

KERNS

Robert R. Kerns passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at age 97 at Didsbury Long Term Care Centre. Formerly from Wimborne/Huxley area where he farmed and lived for over 50 years. Predeceased by his wife Ethel in 2006. Bob is fondly remembered for his dry humour and touched many hearts with his singing. Bob is survived by his sons Jerry/Margie (Arizona in winter), Allen/Marie of New Mexico, daughters Ginny/Gary Culver of Olds, Rose Balcom/Hector McRae of Didsbury, and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. A memorial was held in Bob's memory in Didsbury, Sunday Feb. 22 at Knox United Church. Donations can be made in Robert's name to the Nanton Lancaster Museum in Nanton, Alberta.

NELSON

Charles Graham Nelson passed away February 24, 2009 after a brief illness in the Sundre Hospital at the age of 86 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Viola of Sundre; his daughters Irene (Paddy) Munro of Sundre, Edith (Dan) Harder of Spirit River, AB, Alva (Ken) Klassen of Rosemary, AB, Brenda (Tim) Brown of Prince George, B.C. and one son Phil (Judy) Nelson of Airdrie, AB; sister Esther Albeluhn of Saradis, B.C. He was predeceased by his sister Gladys Albeluhn and brother Aubrey Nelson. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the McDougal Chapel Missionary Church with Pastor Kent Janz officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the charity of choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610.

CORDICK

July 31, 1940 - February 26, 2009

With broken hearts we announce the passing of our beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, and Friend, Sally Ann Cordick (nee Tetz). Sally passed away at home after a courageous battle with cancer on February 26, 2009 surrounded by her family. She leaves to mourn her husband of 52 years, Dave; four children: Shannon (Bruce), David (Lori), Jeff (Darlene), and Shelley (Tim); fourteen grandchildren: Sam (Natashia), Kenny (Amanda), Sarah (Jeff), Steven (Stephanie), Melissa (Aron), Andrew (Tracy), Curtis (Virginia), Corey, Chris, Jennifer, Mathew, Shawn, Kayla, and youngest Dillion; one sister, Patty (Blackie); and five brothers, Harry, Terry, Bob (Noreen), Jim (Marg) and Tim (Debbie). She leaves her best friend Netty, numerous nieces, nephews and many more friends. The family would like to thank Dr. Piayfair for taking excellent care of Sally during her illness. We would also like to thank Alita for being available day or night. We Love You! Respecting Sally's wishes there will be no funeral service, she will be cremated. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Home and Cemetery 1605 100 Street SE (17 Avenue SE at Garden Road), Calgary. Telephone 403 272 5555.

CARLETON

January 1, 1922 - March 8, 2009

Ralph Ronald Carleton was called Home to heaven on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 87 years of age, following a brief stay in hospital. Born and raised in Simmie, Saskatchewan, Ralph served his country as a radar technician (1942-1945) -stationed in Regina, Kingston, Toronto, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Ottawa. Ralph met Mary (née Pratt) in 1941 while teaching Vacation Bible School in southwestern Saskatchewan. They were married on April 24, 1946 and spent the next 62 years of their lives together, loving and serving others. After pastoring with the United Church of Canada in rural Saskatchewan for some years, Ralph and Mary farmed in Ravenscrag, SK (1954-1961) and Cremona, AB (1961-1998). In November of 1998 they moved to Abbotsford, B.C. to be near their eldest son, whose health was in serious decline due to multiple sclerosis. Ralph was predeceased by his parents and 11 siblings, and his eldest son Ron (2003). He is survived by his beloved wife Mary; daughter Rose Carleton; son Neil (Valerie) Carleton; daughter-in-law Gladys (Ken) Reeve, all of Abbotsford; foster son Peter (Carol) McNairn of Calgary; granddaughters Nikki Carleton of Nelson, B.C., Emmy (Jason) Epp and Coralie Carleton of Abbotsford; and grandsons Logan and Landon McNairn of Calgary. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life was held in Abbotsford on March 13. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Millar College of the Bible, Box 25, Pambrun, SK S0N 1W0 (www.millarcollege.ca) or to a charity of your choice.

STEVENSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother and grandmother, Florence Edith Stevenson, on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in Didsbury, Alberta at the age of 91 years. Florence was born June 3rd, 1917 in Pembroke, Ontario to Herman and Agnes Papke. She was the fourth child in a family of twelve. At a very young age Florence and her family moved to Alberta - first to Sedgwick, then Stavely and finally settling in the Didsbury area. As a young girl Florence attended school in Westcott until grade 7, at which time she left school to work on the family farm. On November 23rd, 1940, Florence married John [Steve] Stevenson. Steve and Florence lived and worked at the Alex Robertson farm until the arrival of their first child. After that time, they moved to Sundre where they settled down to raise their five children - Gloria Jean, Grant Robert, Sandra Ileen, Michael John and Kathryn Ann. In Sundre, Florence worked at a local café, the Red & White Grocery Store and the Variety Store. In 1970 Florence retired, but continued to do odd jobs such as babysitting for some of her young neighbours, and taking on the daunting task of cleaning the Faith Lutheran Church, as only she could do. She continued to work at the church well into her 80's. Florence never missed a Sunday church service, and enjoyed keeping in touch with friends and neighbours by going to the Bakery for coffee every morning and the deli in the afternoon. Florence was an immaculate housekeeper who, unlike most, loved doing laundry and ironing - even sheets. One of her greatest hobbies was quilting. Over the years each and every one of us has received one of her quilts and they will be cherished forever by us all. Florence took great pride in her yard and after her endless battle with dandelions, she could be found sitting on her deck sipping on a glass of Sprite and enjoying the beauty of her yard. Family and friends were a very important part of Florence's life, and she was a wonderful and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbour and friend. In her own unique way, she touched each one of us and we will all miss her dearly. We all have fond memories of her endless one-liners, sayings, short recitals and stories that only she could remember. Florence leaves to mourn her passing, son Grant (Bette) of Beaumont, daughter Sandra (Carmen) of Cremona, son Mike (Arlene) of Sundre, daughter Kathy of Sundre, granddaughter Lisa of Calgary, son-in-law Jack Davidson of Stettler, as well as 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Florence

was predeceased by her husband Steve (February 5, 1984) and daughter Gloria (March 27, 1992), six brothers and 3 sisters. A Memorial Service was held on Monday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sundre, Alberta. Memorial donations may be made to the Rosebud Health Services, Faith Lutheran Church of Sundre or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years, phone 403-335-4773.

PHILLIPS

Elsie Marie Phillips was called home to see her Lord on April 13, 2009 at the age of 93. Elsie was born in St. Ignatius Montana to Hans and Gathel Kiersgaard on November 3, 1915, the first of seven children. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Manitoba where her father found work with the railroad and on farms in the area around Morden. The railroad brought the family to Irricana where Elsie met her husband Kenneth while she was working in a coffee shop. Shortly after their marriage in 1939 Ken and Elsie moved to the Didsbury area where they purchased a farm where they resided until Kens passing in 1980. Elsie was an active member in her church as well as the Women's Institute. She worked for several years as a librarian at the Didsbury library. Elsie loved to lawn bowl and was a founding member of the Didsbury Lawn Club where she could be found many an afternoon teaching school kids the fine art of lawn bowling. She was also a member of several bowling and lawn bowling senior games teams. Elsie traveled a lot in her retirement years and liked to play bingo. She was predeceased by her oldest son Allan Wayne in 1951, by her loving husband in 1980, three brothers Hans, Fred and John and two sisters Hazel and Irene. She is survived by her youngest sister Gathel (Frank) Bales of Carstairs, one daughter, Gail (Boyd) Petersen of Olds, three sons, Ted (Dianne) of Innisfail, Rick (Wanda) and Mike (Bonnie) of Didsbury, fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. A celebration of Elsie's life will be held on May 2nd at the Knox United Church Didsbury at two o'clock. Donations can be made in Elsie's name to the Aspen Ridge Lodge or to the charity of your choice.