

ARBOUR

March 9, 1944 - Feb. 19, 2009

Dennis Joseph Arbour passed away suddenly at the age of 64 from heart failure at his home in Surrey, B.C. Dennis was predeceased by his parents Oscar and Marie Arbour of Didsbury, AB. He is survived by two brothers, Lawrence and Bernard; three sisters, Evelyn, Delores and Jeannie; two sons, Danny and Mark; a daughter Jeannine Jr.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends. A private memorial will be held Monday, May 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

COWITZ

Leonard Carl Cowitz was born May 29, 1930 to Alfred and Pauline Cowitz and passed away May 8, 2009 at the age of 78 years. Len grew up on the family farm west of Didsbury and worked with his Dad on the farm for several years. He worked on the threshing crews in the fall travelling from one neighbour to another until the harvest was done. He then worked in the oil patch for Regent Drilling for some time, Didsbury Auction Mart and Parkland Construction before going to work for the Harmattan Gas Plant until his retirement in 1989. Len married Iona Dube in 1974 and they resided in Didsbury. After Len retired, he and Iona spent many happy years travelling throughout the Prairie provinces camping and sightseeing and spent 4 winters in Casa Grande Arizona. They then moved to Champion where they lived for 12 years, returning to Didsbury in 2005 where Len spent his final days. Len was predeceased by his father, his mother, a nephew, his sister Norma and her husband Ron Neufeld. He is survived by his loving wife Iona; stepchildren Robert Dube, Donna (Jamie) Maland, Diana (Dave) MacDonald, Roger Dale (Beverly) Dube, and Wendy (Faron) Hood; twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Beatrice (Elwood) Scott and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral services were held on May 13, 2009 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church with interment at the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations in Len's memory may be made to the Alberta Children's Hospital, STARS, or to a charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone: 403-335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

RULE

Ross Stanley Rule was born in Daysland, Alberta September 3, 1922 and deceased May 22, 2009. Predeceased by his parents, Ross and Henrietta, brothers Rock and Stacey, sister Joyce, and a son Vernon Whidden. Survived by his wife of fifty seven years, Berneice, daughter Shelley Owens, and son Gordon (Carrie), grandchildren Joshua (Wendy) Owens, Joey Owens, Ashley Rule, Adam Rule, and Veronica Whidden, great-grandchildren Brayden Owens, Logan Owens, and Penny Owens, sister Daphne Ewart, brother Frank (Helen) Rule, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ross was raised in the Peace River area and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. After the war, he settled in Edmonton where he met Berneice Steckly. They married in Edmonton in 1951 and moved to Calgary shortly thereafter. In 1964, with the family complete after the birth of both children, Ross

moved the family to San Francisco, California to continue as an insurance adjuster. In 1967, they moved to San Jose, California where Ross established his own business and ran it successfully until he retired in 1987. Upon retirement, he and Berneice returned to Alberta with her parents; first to Consort and then in Didsbury. In 1997, they moved to Fairfield, Ohio to continue to enjoy their retirement and be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. In 2001, they returned to Didsbury as Ross's health needs increased. Through the years, Ross was a member of First Baptist Church in Calgary, Westlake Southern Baptist Church in Daly City, CA, Calvary Baptist Church in Daly City, Church of the Redeemer in San Jose, Blossom Hill Baptist Church in San Jose, and Knox United Church in Didsbury; serving in many capacities as a deacon, treasurer, usher, and even helped to construct the church building. He was also a member of The Gideons, United Commercial Travelers, Royal Canadian Legion, Didsbury Chamber of Commerce, and Didsbury R/C Fun Flyers. Ross was the epitome of an optimist; having survived polio, arterial sclerosis, arterial bypass, cancer, macular degeneration - he never gave up and had a ready smile and joke for all! His family fondly referred to him as the "energizer bunny" and we will dearly miss him. Ross was a great cribbage and scrabble player, loved to read and enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He also enjoyed camping and the outdoors. If something were broken, Ross would find a way to fix it - whether by the book or jury-rigged (his specialty). In lieu of flowers, due to his unending love for dogs the family requests that donations be made in Ross's memory to the Alberta SPCA, 10806 - 124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H3 or www.albertaspca.org. A Memorial Service will be held at Knox United Church, 1406 - 19th Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00pm. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta (403) 216-5111 & (403) 912 - 0307.

