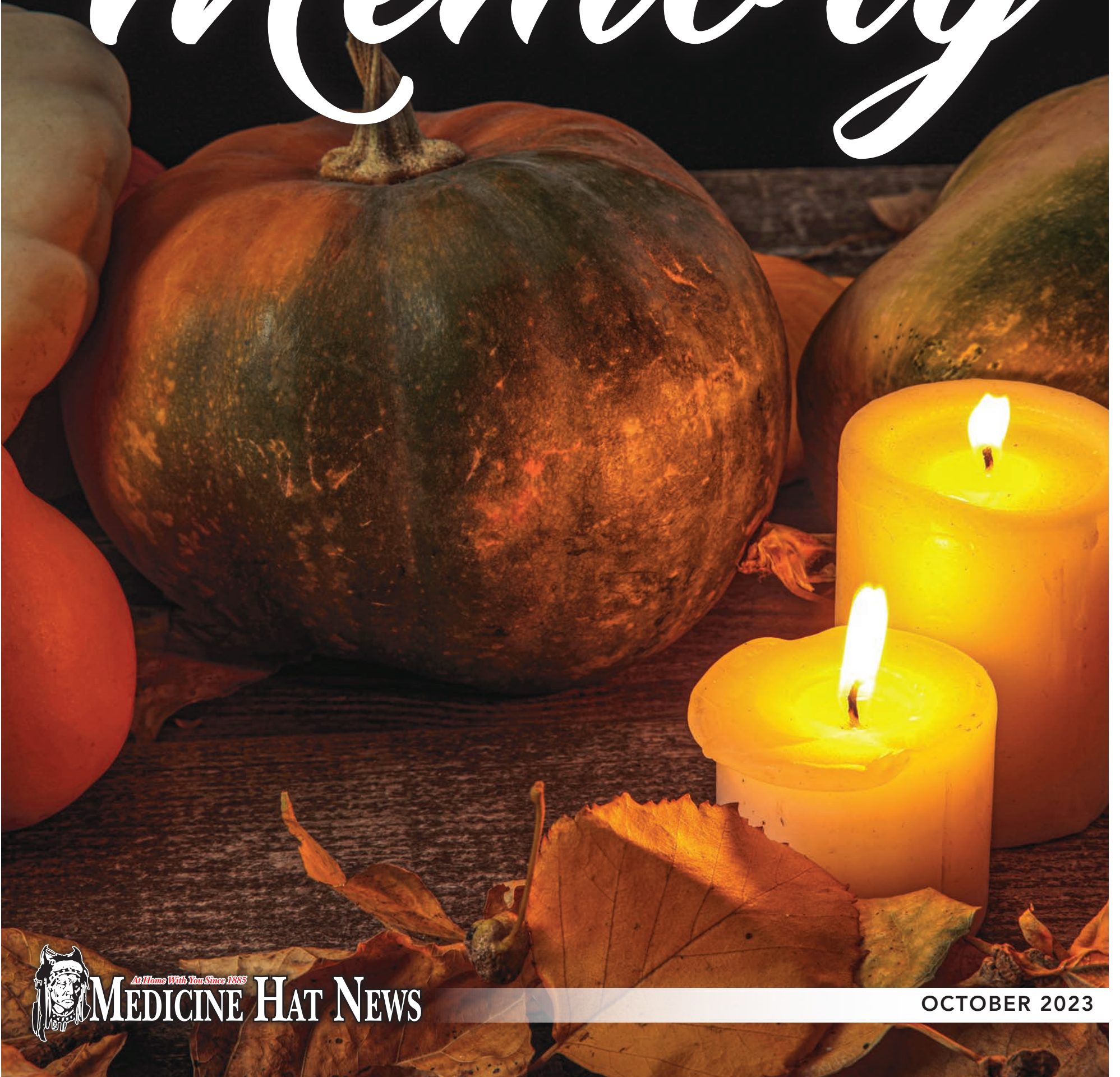


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## ELFREDA MIRIAM EDEL

**August 29, 1930 ~ August 24, 2023**

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Mrs. Freda Edel, beloved wife, of the late Mr. Benjamin Edel, announce her passing at River Ridge Seniors Village in Medicine Hat, on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the age of 92 years. Freda was born August 29, 1930, in Emerson, Manitoba to Jonathan and Miriam Edel. On November 28, 1953, she married Benjamin Edel at the East Olds Baptist Church Parsonage in Olds, Alberta. Freda and Ben attended Temple Baptist Church in Medicine Hat for many years. She worked and enjoyed being a waitress, with Phil's Restaurant in Medicine Hat serving as one of her places of employment. Freda was a hardworking, warm, caring and loving mother. Everything she did was out of devotion to her family. She was a very kind and selfless person, always putting others before herself. Freda was also fun loving and had a humorous side about her. As for sports, she enjoyed watching NHL hockey with her children. Freda had an amazing green thumb... She loved gardening and grew many fruits and vegetables as well as flowers and trees on their acreage. Freda also excelled at cooking and baking; she baked the best apple pie! Things most memorable for Freda would have been the births of her grandchildren, family gatherings at Christmas time and summer vacation visits with her children. Freda was so very proud of her family, and the five children she helped raise. She will be lovingly remembered by her four daughters, Judy Olson, Edwina Edel, Gwendolyn Edel Drake, Andrea Edel; sons-in-law, Ken Olson and Mark Drake; three grandchildren, Joshua Olson, Charlotte Edel and Rachel Edel; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt Edel and Evelyn Edel as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Freda was predeceased by her husband, Benjamin Edel in 2016; parents, Jonathan and Miriam Edel; brother, Walter Edel and son, Corwyn Edel. A private family interment will be held at a later date at the East Olds Baptist Church Cemetery near Olds, Alberta, where Freda's cremated remains will be placed to rest next to her late husband, Benjamin. If friends so desire, memorial donations in Freda's name may be made to the Alzheimer Society, #101. 1201 Kingsway Avenue SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 2Y2 or [www.alzheimer.ab.ca](http://www.alzheimer.ab.ca). (condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"

*Goodbyes*

are not forever

Goodbyes are not the end,

They simply mean I'll miss you,

until we meet

*again*



## LAINÉ BAKELAAR

**Sept. 12, 1925 - Aug. 26, 2023**

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, our dear Dad, Grandpa, and Great-Grandpa was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 97 years. Laine was predeceased by his wife, Jane and son, Edward. He will be lovingly remembered by his son, Bill (Anne); grandchildren, Lana (Mark), Joya, Daniel (Crystal); great-grandchildren, James, Breanna, Lauryn, Bentley, Oakley and Hendriks; sister, Bep in Holland; brother-in-law, Henk (Ann) Vandenberg as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Born in Rotterdam, Holland, Laine immigrated with his wife and two sons to Medicine Hat in 1957, where they raised their family. The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful care Laine received at Medicine Hat Meadowlands, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital and Calgary AgeCare Glenmore. Special thanks to all the kind and caring staff as well. A Memorial Celebration of Laine's life will be held at the Christian Reformed Church, 300 Primrose Drive S.E., Medicine Hat on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Chaplain George Koopmans officiating. The service will be live-streamed and can be viewed at [medicinehatcrc.org](http://medicinehatcrc.org). Private interment will take place prior to the church service. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## MICHAEL BENGERT

**1963 ~ 2023**

It is with profound sadness that the family of Michael Lewis Bengert announce his passing at St. Joseph's Home - Carmel Hospice in Medicine Hat on the morning of Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the age of 59 years. Michael enjoyed and was committed to his work, driving truck for over thirty years. He loved being connected with nature and especially enjoyed camping and spending time with his family. Michael was a positive and fun-loving man who could always be recognized by the sound of his laughter. Along with his loving wife, Dawn Bengert, Michael's memory will be forever cherished in the hearts of his daughters, Daryl and Dayna Bengert. Michael was very loved and will be greatly missed. His life will be honoured and his memory cherished without the proceedings of a formal service. Donations in memory of Michael may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 200 - 325 Manning Road N.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2E 2P5. (Condolences may be expressed through visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## JOSEPH ZIEBART

