

**GUSS**

Mary Augusta Guss was born in Stanmore, Alberta January 11th 1916. She passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital on December 29th 2008. Mary is lovingly remembered by her daughter Shirley (Don) Hunt, Granddaughter Dolly (Dale) Edwards, Grandson Shawn (Louann) Hunt, and Great Grandchildren James & Jesse Edwards, Brittney, Terrance & Destiney Hunt, all of Didsbury. Mary was the eighth born into a family of twelve children. She grew up at the family farm by Stanmore, and was the star pitcher for the Stanmore Speeders softball team, pitching to her sister Nancy, the catcher. The two girls later played fastball for the Delia Royals. While Mary was enrolled in a hairdressing course, she met her best friend and future husband, James Cast Guss. Mary and Jim were married in Edmonton in 1937, and then moved to Drumheller, Alberta, where they managed the Silver Spike Bungalow Camp and Restaurant by the Red Deer River. Their daughter Shirley was born there. The family later moved to Calgary, where Mary continued to love baseball, pitching fastball in a league of six Senior Teams. Mary and Jim joined the Maccabees Lodge, where Mary received her Past Commanders Jewel. Mary and Jim, along with daughter Shirley, were members of the Maccabees Precision Drill Team, and performed at many functions in Calgary, as well as Minneapolis, Detroit, and the Toronto CNE. Mary became a Distributor Manager for Northumbria Fine Tableware, earning commendations as the top saleslady for the company in Canada. When Mary and Jim retired, they moved to Victoria, BC, where they both took up painting. Mary would scour the beaches for driftwood, clean and sand it, and then paint birds on it. She sold over 1500 of these creations through the Driftwood Den in Victoria. After living in Victoria for sixteen years, they moved to Didsbury, Alberta, to be closer to their family, where Mary enjoyed spending time with her great-grandchildren. Many people will remember Mary and Jim strolling around downtown Didsbury, stopping in at the stores and having coffee at the Inn. After Jim passed away in 1999, Mary continued to walk uptown every day, until she became so elderly that it grew to be too difficult for her. Mary was one of the first residents at the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury, where she loved the staff and the meals and often commented on how well she was treated there. "I'm a lady of leisure now," she would say. Mary's family would like to thank Dr Vervaeck, the staff at the Aspen Ridge Lodge, and the staff at the hospital for the wonderful and compassionate care that everyone gave Mary. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta. (403) 216-5111 and (403) 912 - 0307.

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**BAUDISTEL**

Ethel Ursula Baudistel was born in Poland en route from Germany to Canada on September 10, 1924. Ethel grew up in the Westcott area with her parents John & Helen Bogner, along with her sister and brothers - Helen Brookwell, Willie Bogner, Fred Bogner and Ted Bogner - where they farmed. She loved the outdoors and country life. She went to school at the Westcott School just up the road from their house. Ethel married Alfred Baudistel from Westcott where they made their home on the Baudistel farm about a mile from her family farm. Ethel & Alfred had two children, a daughter Margaret (Micki) and a son Richard. Ethel was a loving and kind mother and grandmother who spent many hours teaching her children and grandchildren about the country life. She loved livestock and grew a large

vegetable garden, along with her flower gardens. Ethel loved to scrapbook, make wonderful baby blankets, plat cribbage and canasta. She was always baking bread, canning, pickling and making jelly. Everyone who knew Ethel knew she had an open door policy at her home and everyone was always welcome with open arms. Throughout the years, Ethel & Alfred were active members of both the Westcott community and Lutheran Church community. In April of 2004, Ethel moved to Didsbury after living at Westcott for 80 years. Ethel is survived by her daughter Margaret (Jim) Bergstrom, her son Richard (Karen) Baudistel, her grandchildren Heidi (Jason) Rock, Tammy (Derek) Begg, Christopher Baudistel and his girlfriend Jennifer, Julie Bergstrom and Megan (Arden) Franklin. She is survived by her great grandchildren Nathan Begg, Magna Rock and Ransom Rock. She is also survived by her sister Helen (Bob) Brookwell, brothers Fred (Bernice) Bogner, Ted (Lorna) Bogner and sister-in-law Clara Bogner. She was predeceased by her parents John & Helen Bogner, siblings Oscar, Daniel, Lilly, Rosie and Willie and her loving husband Alfred Baudistel. Ethel will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Redeemer Lutheran Church. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