MACINTOSH

February 24, 1994 to May 25, 2009

Daughter, sister, auntie, niece, cousin, sister-in-law, friend. It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing away of Rita, on May 25, 2009 at the age of 15. Rita was born in Grande Prairie AB, then moved to Fort Nelson BC, before settling in Didsbury a few years ago. Rita leaves behind her mother Rita (Didsbury) and her father Ed (Fort Nelson). She is also survived by five sisters and two brothers; Lisa, husband Jeff (Calgary), Julie, daughter Taylor (Grande Prairie), Elias (Fort Nelson), Eddie (Fort Nelson), April (Didsbury), Sheryl (Fort Nelson), as well as many numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and her father's parents Nana and Papa. Rita, a grade 9 student, attended the Didsbury High School. She touched the lives of all who knew her, and leaved behind the legacy of her smile. A typical teenager, Rita was entranced by all electronics, namely her cell phone and camera, which she was never without. Rita will be remembered as a happy, vibrant, contagious personality, who lit up a room and who made it her mission to spread her happiness to those around her. A celebration honouring Rita's life was held on Saturday, May 30, in Olds, AB. Rita has been laid to rest at the Calgary SE Mountain View Memorial Garden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be sent to the Didsbury Royal Bank (403) 335-3328, where an account has been set up to aid in the coverage of funeral expenses.

DEVINE

Lloyd James Devine, beloved husband of Mary Devine, passed away peacefully on June 29th at the Long-term Care facility in Didsbury, Alberta after a lengthy illness. Lloyd was born on October 15, 1927, on the family farm near Lemberg, Saskatchewan, to Joseph and Annie

Devine (Christoffel). Lloyd lived in the Lemberg area, completing his schooling at Rosewood school. Over these years, he developed his skating and hockey skills on the slough in the winter and his baseball skills on the diamond in the summer. Lloyd worked for his Uncle Sam at his store in Carstairs in 1948. He worked for George Wilkins at the dairy in Didsbury for three years, from 1953-56, and then for the Town of Didsbury from 1956- 1964. Lloyd will be remembered for his sense of humour, his honesty and his easygoing nature. In the early sixties he discovered golf and loved the game, playing as often as he could. Lloyd won many sports awards over the years and was known as a tough but fair competitor. Lloyd will be remembered in the communities he has lived in - Lemberg, Saskatchewan, Summerland, BC, Didsbury and Peace River, Alberta, as a person who made positive contributions to his community . He had a twenty-one year career with the Town of Peace River. He will be missed. Lloyd spent his final years with Mary at the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury. He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife of 56 years, Mary (Kneesch) and his daughters and their families; Mary Lou and John Gillatt and their sons, Daniel and Jackson; Heather Devine and Andy Mullan and their daughter, Lindsay; Lori and Lorne Burke and their sons, Johnny and Aidan; Lloyd's sister Luella (Ray); brother, Harvey (Allice); sister-in-law, Marlene Devine; brother-in-law, Jim Haggard; sisters-in -law Laura Kneesch and Pearl Kneesch as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. Lloyd was predeceased by his parents, Annie and Joseph Devine; his brother Lawrence (Marlene); sister, Joyce Haggard; and his brothers-in-law, Chuck and Herman Kneesch. Memorial Services were held at Knox United Church in Didsbury on Friday, July 3, 2009, at 2 pm, with Reverend David Gilchrist officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the caring staff of Aspen Ridge Lodge and of Unit One at the Didsbury Hospital for the compassionate care given to Lloyd during his time there. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, 12 East Lake Way NE, Airdrie, Alberta (403) 216-5111 & (403) 912 - 0307

DESGAGNE

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Carol Lynn Desgagne announce her passing on July 8, 2009. She was born in Didsbury on August 9, 1946 to Allan and Bernice Blois. She is survived by her loving husband Ray, her daughter Lynn (Roy) Breaden and their sons Kory and Kenton; her son Todd (Leah) and their children Sophia, Keyara and Zeven and daughter-in-law Janice. She is also survived by sisters, Diane (Bill) Conley, Wendy (Gordie) Sorensen and Debbie Blois and a brother Doug (Bonnie) Blois, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She was loved by many for her smile and all the laughs she gave to all. She was predeceased by her son Dean, her parents Allan and Bernice Blois, her mother and father-in-law Antonio and Georgette Desgagne, her grandparents Gudrun and Leonard Blois and Ingrid and Art Swanby as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. As requested by Carol, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of choice will be appreciated. Carol's family wish to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care that was given to Carol and the family by Dr. Jackson and the staff of the Didsbury Hospital. PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, Airdrie & Red Deer, AB (403) 216-5111.

PERSINGER

January 19, 1926 - July 15, 2009

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Louis "Lou" Persinger on July 15, 2009 while in the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre at the age of 83 years. Lou is survived by his 5 siblings Marion Belle, Jean Merkl, Louise (Louie) Hlasny, Howard (Eileen) Persinger,

Jack (Doreen) Persinger and Don (Kay) Persinger; sister-in-law Betty Persinger as well as a large number of extended family and friends. Lou was predeceased by his wife Jean, mother and father, brothers Russel and Bill; sisters Ruth Charlton and Helen Weber; brothers-in-law Ivor Weber, John Storricks, Bud Belle, Howard Charlton, John Merkl and sister-in-law Audrey Persinger. Lou's family would like to thank the caring doctors, nurses and staff at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre for his great care. Memorial services were held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury with Harold Hunter and Reverend David Gilchrist 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 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com.