**November 25th, 1930 ~ Tuesday, August 29th, 2023**

Joseph Ziebart passed away peacefully on August 29th, 2023. He was predeceased by his wife, Emma (nee Derzaph). He leaves behind his children, Lynn (Dwain) Fauser and Mark (Derilee) Ziebart; grandchildren, Evan, Rachel, Nicole, and Rebecca Fauser, Joseph (Amy Stiff) and Jacob Ziebart; brothers, Jerry (Jean) and Bill (Linda); and sister, Florence Ziebart. Joe was born on November 25, 1930 to Aloysius and Elizabeth (nee Hittel). The second oldest of nine brothers and sisters, Joe spent his childhood on the family farm south of Prelate, Saskatchewan. In his teenage years, Joe moved with his family to Medicine Hat where he married Emma at St Patrick's church in the fall of 1953. Joe worked as a Millwright, Foreman, and Plant manager during his 50 years in the clay industry. He relished his job and the many friendships he made. Joe was truly happy to be working. His career included Medalta Potteries, National Porcelain (IXL), and Plainsman Clays. Joe retired in 1997. In 1984, Joe's curling team won the Alberta Provincial Senior Men's Championship qualifying for the Canadian Championship in St Johns Newfoundland. Joe's family would like to thank the staff at River Ridge and Age Care Valleyview for the compassionate care he received these past years. A formal service is not planned. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Joseph Ziebart. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## LOUIS WELLS

**1934 ~ 2023**

Louis Wells passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at the age of 89 years. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Florence Wells; son, Gerald Wells (Marriane) as well as his daughter, Julie Seib; grandchildren, Thomas (Bailey) and Brian (Erica) Wells and Kira Seib as well as great-grandchildren, Owen and Finlay Wells. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Riverview Care Center for their care of Louis over the last few years. He enjoyed the time he spent there and had many laughs. A private celebration of Louis' life will be held at a later date. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## MELVIN SCHMIDT

1933 ~ 2023

Melvin Jack Schmidt passed away quietly at Masterpiece Southland Meadows on Saturday, August 26th, 2023 at the age of 89 years, to be forever reunited with his wife, Katherine; daughter, Sharon; and son, Cory. Melvin is survived by his son, Brian (Karen); grandchildren, Jay, Jennifer, Amber, Landen, and their families; as well as brothers, Ken and Wayne; sisters, Dianne and Janice, and their families; and special best friend, Alice. His journey through life allowed him to do things he enjoyed most and live a full and productive life filled with memories that he was able to relive and share in his final years. Melvin was cremated with dignity and his memory will be silently remembered by his family and friends. A special thank you to the staff of Masterpiece Southlands Meadows who have collectively proven compassionate care does exist and for all the kindness received. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Melvin Schmidt. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## JOHN DORMAN

1940 ~ 2023

John Dorman of Medicine Hat, died on Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at the age of 82 years. John was an army veteran for 35 years, John retired in Medicine Hat in 1995. He joins his wife, Michelle who died in 2016. John is survived by his sister, Nancy Bufalino and brother, Arnold Dorman residing in the Niagara region of Southern Ontario. As per John's wishes there will be no funeral service held. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading John Dorman. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## SHARON NICKEL

1946 ~ 2023

Sharon Rose Nickel (nee Selman) of Hanna, Alberta passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the age of 76 years. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving partner, Francis Parker of Hanna; one beloved son, Allen (Denise) Lloyd of Nakina, Ontario; her daughter, Tannis Dolph of Medicine Hat; her miracle baby, Wanda (Gordon) Giles of Wasa, B.C.; her grandchildren, Kyle (Crystal) Dolph, Krista (Chris) Worobec, Kevin (Kaitlyn) Dolph, Alana Lloyd, Heather (Rob) Lloyd, Kandace (James) Dolph, Johnathon (Sarah) Lloyd, Jessica (Justin) Brosnikoff, Emma Lloyd, Graeme Duhamel, Jordan Kenney, Zack Kenney, and Parker (Gary) Kenney; twenty-six great grandchildren that she loved very much and two nephews, Pat (Tina) Selman and Gary Selman that she held dear to her heart. She was predeceased by her parents, Delbert and Cora Selman; her only brother, Elra (Sonny) Selman; her husbands, Robert "Bob" Lloyd and Victor Nickel; her granddaughter, Rebecca Dolph and her great grandsons, Gabriel Gosselin and Ryder Mason. Sharon lived most of her life in Fort Frances, Ontario where she chose a career of school bus driver after she raised her children. She moved to Medicine Hat in 2007 to be near her children and continued to drive school buses until she retired. She enjoyed quilting, baking, boat rides on Lake Despair, and music concerts. She loved flowers and always had pots full of them on her deck throughout the summer. She enjoyed getting together with family and friends for supper. Everyone jumped at the chance to go because she was well known for her delicious cooking as well as her heavenly pies and desserts. Sharon loved to play cards and board games, listen to gospel music and attend church when she was able. She will be deeply missed by all who have felt the love that came from mom's amazing heart. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Longfellow Hall south of Dunmore, Alberta on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. A luncheon will take place following the service and the family invites everyone to stay and share a memory. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## THOMAS HELLIWELL

1933 ~ 2023

Thomas "Tom" Helliwell of Medicine Hat, beloved husband of the late Marcia Helliwell, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at the age of 90 years. A private memorial service for the family will be held at a later date. To view the full obituary and to leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## COLLEEN SCHMALTZ

January 24, 1930 ~ September 1, 2023

The family of Colleen Schmaltz are saddened to announce her passing in Medicine Hat on Friday, September 1, 2023, at the age of 93 years. Left to cherish Colleen's memory are her three children, Rosanna Schmaltz, David (Jo-Anne) Schmaltz and Fay Schmaltz (Dan Gaucher); son-in-law, Vern Vossler (Val Kelly); five grandchildren, Ann Vossler, Lorne (Rachel) Vossler, Erin Vossler, Davin Schmaltz and Althea Schmaltz; six great-grandchildren, Logan Schulz, Hallie Vossler, Vaughn Vossler, Tala Taefu, Elei Taefu and Sina Taefu; sister-in-law, Irene Schmaltz as well as many nieces and nephews. Colleen was predeceased by her parents, Charles (Ross) and Anna McKay; father and mother-in-law, Frank and Rosa Schmaltz; husband, Ralph Schmaltz; daughter, Yvonne Vossler; sister, Juanita McLennan and brothers and sisters-in-law, Elizabeth (Roy) Steier, Rose (Tony) Mardian, Frank (Barbara) Schmaltz, Simon Schmaltz and Walter McLennan. Colleen Dolores McKay was born in Redcliff and resided there for the majority of her life. It was while working at Domglas as a young woman that she met a handsome young man named Ralph. They were married on June 13, 1953, and remained devoted to each other during their 68 years of marriage until Ralph's passing in 2021. Colleen was most proud of her family, and time spent together was very important to her. She was always interested in what her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were doing. Colleen had a lifelong love of music. She served as organist and choir director at St. Mary's Church for 33 years, during which time she found the fellowship and creative fun times with her choir mates very special and fulfilling. She also composed several pieces of music for members of our family. Colleen was a compassionate woman of quiet faith, who joined the Catholic Women's League in 1955 and remained a member ever since then. She believed in little miracles and guardian angels. She loved the beauty of nature, especially the garden at her longtime home in Redcliff (and all the fruits and vegetables produced there). We will remember her as a skilled and determined competitor to the end in our many games of cribbage and Chinese checkers. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 238 2 Avenue N.E., Medicine Hat on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Roque Pereira Celebrant. Private Interment will follow at the Redcliff Cemetery. Those who wish to remember Colleen may do so through a donation to AJ's Loan Cupboard, P.O. Box 45006, MacKenzie Drugs Postal Outlet, Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 0B1 or to the Red Cross, 398 Aberdeen Street S.E., Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 0R2. Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"

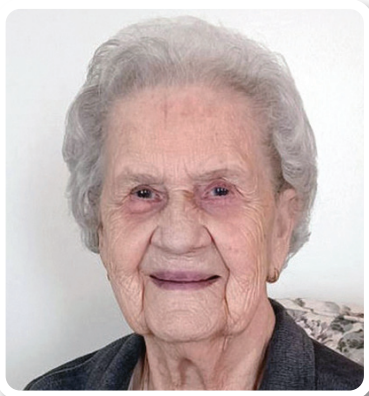




## LORETTA BENDER

1947 - 2023

Loretta Bender passed away on September 4, 2023, at the age of 75 years, beloved wife of Keith Bender of Medicine Hat. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Those who wish to remember Loretta with a donation, may do so to the Community Foundation of Southeast Alberta <https://cfsea.ca> (Rm # 104, 430 6 Ave SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 2S8). Please visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com) for the full obituary or to leave message of condolence. PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## DORIS BLAQUIERE- DERZAPH