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## **BIRD**

February 26, 1916 - January 4, 2009

Born in Carstairs, Lionel spent all his fulfilling life on the original Bird homestead in the Garfield district east of Cremona. Farming was his passion - progressive, optimistic, and sharp in the marketing game. He was a mentor to so many. Lionel was thankful for his good health, which allowed him to still operate farm equipment and volunteer for Lion's events until this past fall. His love of sports continued throughout his life as both participant and spectator. He was still skipping a curling team at the age of 92. Lionel's commitment and involvement in farming, community organizations and the church is well recognized. He collected funds for the community chest for approx. 40 years, was a 4H beef club leader and served as a delegate in the Western Barley Growers, Alberta Wheat Pool, and Alberta Cattle Commission. Many honours have been bestowed over the years for his contributions including Master Farm Family and the Lion's Hall of Fame. Lionel is survived by Elma his loving wife of 65 years; children Sylvia Bird, Grant (Dorit), Lillian Rehak (Bob); grandchildren John (Claire), Bruce (Sharon), Scott and Lee Rehak; and 6 great grandchildren. A celebration of Lionel's life will be held in the Cremona Congregational Church on Saturday, January 10th at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow at the Cremona Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lion's Eye Bank c/o Rockyview General Hospital, 7007 - 14th St. SW, Calgary AB T2V 1P9 or the Cremona Congregational Memorial Fund, Box 186, Cremona, AB T0M 0R0. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, Airdrie and Red Deer, AB (403) 216-5111.

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## **JOHNSTON**

Glenn Reginald Johnston was born May 25th, 1926 to Glenn and Lily Johnston at Sunnyslope, Alberta. He grew up in the Cremona - Didsbury area with 3 sisters and 1 brother. (a younger brother died in childhood). He married Ruth Burkholder on November 20th, 1948. Together they raised 7 children. After living and working in a variety of locations and jobs in Alberta, the family settled in Didsbury and became 'famous' at Johnston's Grill and Billiards! Later they supplied plants to many of us through their greenhouse business on the south side of Didsbury. Reg and Ruth retired in Didsbury in 1990. Reg is survived by his wife Ruth, sons and daughters, Peter (Marg), Pat (Garth),

Stephen (Nancy), Sandra (John), Dan (Vivian), Bernard, and son-in-law Jerry, 23 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Jean, Betty, and Ruthie (Jerry). Reg was predeceased by his daughter Debbie, parents, Glenn and Lily Johnston, and brothers, Dennis and Gordon. A Celebration of Reg's Life was held at the West Zion Mennonite Church on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 2:00 pm. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES entrusted with the arrangements - 403-335-9666 and 1-888-216-5111.

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### **McEWING**

Kim Dorothy McEwing passed away peacefully on December 28, 2008 at the age of 46. Kim was born in Calgary, AB on Sept 15, 1962. She was the youngest of four children born to Dorothy and Al Wymer. Kim moved to Didsbury at the age of 17 where she lived for most of her life. Kim got married at the age of 22, and had two children. Kim lived her life to the fullest and enjoyed numerous hobbies and activities, some of which included: sewing, cooking, tattooing, playing pool, and travelling. Kim was a main participant of the Untouchable paintball team, as well as an active participant of the Cougars softball team in the late '80s. Kim was a lover of all animals and owned the Pet Store that was located at the old union bank. Many people knew Kim for her dog grooming abilities that began in the pet store, and then progressed to a home business known as Pretty Paws. One of Kim's bigger passions was riding her motorbike, and going to various bike rallies. Kim moved to Wetaskawin in 2006 to be closer to family. Kim touched the lives of many, and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her. Forever in our hearts she will remain. Kim is survived by: her two children Melissa and Anthony Brooke, sister Lynn (Evan) Thomson of Wetaskawin, AB, brother Greg (Helen) Wymer of Edmonton, AB, sister Joanne (Chuck) Schultz of Creston, B.C., nieces and nephews: Melanie, Heather, Niel, Amber, Josh, Katie, great-nieces and nephews: Chole, Caitlin, Ceradyn, Dylan, Jalen, companion Tim Webb. Predeceased by: mother Dorothy Wymer, father Al Wymer, close friend Mark (tank) McMartin. Memorial service to be held in Didsbury at the Zion Evangelical Church January 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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### **RYLANCE**

