

**YOOS**

Rodney (Rod) Eugene Yoos passed away August 29, 2007 at the age of 77 years. Rod was born October 18, 1929 at Hoosier, Saskatchewan. He was the second son and the youngest of three children born to Roy & Frances Yoos. In April 1937 Rod moved with his family to a small farm on the west side of Olds, AB. (Now occupied by Plaza 27, The Royal Canadian Legion, Fas Gas, Mtn. View Manor and other homes). Rod was predeceased by his father Roy in 1972; mother Frances in 1992; sister Bernice in 1989 and brother-in-law Albert Stone in 1974. Rod is survived by his loving wife Gayle of 46 years; son Bryan (Lois) Yoos, daughter Pat (Don) Braun; granddaughter Kati-Marie Jenkins; grandsons Colin and Darcy Jorsvick; brother Malcolm (Louise) Yoos; cousin Elaine (Bruce) Brownsburger of Hayden, Idaho who lived with the family for several years; nephew Larry (Linda) Stone & family of Leduc, AB. and niece Brenda (Don) Nettleton & family of Kelowna, B.C. and numerous cousins. Rod played hockey for the Olds Elks hockey team and the Olds "B" hockey club in the 1950's. He was a charter member of the Olds & District Light Horse Assoc. and a member of the Sundre & District Light Horse. He helped with the 4-H Horse Club and was an active member of the Olds Agricultural Society for many years serving as president of OAS for 4 years. Rod and his wife Gayle lived on the farm a couple of miles northwest of Olds, where he was active with livestock as well as hay and crops. Rod was particularly fond of horses and bred and raised many (mainly quarter horses). He enjoyed breaking and riding as often as possible (checking cattle or just checking the pasture). He especially liked to go to the west country, be it Ya-Ha-Tinda or Little Elbow in the Kananaskis. He participated in a week long pack trip to the mountains for 10+ years with his "riding buddies". When asked how many horses he had he would answer, "One for every day of the week plus 2 or 3" and when riding in the west country he was always wanting to see what was over the next hill. It was common for some of those rides to be 8 - 10 hours long. In keeping with Rod's wishes a formal funeral will not be held but family and friends are invited to an Open House Memorial Tea to be held Thursday, September 6, 2007 from 2 - 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Olds, Alberta. Memorial donations in Rod's honour may be made directly to S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance. As a tribute to Rod Yoos, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Olds, entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

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**GOCHEE**

Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Gochee, late of Fort Assinibone, passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at the age of 82 years. She is survived by her loving family; husband of 61 years, Harold; 2 sons, Wayne (Gwen) and Myles (Nicki); daughter-in-law, Bonnie Gochee; 6 grandchildren, and 1 step granddaughter; 2 sisters, Bertha Vennard and Babe Astley; as well as numerous other family and many dear friends. Marie is predeceased by 1 son, Lee; and 1 brother, Billie. Cremation has taken place and a private family gathering has taken place. Donations gratefully accepted directly to the Alberta Lung Association, P.O. Box 4700, Stn. South Edmonton, AB T6E 9Z9. Tributes may be sent to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com). Arrangements entrusted to Rose Garden Chapel, 674-4644. An Hounoured Provider of Dignity Memorial.

**PEDERSON**

Henry Pederson was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He was raised in a busy home that consisted of four siblings. He thoroughly enjoyed his teenage years, working hard for ranchers (as it was his dream one day to have his own) going to dances and shows with family and friends. He married Alma Schneider in November of 1957. Their fifty year marriage had a lot of hardships but through the love and dedication to each other and faith in God they raised a wonderful family. They started their family in Eagle Hill and later moved to Sundre, where his dream of a ranch finally came true. In Sundre he owned his own backhoe business, which he worked very hard at. Henry loved life, he lived for God, his family and good visits with his friends. He peacefully entered into rest on Sept 17, 2007 at the Sundre General Hospital at the age of 79. He will be greatly missed by his wife Alma Pederson, Son's Jim, Dale (Lisa) & Dell Pederson of Sundre, a daughter Gloria Jensen (Blair) of Eagle Hill. His brother Paul Pederson and sister Astrid Scarrott of Eagle Hill as well as a sister Alice Laing of Sundre, nine grandchildren and numerous other family and friends. The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the community for all the support, gifts and prayers, the Sundre General Hospital for their excellent care as well as Bruce and staff at Mountain View Funeral Chapel for their exceptional services.

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**STRAUB**

Emma Christina Straub was born on March 12, 1913 and passed away peacefully at the Sundre Hospital on September 11, 2007 at the age of 94 years. She leaves behind Cliff (Esther) of Yorkton, SK, Clint (Linda) of Strathmore, AB, Gale and Debbie of Calgary, AB; son-in-law Ron Hughes of Sherwood Park, AB; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sister Carrie Stockburger; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Emanuel in 1983 and daughter Leota in 2001. Emma enjoyed life, her children, her church and her friends, She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. A Funeral Service was held at the McDougal Chapel on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. with Interment following in the Sundre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Ponoka Funeral Home 403-783-3122 ~ A Wombold Family Funeral Home ~