1927 - 2023

Anise "Doris" Blaquiere-Derzaph of Redcliff, beloved wife of the late Edward Blaquiere and the late Adam Derzaph, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 at the age of 96, with her daughter, June, by her side. Doris was born on June 20, 1927, in St. Paul, Kent County, New Brunswick. She was the ninth child of Bibienne (Cormier) Belliveau and Henri Belliveau. Doris leaves to mourn her passing: daughter June (Bill Matuska), daughter-in-law Bev Blaquiere, daughter Elizabeth "Betty" Jones (Trevor), stepson Edwin Derzaph (Lorna), stepdaughter Sharon Black, grandchildren: Kirk Blaquiere (Dione), Shane Blaquiere, Ronaye Beck (Jason) and Karlee Everist (Bryce), many great grandchildren, step grandchildren, step great grandchildren and nieces and nephews; sister Minnie Surette of Ambersburg, Ontario and brother Al Belliveau of Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Doris was predeceased by her husband, Edward Blaquiere (May 10, 1993), step grandson Bruce Perini (November 26, 2010), husband Adam Derzaph (February 8, 2015) and son Edgar (Ed) Blaquiere (September 24, 2020). Full obituary can be found on Pattison Funeral Home website. The funeral service will be held in the PATTISON FUNERAL HOME & CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTRE on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with Life Celebrant, David Townsend officiating. If you are unable to attend in person you can participate via livestream - please visit [pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://pattisonfuneralhome.com) and select live streaming, then select the youtube (arrow). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either of the CWL in Medicine Hat, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [ftlinewww.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://ftlinewww.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## ALLAN MCLEOD

December 26, 1936 ~ September 1, 2023

The footprint may be gone . . . But excluding a recent half-decade of invasive health issues, my life has been a long and remarkable journey of personal fulfillment, including a family code of love and togetherness. Who could ask for more. Most important, by far, has been the support and devotion of Rae, my wife of sixty-three years. It has been Rae's dedication to our marriage that has permitted the accomplishments we have enjoyed. Our biggest gift of all has been our three children, Tracy (Jerry Hensel - deceased), Carrie Rae (Owen Saunders) and John (Shelley), all solidly grounded and successful in their chosen endeavors. They have also given us five (now adult) grandchildren and one great-grandchild to gaze upon with pride. I see my life in three distinct phases, beginning in 1936 on the cusp of World War II as the first born to Germaine (Sebille) and Cecil McLeod, a couple struggling with drought and depression on a farm near Bow Island. The next fifteen years witnessed a return of rain and crops and victory in the war, all of which I was then old enough to appreciate. I had also seen Dad's aggressive expansion of our land base which created the financial wherewithal to move and operate from a home in Medicine Hat. It was in the city in June, 1955 at age 18 that I wrote the last of my grade 12 finals, followed five days later by swearing an oath to begin life in Canada's national police force. My RCMP years included a diverse array of Canada-wide assignments that drove my career onward and upward. It was 20 years that extended from BC's Lower Mainland to a one-man posting in Canada's Arctic to the lofty setting of HQ Ottawa as a departmental head caught in the bureaucratic shuffle of bilingual overreach. Phase two began with my early retirement in 1975 to embark on a new and uncharted path, a final transfer of our family to put down roots in the land of my youth near Bow Island. The underlying motive was to establish ourselves in private business. Some saw the decision as questionable given our beautiful Ottawa home and opportunities presented by my early commission, but our Alberta heritage won the day. We were destined to begin life anew on the barren and treeless landscape of my family's long-abandoned farm where the only signs of current habitation were a rope-and-pulley water well, a rustic machine shop, and a fading two-holer standing alone in a yard of derelict outbuildings. Even the rural electrical grid would need a mile of poles and wire to reach the farm. Despite the obstacles, within 20+ years we had carved out a park-like home setting with trees and modern facilities, at the same time embarking on a business program anchored by the farm that grew into the ownership of a Ford-Lincoln car/truck dealership in Medicine Hat. Steps in getting there had included a three-year co-ownership of an insurance agency, the start-up and eventual closure of a local Ford outlet, and fourteen years as owner/operator of a small real estate office. With our son ready to buy out the city Ford store, we stepped back from active business in 1995 to begin phase three, this time in semi-retirement hoping for a financial return in my long-held passion for writing. Between summers at Elkwater Lake and winters touring Roatan Island or US Border States, I wrote two books over the next few years. The first was titled "Willful Blindness," a 1960s true crime kidnap/murder story from the Yukon, the second, "It's All About Money," a novel of narcissistic illusion and violence. Regrettably, neither reached the lofty bar of success set by publishers. But I wasn't yet ready to quit. I had also created a rambling memoir of 900 pages that became a ten-part outline of our family's history up to 1995, including personal issues we had faced and some of the more memorable cases from my RCMP years. I titled the consolidated manuscript "A Look Back." There will be no funeral upon my passing, just a bundle of ashes and a couple of drawers of unpublished writings to mark the end of phase three of a long and grateful life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Safety City, Box 1145, Medicine Hat, AB, T1B 1A1, or the Salvation Army, 164 Stratton Way S.E., Medicine Hat, AB, T1B 3R3, as these were Allan's charities of choice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## PEARL KATHLEEN BLACK

It is with a heavy heart that Graham announces the passing of his beloved wife, Pearl Kathleen Black, of Black Diamond, AB on Aug 24, 2023. Left to cherish Pearl's memory besides her husband Graham Black is her dear niece and God-daughter, Jamie Slaney, her husband Paul and their children, Cadence, Easton and Callum. Her sister, Shirley Stepanic, sister-in-laws, Gayle Senger and Dixie Black and sister-in-law, Jane (Arnie) Dreger, and very special Niece Kristy Senger. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and very dear friends. Pearl was predeceased by her parents, Joe and Tillie Senger, her brother, Harvey Senger, her brother-in-law, Lloyd Stepanic, her father and mother in law, Reg and Margaret Black and her brother-in-law Bob Black. Pearl was born in Empress, AB, however, her family moved to Medicine Hat when she was a young child. After completing high school, she graduated from Garbetts Business College in Medicine Hat. She worked for many years at the Medicine Hat General Hospital and before her retirement she was employed by the City of Medicine Hat. Pearl and Graham spent their retirement winter years in Weslaco, Texas as well as a couple of years in Yuma, Arizona. During those times they were fortunate to develop many close friendships in both Texas and Arizona. As per Pearl's wishes, her life will be honored and her memory cherished without the proceedings of a formal funeral, however, Pearl hopes her family and friends will make a special dinner and have a glass of wine and make a toast to a her and how blessed she always felt to have you all as family and friends in her life.



## MIKE MARSHALL

1960 - 2023

Michael "Mike" Peter Marshall, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the age of 63 years, beloved partner of Pam Cursons of Redcliff. He also leaves to cherish his memory one stepson Cash Hagen (Alicia); one brother Mark Marshall (Sonya Chapman) of Calgary; sister-in-law Bernice Marshall as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and his many many friends. He was predeceased by his parents Katie and Mike and by two brothers Melvin and Jeff. Family and friends who wish to pay their respects may do so at the PATTISON FUNERAL HOME on Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A celebration of Mike's life will take place at River Valley Park in Redcliff on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. with Life Celebrant Pat Grisonich officiating. Those who are attending the service are encouraged to bring a lawn chair just in case. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Medicine Hat SPCA in memory of "Pete" his bestest buddy and greatest love - c/o S.P.C.A. - 55 Southwest Drive SW, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E8. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## ANNA ROTH

**July 30, 1933 ~ August 31, 2023**

Mrs. Anna Minna Roth, beloved wife of the late James 'Jim' Roth, passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Bow Island Health Centre on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at the age of 90 years. Left to cherish Anna's memory are her three children and their families: daughter, Shelley Cooper and her sons, Nick (Meg Ferguson) Cooper and Carson (Gabby) Cooper; son, Darren (Shelley) Roth and their three children, Brendan (Jessi) Roth (their children Jameson and Sadie), Amanda (Frank) Thompson (their son, Calum) and Kaylene (James) Thiessen (their son, Declan); daughter, Jane (Randy) Kobbert and their two children, Kristin (Brayden Van Driesten) Kobbert and Andrea (Jeff Oudman) Kobbert. Anna is also survived by numerous extended family. She was predeceased by her parents, Eric and Lydia Brown; siblings, Ervin Brown, Elsie Hickey and Ruth McMurdo. Anna was raised and started her schooling in Magrath. She was in her teens when her family moved to Ensign, AB., and she finished her schooling in Brant, AB. Following High School, she continued her education in Edmonton, AB., where she received her teaching certification. Anna's first teaching position was in Wrentham, AB., where she met her future husband, James Roth. Soon after they were married, Anna and Jim moved to Bow Island where she continued to teach for a short time until starting their family. Having a farm and raising a family kept Anna busy... a good busy that she enjoyed very much! She loved helping with the harvest and continued to do so well into the 1990's! Anna always put her family first, especially when it came to her grandchildren. She loved her time with them and played an integral role in instilling some of the strong family values that they all share to this day. Anna's love for puzzling kept her sharp. She also enjoyed spending time in her garden, canning, baking and especially cooking a wonderful meal to bring her family together. The memories of those special gatherings will forever resonate within the hearts of her children and grandchildren. A Private time of remembrance honouring Anna's life was held at the Bow Island Cemetery on Monday, September 4, 2023. Those wishing to remember Anna may do so through a donation to the Bow Island and District Health Foundation, Bag 3990, Bow Island, Alberta, T0K 0G0. Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## KATHERINE PEDERSON-TARNOCZI (NEE DIRK)

