AB, T6E 9Z9. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Olds, Phone: (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

WALKER

Louise Walker passed away on March 15, 2007 at the Sundre Hospital at the age of 96 years. Louise was born February 13, 1911 to Benjamin and Maria Wiltermuth at Hilda, AB. Until Louise was thirteen her family lived on a farm in the Hilda area. By August 1924, after several crop failures due to hail and drought the Wiltermuth family set off by wagon train to Maidstone, SK, a trek of 300 miles. Louise worked hard helping her dad, breaking land with a four-horse hitch which she hooked up by herself. At times she rode 22 miles, round trip, to the blacksmith shop, packing the plow shares to be sharpened. Louise was working as a telephone operator when Henry Walker, a friend from childhood, came courting. On July 15, 1930 Louise and Henry were married at North Battleford, SK. They were to have a long and happy marriage that lasted 73½ years until Henry's death in 2004. After their marriage they moved back to the Hilda area where they rented land until 1939. At which time they moved back to Maidstone. Then in 1948 they purchased land near Sundre, AB. A lot of hard work still lay ahead. The Walkers had a mixed farm. As well as crops to be planted and harvested there was livestock to be cared for. They milked cows and at one time the family delivered milk to the doors of many Sundre residents. Louise's leisure pursuits and her work were intertwined; her hands were seldom idle. There was wool to be carded, quilts to be made, mending waited to be done. A good portion of the families food came from their farm. Louise thrived on canning, pickling, jam-making, baking and preparing hearty , huge meals. One of her greatest delights was to share her food with all who came by. But even more than her cooking, Mom loved her family. Having the whole family together for a meal was her great joy and a visit from any of her 8 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren or 2 great, great grandchildren was an occasion to bring out enough sweet treats to keep a dozen dentists in business. Now, after 96 years of caring and sharing, Louise's life's work is done. Her family has been well looked after, and she has rejoined Henry, the love of her life, in the presence of her loving God. Louise was predeceased by her husband Henry in 2004, daughter verna 1984, and son Ray 1999. She is survived by son Ken (Marilyn) their son and daughter and her family, daughter-in-law Alma, her 2 sons, 2 daughters and their families, son-in-law Ernie (Ebba) his 2 daughters and their families, 1 step-sister, 2 half-sisters, 4 sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on March 21 at McDougal Chapel. Donations in Louise's memory may be made to the Sundre Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to Personal Alternative Funeral Services.

We are so fortunate to have the Foothills Lodge and the Sundre Hospital as part of our community. Both of these facilities have excellent compassionate, caring staff. Thank you for your kind and considerate care of our mother and grandmother, Louise Walker. Our sincere appreciation for all the support we have received since her passing. We are very grateful for food, flowers, phone calls, cards, and for everyone who helped to make her memorial service special.

- The Walker Family