James Arthur Rylance of Didsbury, son of the late James Graham and Alice Rylance (Young) passed away on January 4th, 2009 at the age of 79 years. Beloved husband of Kay, James retired from Shell Burnt Timber March 1st, 1993 as Maintenance Coordinator. His hobbies included curling, golf, dancing and travelling. He was a charter member of the Elk Point Elks 460 and Dual Member Past Exalted Ruler of Didsbury Elks 514. He was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion 105 of Olds. James is survived by his wife, Kay of Didsbury; daughter, Linda (Ken) Cunningham of Toronto; sons Jim Jr., Grant of Didsbury and Tim (Heather) of Spruce Grove. Also survived by grandchildren James C. (Tanya), Jason Dean, Kristen, Nathan, Brad, Courtney, Lindsey, and Gregorey; greatgrandchildren Jesse and Brody; and friend of the family, Karen of Winfield. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the Elks Hall, Didsbury, Alberta. Memorial tributes may be made to the Elks /Royal Purple Children's Fund, Suite 100, 2629-29 Avenue Regina, SK. S4S 2N9. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds Phone 403-556-3223. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

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## **CAMPS**

Doris Lorraine Camps of Didsbury, Alberta passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at the age of 77 years. Doris was born in Three Hills on May 4, 1931. She was the second of seven children born to Nellie and David Kalin. She worked as a cook but took great pride in her garden and chickens. Doris was very compassionate, caring and loving. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her. She is survived by 5 children, Iona Skinner (Don) of Red Deer, Betty Freeman of Red Deer, Wendy Yorke of Red Deer, Lawrence Pfahl of Didsbury, and Aleta Hawkins (Pat) of Carstairs; 22 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sheila Peters (Reg) of Olds and Linda Rinas (Ron) of Olds; 2 sisters-in-law and 1 brother-in-law, Ann Kalin of Olds, Jack Camps of Rocky Mountain House, and Isabelle Rigsby of Didsbury. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone 403-335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

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## **FARQUHARSON**

June 25, 1956 - January 20, 2009

Marlene Anne Farquharson (nee Jacobs) passed away after a very courageous and lengthy battle with cancer. She departed and will be missed tremendously by her loving husband of 30 years, Donald, and their three children Cody (Niki), Stacey and Jessica (Troy) Gano. She is also survived by her mother Joyce Jacobs of Didsbury, her sister Lila (Willy) Georgeson of Spirit River, her brother Lyle (Kathy) Jacobs from Elkton and many nieces and nephews who adored her. She was predeceased by her father Lorne in 1983 and sister Brenda Scott in 2007 who were there to greet her in heaven. Others who will miss her deeply are her mother- and father-in-law, Howard and Vola Farquharson of Crossfield, her sister-in-law Keren (Vic Wall) of Crossfield. Her best friends that will feel her loss dearly include Sandy (Jim) Kinch & family and Tammy Lippert and her other coffee bus driver buddies and her sports team companions. Growing up in the area Marlene was well known and respected by all her friends and family in her rural community of Cremona / Crossfield. She loved life and her job as a school bus driver and her work at the farm. She was involved in many community activities and enjoyed curling and baseball. Her pride was her farmyard and her large garden. Her 'Celebration of Life' was held at Madden on January 26th, 2009 at 11 a.m. Her family would like to thank all of her friends and neighbours for the kindness and encouragement given to Marlene as well as the outpouring of sympathy and support to us, her family. We wish to thank the passersby and then the emergency crews who came to assist. In memory of Marlene and in lieu of flowers anyone who wishes could make a donation in her honour to the Alberta Cancer Society (Tom Baker Cancer Centre) where Marlene appreciated the care the staff provided her over her nearly six years of treatment. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds. Phone 403-227-3223.