**January 16, 1925 ~ September 6, 2023**

Katherine Pederson-Tarnoczki (nee Dirk) peacefully entered into eternal rest at St. Joseph's Home - Carmel Hospice in Medicine Hat on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the age of 98 years. Kay was a devoted wife of Norman Pederson (1969) and then Frank Tarnoczki (2022). Kay was endlessly proud of her six children: Dwain (Terry), Russell (Penny), Melvin (Pat), Norma, Anita (Dennis) and Mark (Sunde). As a grandmother, she was honoured to have 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Family birthdays and gatherings were the world to her. All were blessed with knit sweaters and crocheted blankets. Kay was the second child born to Irma (nee Volk) and John Dirk. She was predeceased by her siblings, Mary (Frank) Rissling, Anne (Jack) Marshall, Rose, (Arnie) Hall, Terry (Mike) Wickenheiser, Al (Jean) Dirk, Lorraine (Cob) Bliss and Jerome (Diane) Dirk. Katherine will be fondly remembered as a woman of strong faith that guided her through life. Those wishing to pay their respects may do so starting one hour prior to Vigil Prayers which will be recited at Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Parish, 1451 Strachan Road S.E., Medicine Hat on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Vincent Tuan Ha celebrant. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Memorial tributes in Kay's name may be made directly to AJ's Loan Cupboard, PO Box 45006, Mackenzie Drugs Postal Outlet, Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 0B1 or to St. Joseph's Home - Carmel Hospice, 156 - 3 Street S.E., Medicine Hat, AB., T1A 5M1. Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## HEATHER ANN REYNOLDS (NEE PYE)

**1946 (Orillia, Ontario) - 2023 (Cochrane, Alberta)**

Heather Ann passed away peacefully on September 3, 2023, at Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane, Alberta. Loving mother of Carolee (Bjorn), Robert (Irene) and devoted stepmother of Annette and Rob Roy. Heather Ann was the beloved daughter of the late Gord and Ethel Pye of Orillia, Ontario, the much-loved sister of Gord (Joan) and Sandra (Bruce) and sister-in-law of Helen (Gerry) and Dora. Dear Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Heather Ann's grandchildren Abbigayle, Noah, Bowdyn, Brett, Nicholas, Sasha, Kiera, Kinlee, Ryder, Ashley Ann, Marcus, and Kristena brought her much joy and she kept them in her heart whatever the circumstance and whether near or far. Heather Ann was extremely proud of her over 35 years of service as a Registered Nurse working in pediatrics and long-term care facilities in Toronto and then Medicine Hat. She loved cooking, baking, and cake decorating and spoiled her friends and family with her renowned peanut-brittle, gingerbread houses, nuts-and-bolts, and home-made chocolates during the holidays. A devout Edmonton Oilers fan, Heather Ann never missed a game and proudly wore her McDavid hockey jersey. Predeceased by her dears: daughter Lisa, sister Meredith, brother-in-law Angelo, stepson Wayne, brother-in-law Jim and most recently her cherished grandson Kolton. Thank you to the staff at Holyrood Extendicare, Edmonton and at Bethany Care Centre, Cochrane. And to her special companion friends Marlene and Sandy. You are her and our heroes. Cremation has taken place and Interment and Celebration of Life will follow later. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane through the Bethany Care Foundation (<https://bethany7754.thankyou4caring.org/donate>) or your local charity of choice would be lovely. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.cochranecountryfuneral.com](http://www.cochranecountryfuneral.com)

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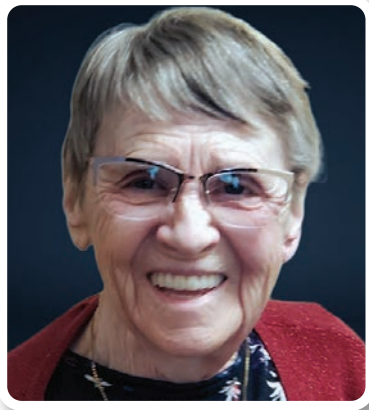
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## HELENA F. BROESKY

**November 15, 1939 September 7, 2023**

Helena Broesky, of Medicine Hat, AB, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on September 7, 2023, at the age of 83 years. She was born on November 15, 1939, to John and Mary Schulz in Herbert, SK. Helena was raised in Herbert, SK, spent 3 memorable years in Paraguay, as well as Steinbach, MB. Helena married John F Broesky on July 20, 1958. Later they moved to Wetaskiwin, AB. Helena loved the Lord with all her heart and enjoyed attending church. Some of her interests were sewing, cooking, crafts, and decorating cakes. She was always smiling and loved making people laugh. Her tender heart shone through while being a caregiver throughout the years. She made an impact on a lot of people. Left to cherish Helena's memory are her sons, Wilbert (Doris) Broesky and Wilfred (Tracy) Broesky; grandchildren, Sandy (Ben) Chidwick, Jennifer Broesky (Chris Kehler), Nicole Broesky, and Cory Broesky; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Blaze, Parvati, Sydney, Sophie, and Jude; brother, Henry (Jean) Schulz; sister, Betty (Abe) Peters; and numerous nieces and nephews. Helena was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary Schulz; husband, John F. Broesky; brothers, Fred, Menno and Abe Schulz; and sisters, Sadie Buhr and Martha Heinrichs. Family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers at MeadowRidge Senior Village for the great care and compassion they showed her. A Celebration of Helena's Life will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, @ 1:30 pm at the Hamptons Inn & Suites (2510 Boxsprings Blvd) with Pastor Charlotte Thierman officiating. Donation's in Helena's name may be made to Hope for Dementia by visiting <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/assessment-and-diagnostic-of-dementia/> Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com). Arrangements are made by Grace Memorial Affordable Burial & Cremation 1924 10th Ave N.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1T5 [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com) 403-905-0440



## LOUIS WELLS

**1934 ~ 2023**

On Wednesday August 30, 2023, Louis Wells passed away at the age of 89 years. Louis is survived by his wife, Florence Wells; son, Gerald Wells (Marianne) as well as his daughter, Julie Seib; grandchildren, Thomas (Bailey) and Brian (Erica) Wells and Quinn Seib as well as great-grandchildren, Owen and Finlay Wells. He was predeceased by his father, Louis Wells Sr; his mother, Laura Wells and 9 siblings. Louis, or "Lou" as he was called by family and friends, was born in Spring Valley, Saskatchewan. He grew up on the family farm near Galilee, Saskatchewan and would eventually meet local girl Florence Rice whom he married in June 29, 1957. Lou worked at the Husky refinery in Moose Jaw, SK for 19 years. Following the birth of their children, the Wells family left Saskatchewan to move to Pincher Creek, where Lou worked at the Waterton Shell Gas Plant for 21 years. Lou would retire to Medicine Hat in 1997 to be closer to his family. The remaining years of his life were spent in Medicine Hat. Lou was a man of many hobbies. He enjoyed riding horses, quading, fishing at the local lakes and taking care of his yard. He spent a lot of his free time woodworking and tinkering in the garage. Lou also liked to stay involved with his community; becoming a Moose and Lion Clubs member. He kept occupied in his later years by working as a security guard for Methanex, frequently visiting the Dunmore Road A&W, and visiting with his neighborhood friends and club members. He prioritized spending time with grandchildren where he would take them fishing, to Tiger's games and to the circus or Harlem Globetrotters when they came to the Hat. Lou's family will fondly remember his witty and often inappropriate sense of humor, his humbleness, and the "give someone the shirt off his back" love for others. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Riverview Care Center for their care of Louis over the last few years. A private celebration of Louis' life will be held at a later date. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## HAROLD HOFFMAN

**1935 ~ 2023**

Harold Hoffman of Medicine Hat, beloved husband of Nancy Hoffman, passed away on Monday, September 4th, 2023 at the age of 87 years. Harold leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Nancy; his children, Connie Curtis, Kimberly Hoffman, Sharlene LeClair, Tellisa Thomas, and Bradly Hoffman; Nancy's children, Russell Cayenne, Bud Cayenne, Lloyd Cayenne, and Ron Cayenne; grandchildren, Joseph Cayenne, Lloyd Cayenne, Jesse Cayenne, and Justin Cayenne; very close friend, Ashley Noble, who all treated Harold with respect, kindness, and love; as well as great-grandchild, Annabella Cayenne, that Harold and Nancy raised. To Harold, Annabella was his little button who he cherished and loved so much. Annabella was the light of Harold's life. When she was three years old, she would swing around in circles saying, "see Grandpa, I can dance!", in her new dress that Grandpa had bought for her, among many others. Harold was born on the farm south of Odessa, SK on November 8th, 1935. Harold went to Saint Stephens School and helped on the family farm. He helped his mom and brother milk cows and haul the milk to the CPR platform to be transported to Regina. He also delivered milk in glass bottles to people in Odessa. At the age of 15, he began doing pipeline construction as a welder's helper, taking him throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the summer months, he worked on pipeline construction, and in the fall and winter months, he worked as a field gauger and mechanic in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He later started his own construction company, Hoffman Consulting Construction. Later in life, after moving to Medicine Hat, he worked at Chinook Village and Sobeys until his retirement. Harold loved BBQs with all his family. Miss you, Grandpa, and the love and stories you read to me, your granddaughter, Annabella. Harold, I will still dance with you around the TV room. You will always be beside me for the rest of my years until we meet again in Heaven, love your sweetie, Nancy. A private family graveside has been held at Hillside Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Harold Hoffman. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.

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## LOUIS CYR

1943 ~ 2023

Louie Cyr passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 with Wendi, Lorrie and his buddy Tyson by his side while listening to Hank Williams, George Jones and all his favorite golden oldies. Louie was born on March 18, 1943, in Port Alberni B.C. to Arnold and Dorothy Cyr. Raised in Millicent and Brooks area with his five siblings Ernie, Annette, Dennis, Frank, and baby sister, Patsy where there was always mischief and adventure around every corner. He was an avid gardener and fisherman, an accomplished Horseman and Butcher and a beautiful dancer. His love of horses shone through at an early age where he could be found on the racetrack as a Quarter horse and Thoroughbred jockey. The faster the better! An outrider for chuckwagon drivers Ralph Vigen and Orvil Strandquist and the likes. He raced his own Pony Chuckwagons and Chariots as well. In the early 70's he followed his big brother Ernie to work on the Chilco Ranch, Cotton Ranch and Cariboo Meat Packers. If there was fun to be had those two characters found it. In his later years he enjoyed nothing more than going to Rodeo's and chuckwagon races betting quarters on the races with his grand kids, many a crib games, and watching their hockey games and team roping. The twinkle in his eye, mischievous grin and zest for a good time will lovingly be remembered by his daughters, Connie (Mike), Lorrie (Tyson) and Wendi. His grandkids who he could never talk enough about Brett, Shyla, Tavin, Tryton and Taytem. And of course, Uncle Louie to numerous nieces and nephews. He was met in heaven by his mom and dad, his son, Todd; and his big sister, Annette; big brother, Ernie; his favorite Uncle Willy and special nephew, Bobby. What a reunion they must be having!! He was blessed with so many special friends (his caregivers) over the last few years of his life at Meadowridge and Riverview. They made sure everyday was a party. Dancing, shuffleboard, crib games, bingo, and gardening. Wendi and Lorrie will be taking their dad on his last ride later this fall when the air is crisp, and the leaves are turning color in all their glory. If you wish to honor his memory, we ask you make a donation to the Brooks Legion, 235 3 St W, Brooks, AB T1R 0S3 a place that held special meaning for him as a veteran. "Rest Easy Cowboy" Condolences may be sent to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Louis Cyr. Funeral arrangements by SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.

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## ERIC STEPHENSON

1938 ~ 2023

Eric Stuart Stephenson passed away peacefully at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital while surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the age of 85 years. In honour of Eric, volunteer at the Bingo Hall, Legion Poppy sales or Salvation Army bell ringing. A Celebration of Eric's life will be held at Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Murray Jaster officiating. The service will be live streamed. Anyone who is not able to attend but wishes to be a part of the service can visit our website and select the view broadcast button on the home page at service time. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Memorial tributes in Eric's name may be made directly to the Medicine Hat SPCA, Santa Claus Fund c/o Medicine Hat News or to Halo. Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## LYNDELL BREKKO

1949-2023

With love and admiration, we celebrate the incredible Lyndell Brekko (nee Kurtz). Her sudden passing at home on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the age of 74 years, marked the end of her physical life, but her memory continues to inspire and lead us. Suffering many challenges over the years, battling the countless symptoms of MS and re-occurring cancer, she proved herself a warrior. Lyndell's strength carried us through and her contagious laughter could make us forget her enormous obstacles. She had a love for life and those around her which kept her travelling, seeking adventure, and enjoying each day as it came. She was an astonishing figure; a bright light, providing warmth and happiness to all those around her. She had a fierce joy and a wicked sense of humor. Lyndell is survived by her husband, Terry Brekko; her children, Tara Branter, Tyler Brekko and Tobi (Sebastian) Magner, and her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Sophie, Ewan and Isla. She also leaves behind her brother, Barry Kurtz; her sister, Michelle (Barry) Bitz, as well as numerous extended family members and her dear, cherished friends. She valued everyone and will be sadly missed by so many. To celebrate Lyndell's life, you are invited to the Grandstand Room at the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Grounds on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. A program will begin at 5:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided. Lyndell was never one for formalities or a dress code, please dress as it pleases you - we know she would be in her jeans. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice in her honor. To keep in touch with Terry and his family, share memories or photos, please email us at [lyndell@brekko.com](mailto:lyndell@brekko.com). Hold your loved ones close today while you share a story of this kind, smart, unforgettable woman. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## DARLENE ZANIDEAN

1965 ~ 2023

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Darlene Gail Zanidean, beloved wife of Ali, announce her unexpected passing at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the age of 57 years. A Celebration of Darlene's life will be held at Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Murray Jaster officiating. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455



## CHARLES AMBROSE GUTFRIEND

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Ambrose Gutfriend at the Foothills Country Hospice on September 9, 2023. Charles, fondly known as Chuck, was born to Ambrose and Rose Gutfriend on April 25, 1943 in Leader, SK. He grew up on the family farm in Saskatchewan and attended school at Krupp, St Thomas College and Mendham High. He later moved to Medicine Hat to attend Garbutt's Business College. Chuck and Eva (Bernie) married in May 1965 and he then worked in construction where he achieved his journeyman plumber certification. He enjoyed his career for 37 years, working in Medicine Hat, the Greater Vancouver area and Calgary until he retired at age 69. Chuck spent his retirement years tackling plumbing projects for his friends and neighbours in the condo where he lived, enjoying time with his wife and family at their lake property, volunteering at the Okotoks Mission Thrift Store and most importantly, spending time with family at gatherings and sporting events. Chuck will be forever remembered by his wife Eva, his son Dennis and granddaughters, Cassandra, Brianna and Amelia. His son Darren (Patty) and grandchildren Ava and Max. His daughter Elissa (Jerry) and grandchildren Elix, Jonah and Elyn. He will also be missed by his many longtime friends and those from the condo, resort property and volunteering. Chuck was predeceased by his parents, Ambrose and Rose. Chuck's family extends a heartfelt thank you to all that offered their support as well as to the High River Hospital Palliative Care Unit and all the staff and volunteers at the Foothills Country Hospice for their comforting care. A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snodgrass Funeral Home in Okotoks. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Foothills Country Hospice Society in Chuck's name.



## STUART LE CRERAR

1955 ~ 2023

Stuart Ian Le Crerar passed away at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the age of 67 years. Stu will be forever remembered by his sister, Beverly (Andrew) Le Crerar of the United Kingdom and by his dear friends, Brian (Sandy) McGee and Stephen Grondin and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Ian and Margaret. Stu's main passion was painting his model dioramas and in his later years, Stu could be found at the Veiner Centre playing cards. A private celebration will be held honouring Stu's memory. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Memorial donations in Stu's name may be made directly to the SPCA, 55 Southwest Drive S.W., Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 8E8. Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## ARMAND SABIN

1962 ~ 2023

Armand Garth Sabin was born on July 15, 1962 and passed away on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the age of 61 years, beloved partner of Penny Atfield of Medicine Hat. He also leaves to cherish his memory six siblings, Bonnie (Dennis), Pauline (Ron), Leslie (Patti), Mary Jane (Ed), Penny (Clifford), and Lisa (Pete); a special niece, Jamie (Vanessa), as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and his best friends, Larry (Tammy) and Gord (Brenda). He was predeceased by his loving wife, Fran Sabin; his parents, William and Mary Sabin, his stepson, Christopher McDougall and his mother-in-law Isobel Parks. Cremation has been entrusted to the Pattison Funeral Home. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## ARTHUR AUSMUS

March 23, 1934 ~ September 11, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that family announce the passing of Arthur (Art) Ausmus, beloved husband of Maxine Ausmus of Medicine Hat. He passed away peacefully on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the age of 89 years. Art leaves to cherish his memory, Maxine, his wife of 66 years; two sons, Larry (Rita) and Randy (Marion); daughter, Pam (Derwin) Ristau; 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Larry's children: Clint (Nicole) Brody, Shelby; Bradley (Megan) Quinn, Ashlyn, Kaden; Douglas (Michelle) Everlee, Emmett; Darcy (Ivy) Jace, Cooper, Karlee. Randy's children: Zane (Deandra); Brandt. Pam's children - DeeJay (Iza) Corbin, Sterling; Nathan (Dana) Jacob. Art is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Evelyn Ausmus and Doreen (Arden) Mack; brother-in-law, Mervin (Elaine) Ginther as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Art was predeceased by his parents, Gustav and Justina Ausmus; in-laws, John and Martha Ginther; sisters, Hertha (Fred) Mertin, Ida (Sam) Holstein and Linda (Anton) Brehm; brothers, Herbert (Adela) and Reinhold as well as four young siblings who died prior to his family immigrating to Canada. Art was born on March 23, 1934, and grew up on the family farm near Mendham, SK. In 1957, he married his one true love, Maxine Ginther. Together they worked side by side raising their family and running their mixed farming operation. In 1995, they retired to Park Meadow Estates in Medicine Hat where they became actively involved in the development of this community making new lifelong friends. It was here that Art was instrumental in spearheading the Christmas light display that continued for more than 20 years under his direction. Art and Maxine spent countless hours decorating homes for people who were not able to do it themselves. Art and Maxine spent many winters in Palm Springs where they enjoyed an ever-growing circle of friends. Art loved to visit and entertain. In December 2022, Art and Maxine moved to Meadowlands Retirement Home where they resided until his passing. Art was a proud man filled with love and integrity; a man of faith who loved God beyond measure. A man who worked hard and raised strong independent children; a man who was incredibly proud of his grandsons and great-grandchildren. Art was a man of knowledge, a man of wisdom, who was kind, gentle, slow to anger and had a firm but gentle voice. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. The Celebration of Art's life will be held at Victory Lutheran Church, 2793 Southview Drive S.E., Medicine Hat on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Roland Weisbrot officiating. Private Interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery. The Service will be live-streamed and may be viewed at [victorylutheran.ca/livestream/](http://victorylutheran.ca/livestream/) As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Art's memory to St. Joseph's Home Carmel Hospice, 156 - 3 Street N.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 5M1, or a charity of your choice. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## AMARA MARIE WELFORD (HELLMAN)

July 7, 1999 ~ September 12, 2023

Amara Marie had a lasting impression on everyone she met. Amara had the amazing ability to make others feel better about themselves and this will be her forever legacy. With warm embraces from her husband Eric, parents Denise and Chuck and brother Mark, Amara Marie was delivered to her Lord God at 3:42 pm on Tuesday, September 12. Our spunky ginger girl ended her courageous battle with cancer and will be joining her brother Taran and Poppa Gerry in heaven where we know she will be looking down on us always. Amara's parents and brother were thrilled to welcome her into their lives on July 7th, 1999. Her vibrant personality was evident from the start. It might come as no surprise that Amara spoke at an early age and made sure she made good use of that sweet voice. Amara was a fine arts child who loved to perform. She was in her element when she was on stage, whether it be singing, dancing, acting or musical theatre. She received many accolades through yearly Rotary Theatre performances for speech and voice, Royal Academy of Dance in ballet, and the Medicine Hat College Girl's Choir. Amara met her high school sweetheart Eric Welford while attending Monsignor McCoy High School. They were joined in holy matrimony in beautiful Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan on October 9, 2021. They resided in Lethbridge, Alberta while attending post secondary schooling. Amara recently graduated with a Bachelor of Education with distinction and a Bachelor of Arts (Drama) with distinction from the University of Lethbridge. Amara had numerous lifelong friends. Words alone cannot express the comfort and joy each and every one of them provided her. Amara had a very special bond with her leggy labradoodle Lola, who went everywhere Amara went and continued to be her faithful companion right until her passing. Please join the family for Vigil Prayers (Celebration of Life) at Holy Family Parish, 1451 Strachan Road S.E., Medicine Hat on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm. We welcome your warm stories of Amara during this celebration. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Parish on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 11 am with Father Iqbal Khurshid celebrant. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"

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## KOLTON "GOOSE" WAYNE FAHSELT

**March 16th, 2002 – September 2nd, 2023**

Kolton was known for his antics and humour that he took everywhere he went, his one liners and his sense of humour that truly was his own, he lived and laughed unapologetically at what he thought was funny, offensive or not if he thought it was funny, eventually you would be laughing along with him. Someone said, "he made you laugh whether you wanted to or not". Kolton had a love of music from a very young age, and it didn't matter the genre; Skrillex at a young age would be blasted all the way to 1950's country, rock and anything he liked at the moment, he knew every lyric like the back of his hand. He could always be found singing and dancing along to any song at any time, being silly and making you laugh, which brought him so much joy. He often rolled into the driveway with the tunes cranked up loud rocking out behind the wheel of his truck. Kolton enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, kayaking, tubing, knee boarding and enjoyed his time with scouts, where he learned all the outdoor skills he could, he enjoyed winter camping trips and the canoeing trips down the river. He tried many sports when he was young from hockey, baseball, soccer, football, ball hockey, bowling and basketball. He loved playing his Harmonica and would often take it with him to share his love of it with others. He loved movies, drawing, art and was hoping to become a tattoo artist and was busy designing tattoos, happily for anyone that asked. He spent countless hours working on his truck, which he loved. He would always happily lend a hand to anyone who asked or take on a project if he could make something for you. Kolton's mischievous smile was always followed up with a solid laugh! Kolton attended Southview School from Kindergarten to Grade 4, Crestwood School for Grade 5 and 6, Seven Persons School from Grade 7 to 9, and he graduated from Eagle Butte High School. Continuing to take his Diploma at Olds College as Heavy-Duty Agriculture Technician and he had just begun his career at Palliser Sales Ltd and was enjoying his job and co-workers.

Kolton is survived by his Mother, Annette Fahselt-Andreas; Father, Trevor (Lisa) Fahselt; Sister, Kinlee Fahselt; Brother, Ryder Andreas; Brother, Alex Armitage; Great Grandparent, Stan Davidge; Grandparents, Verna Reynolds, Ernie (Sandra) Reynolds, Heather Anne Reynolds, Janice (Hugh) Carleton, Cliff Fahselt, Mervin and Tammie Andreas, Dave and Laura-Lee Grexton; Great Grandpa, Stan Davidge; Uncles and Aunts, Helen (Gerry) Hall, Dora Reynolds, Trent Fahselt, Robert & Tanis Fahselt, Donalee Fahselt, Lee Carleton, Colleen Carleton, Brian Carleton, Sam Grexton, Robert (Patti) Reynolds, Lacey (Jon) Andreas, Chantel (Chris) Andreas, Travis (Pam) Andreas; and numerous cousins. Special Friends, Clayton Gair and Tyler Andreas.

Kolton was predeceased by his Great Grandparents, Earl & Grace Fahselt, Doug & Helen Carleton, Clara Nordquist, Stan Reynolds; Uncles, Wayne Reynolds, Jim Reynolds, Bruce Carleton.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ralphs Texas Bar and Steak house Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 3-6pm. Those who wish to stick around after and celebrate Kolton's life are encouraged to. He would want one hell of a Party!

Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com).

**"Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide"**  
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## ERNEST (ERNIE) OZEM

**July 24, 1929 ~ August 9, 2023**

Ernest Horace Ozem, formerly of Medicine Hat, AB, passed away in Oakville, ON on August 9, 2023 at the age of 94. Ernie was predeceased by his parents, John and Caroline, his siblings Della, Malcolm, Eugenia, Lillian and Bill and his beloved wife of 41 years, Grace (Doreen). He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his 3 children, Gwena, Hayley (Matheu) and Rene (Bonnie) and his many friends. Ernie was born in Ituna, SK. He grew up in Regina and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy in 1954. He practiced in Lethbridge before moving to Craik, SK to own and run his first pharmacy. He married Doreen on June 30, 1960. In 1968 they moved to Medicine Hat where, over the years, he was a full or part owner of several drug stores in Medicine Hat and Brooks. During those years, he supported his community in many ways and attended all of his children's concerts and ceremonies. He retired in 1992. After retirement, Ernie obtained his realtor's license but never practiced. He continued his many hobbies which included ham radio, fishing, camping, adding to his many self-taught handyman skills and his love of watching hockey and football games. Through ham radio fests, he and Doreen made many friends south of the border whom they regularly visited. He enjoyed sports such as tennis, badminton, pickleball, and horseshoes. He also continued community volunteering which included committee work, the building of computers for seniors, teaching beginner computer skills to seniors and assisting seniors with taxes. Despite living with a chronic illness for his last 9 years, Ernie was determined to enjoy life to the fullest and did so with his devoted cat, Kissy, who travelled and remained with him after his move to Ontario. Ernie will be remembered for the long, hard hours he worked to provide for his family, the counsel and support he gave them and the many hours he spent helping others. The family would like to thank the staff of the Chartwell Regency (Mississauga) and Sunrise of Oakville for their incredible and generous support of both Ernie and his family. A Celebration of Life will be held at Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, 901 13 Street S.W. Medicine Hat on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Murray Jaster officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Donations in memory of Ernie may be made to the Alzheimer's Society, 306, 10430 61 Avenue N.W., Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 2J3. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting our website at [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"

*Goodbyes*

are not forever

Goodbyes are not the end,

They simply mean I'll miss you,

until we meet

*again*



## JOHN DUNN

**1953 ~ 2023**

Mr. John Thomas Dunn Jr., of Medicine Hat, passed away at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at the age of 69 years. John's memory will be cherished by his beloved wife Marilyn of 43 years, his children Amanda Balaz, Ryan Dunn (Amanda); grandchildren Lexi Balaz, Mikayla Balaz, Rhys Dunn and Easton Dunn, as well as his sisters Donna Van Waes and Nancy Bitz and Uncle to Nelson (Melissa) Van Waes, Vanessa (Cliff) DeMello, Michael (Salma) Van Waes and many extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents John Sr. and Olive, and brother-in-law Tony Van Waes. John was a power engineer by trade and after he and Marilyn married, they had their two children. His years were spent playing with his kids and grandkids, camping at Elkwater, fishing at the various lakes around the Medicine Hat area, hunting with his son, listening to music, and enjoying the company of his many friends. John was known as the gentle giant and for having a heart of gold. He will be dearly missed by many especially his sense of humor and hearty laugh but has left those who knew him with a lot of great memories. In keeping with John's wishes, a private family remembrance will take place at a later date. On behalf of the family, we would like to thank John's two ICU doctors, the nurses and other support staff in ICU at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made by planting a tree in John's memory through the Pattison Funeral Home website or donations can be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association of Alberta for further research, The Devonian Building, Suite 370, 11150 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 0C7. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## JOHN QUINN

**1936 ~ 2023**

John Charles Quinn, beloved husband of over 65 years to Irma and father to Mike and John, passed away in Medicine Hat on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the age of 87 years. John started working for C.P. Rail in the Medicine Hat area as a teenager, retiring after close to 46 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed each opportunity to go camping, hunting and fishing. Over the years, John also enjoyed watching hockey and attended numerous Memorial Cups all across Canada. He was a long-time member of the Elks club in Medicine Hat and made many friends there throughout the years. In honouring John's wishes, his life will be honoured and his memory cherished without the proceedings of a formal funeral. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## BOYNE LEWIS

1940 ~ 2023

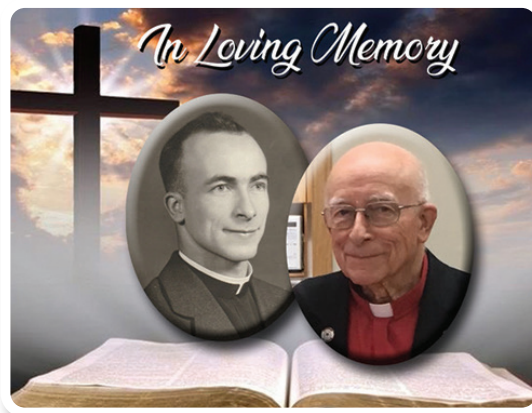
Boyne Albert Lewis of Medicine Hat, husband of Heather Lewis, passed away on Friday, September 15th, 2023 at the age of 83 years. Boyne leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Heather; his children, Kevin (Terrilynn) Lewis, Lisa (Bernhard) Nickel, and Randy (Jody) Lewis; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service will be held at Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel, 1 Dunmore Road SE Medicine Hat, AB, on Friday, September 22nd, 2023 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Murray Jaster officiating. If unable to attend, family and friends are welcome to participate via livestream by logging on to [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) and joining the live webcast on Boyne's memorial page at the above date and time. A virtual guest book is available on the livestream page for those participating remotely. For Boyne's full obituary please go to [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com). In lieu of flowers, donations in Boyne's memory may be made to Alberta Pound and Rescue Centre (APARC), 1002 South Railway Street SW, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 2W2. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Boyne Lewis. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## JOAN DAVIES

January 10, 1946 ~ September 22, 2023

It is with a heavy heart that Jim announces the passing of his loving wife, Joan Romayne Davies. Joan passed away peacefully at home with Jim by her side on Friday, September 22, 2023, at the age of 77 years. Along with Jim, left to cherish years of love and memories are her sons, William (Sandra), Doug (Crystal) and Mike (Kim); along with Tanya (Cecil), Darcy (Jenny) and Dana (Jim) and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dignified cremation has taken place. Joan's life will be remembered without the proceedings of a formal funeral service. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## EMIL KRAUSE

1930 ~ 2023

Emil Ferdinand Krause, born January 27, 1930, passed away on September 15, 2023 at the River Ridge Seniors Village at the age of 93 years. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Esther (nee Kruger); his parents, John and Helene Krause; his sister, Irma (Klebe); brother, Eric, and many other important extended family members. Left to honour his life and legacy are sons, Ricky (Vicky) and their children, Amy and Daniel (Alyssa Fonteyne); Timothy (Elaine) and their children, Andrew (Roxanne Galarneau Leclair) and Emily (Logan Smith); David (Karen) and their children, Keaton, Jayda, and Jenna; and daughter, Lori (Thad) Karwandy and their children, Lois and Cordell. Whether it was setting a porcupine loose in the cloakroom of his one room school as a teen, blaring 'O Canada' on his trumpet early in the morning at family gatherings, or sharing amusing exploits with friends and family, Emil will be remembered as a bright spark who livened many gatherings with his wit and humour. Born in Ponoka, AB, his family then moved to Chilliwack, BC where he completed high school. He went on to the University of Saskatchewan and attained a Bachelor of Arts in 1952 and in 1955, a Certificate of Theology. In 1975, he received his Bachelor of Education and in 1980, his Master of Divinity. He started his ministry as a Lutheran pastor in the Schuler/Hilda area where he met and married his wife, Esther. He also served in Vernon BC, Lemberg, SK and then returned to his roots in Schuler/Hilda. He added the Manyberries congregation while also teaching full-time at Maple Creek, then several Hutterite colonies, then Bindloss, then finally the Elkwater Hutterite colony. He retired from teaching at age 65 but went on ministering until he was 87. He was passionate about preserving small town parishes and wrote several books about pioneers and their experiences with the Lutheran church. Active in so many organizations, he served his community well. He loved singing in choirs, playing his trumpet, serving it up with tennis and table tennis at the Strathcona Centre, fishing, playing chess, and mastering carpentry in his spare time. Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel, 1 Dunmore Road SE Medicine Hat, AB on Friday, September 22nd, 2023 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and at Victory Lutheran Church, 2793 Southview Drive SE Medicine Hat, AB on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 12:55 pm, prior to the Funeral Service. The Funeral Service will be held at Victory Lutheran Church, 2793 Southview Drive SE, Medicine Hat, AB on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 1:00 pm with Pastor Roland Weisbrot and Pastor Shane Hein officiating. Friends and family are invited to a lunch to be held immediately after the service. The family will then gather for a private graveside service. Friends and family are welcome to participate by logging in to [www.victorylutheran.ca](http://www.victorylutheran.ca) and joining the webcast through the livestream tab at the above date and time. Memorial gifts in Emil's memory may be made to the Victory Lutheran Perpetual Remembrance Fund, 2793 Southview Dr SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 2H1 or to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Emil Krause. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## DEMPSEY SIDLOSKI

1965 ~ 2023

Dempsey Sidloski (Jack Dempsey), born August 7, 1965, passed away suddenly while at home in Medicine Hat on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at the age of 58 years. Jack is survived by his loving partner, Mary Mastel; three children, Jessica (Darren) and their two children, Ryley and Landon, Jest (Marilou) and their two children, Bergevin and Oakland and Katlin. He is also survived by his siblings, Bonnie (Ted), Connie, Kate, Lu-Anne, Kyle (Collette), Ann-Dee (Rod) and Eddy (Rose) as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, step-father and brother, Paul. In addition to family, Jack had many friends who he also considered as family and was continuously expanding his social circle through his caring and generous nature. He was always willing to help someone however possible. Jack was passionate about the Roughriders and all fur babies. In keeping with Jack's wishes, his life will be honoured and his memory cherished without the proceedings of a formal service. In his memory, please wear Roughrider green and share a story, hug or a laugh with a loved one. If friends so desire, donations may be made to the SPCA, 55 Southwest Drive S.W., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E8. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## DARYL VELESTUK

1953 ~ 2023

It is with a heavy heart that Donna announces the passing of her devoted husband of almost 48 years, Daryl Lynn Velestuk. He passed away at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the age of 70 years. Along with Donna, left to cherish his memory is his son, Timothy and his beautiful grand-daughter, Jori-Lynn. Daryl is also survived by his siblings, Larry (Debbie), Wayne (Kelly) and Cheryl Loisel; Donna's siblings, Ernie (Linda) Krell, Lorne (Jenny) Krell, Doreen (Ron) Pengelly, Don (Lois) Krell and Gordon (Gwen) Krell as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Sam and Irene Velestuk. Daryl was born and raised in Grenfell, Saskatchewan. For many years, he worked alongside his brothers drywalling in Estevan, later moving to Yorkton where Daryl and Donna owned and operated Nutters for 10 years. In 1996, they moved to Medicine Hat where Daryl worked for D & D Oilfield Rentals for 12 years. He always had a smile on his face... probably because he always had a practical joke stirring. Spending time with family and friends meant the most to Daryl whether it was camping or just visiting. Jori-Lynn was the apple of his eye and if Daryl wasn't with Donna, he could be found with Jori by his side. He will be missed! A private family service will be held at Hillside Cemetery in the coming days. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## ROBERT CHARLES AMAN

Robert Charles Aman of Brooks, beloved husband of Denise Aman, passed away in Brooks on Saturday, September 16th, 2023 at the age of 60 years. Rob was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta on September 10th, 1963 to Bev and Dolly Aman and raised on a family farm. He was educated in the Medicine Hat Public School System. Following graduation Rob eventually moved into the city, where he lived for several years. After moving to Brooks, Rob met his future wife, Denise Willard on New Years Eve, 2003, and they wed on June 26th, 2010. He spent the last 25 years working at Vibrook Vacuum and Septic Service, where he was a valued and respected employee. Rob was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed taking hunting trips with family and friends. He was introduced to hockey by his wife and became obsessed with the game. Rob was often seen at Bandits games, cheering loudly. He was a member of the local gun range and taught his granddaughter, Kate, to shoot. Rob will be best remembered for being the person you could always count on for help, whether it was opening a jar of spaghetti sauce or picking you up when you were stranded, he would always show up. He was quick to laugh and easy to love. Rob was predeceased by his daughter, Ashleigh, son, Travis and siblings Mick and Sue. He is survived by his loving wife Denise; children, Jason (Adele), Krystal and Brandon; stepchildren, Christopher (Tracy) and Megan (Chris); parents, Bev and Dolly, sister Pam (Randy); 9 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 22nd at 2:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Maggie Theiss and Rev. John Theiss officiating. Luncheon to follow at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. In memory of Rob, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Alberta Fish and Game Association, 13045-156th Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T2N 9Z9. Cremation entrusted to and conducted at Smith Funeral Home Ltd. and Crematorium, Brooks Funeral arrangements entrusted to: SMITH FUNERAL HOME LTD. AND CREMATORIUM BROOKS, ALBERTA Condolences may be forwarded through [www.sfh.ca](http://www.sfh.ca) Telephone 403-362-4636 or Toll Free 866-362-4652 "Our Families Serving Your Family Since 1951"



## RHODA MOTT

1961 ~ 2023

Rhoda Mott passed away in Medicine Hat on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the age of 62 years. A Celebration of Rhoda's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 75, Maple Creek, SK., on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## RICHARD KENNETH "KEN" DRAUDSON

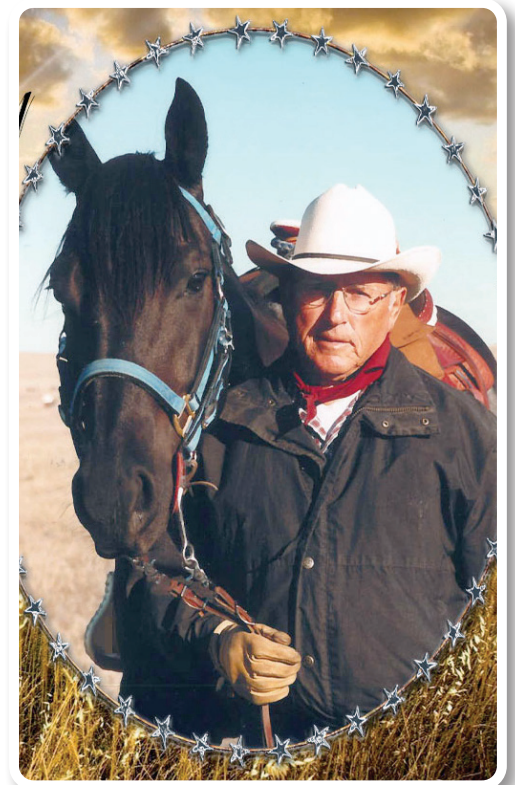
With deep sadness and sorrow, our family announces the passing of RICHARD KENNETH "KEN" DRAUDSON, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the age of 84 years. Ken is lovingly survived by his wife of 64 years, Leona; and by his children: Cindy (Ron) Kasner and Rick Draudson. His grandchildren: Kelsey, Karleigh, Tyler and Torrie Kasner will forever cherish his memory. Ken was predeceased by his parents, Arnold and Aileen Draudson and his siblings, Joyce and Ronald Draudson. Ken was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta and was raised in Elkwater Alberta. He married Leona and worked several jobs in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, until moving to Lethbridge. They settled on an acreage south of Coaldale and eventually moved into Coaldale. Ken loved to spend time with his grandchildren and was always willing to help anyone in need. He loved to "MacGyver", and could fix almost anything he set his mind to. He created a snow plow out of a garden tractor, blade and plexiglass, and spent many cold mornings cleaning the neighborhood sidewalks. He was often called upon to help fix farming equipment and loved to help where he could. With his declining health, Leona was unable to continue to care for him at home and with tortured hearts, he moved to Sunny South Lodge in Coaldale. He spent his final two years being cared for by the amazing staff. No formal funeral service will be held. A family Graveside Service will be held at a later date. To send a condolence, please visit [www.cornerstonefuneralhome.com](http://www.cornerstonefuneralhome.com)



## VALERIE DAVIS

1944 ~ 2023

Valerie Phyllis Davis passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the age of 79 years, beloved wife of Garry Davis of Medicine Hat, formerly of Oyen. She also leaves to cherish her memory her son, Stuart Davis of Medicine Hat; two grandsons, Michael Ostergard and Mitchell Ostergard; her sisters, Linda Shackleton and Sandra Talbot both of Red Deer as well as beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Betty and Phyll Hughes and her daughter, Sherry Lynn Ostergard. Valerie was born on February 4, 1944 in Red Deer and attended high school in Ponoka. Following high school, she completed her nursing aid certification in Edmonton. Valerie received awards for elocution and as a hobby enjoyed photography as well as decorating. She loved and proudly cared for her family throughout her life. A private family graveside service will be held at Hillside Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## HARVEY DARR

1933 ~ 2023

Harvey Darr of Medicine Hat, passed away on Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at the age of 90 years. Harvey was the third of six children born to Rudolph and Paulina Darr on their farm at Buffalo Head, Saskatchewan (near Hilda, Alberta). It was a difficult life, like many of that era. The family lived in a one-room sod hut with no running water. Winters were long, hard and cold; the work was backbreaking, and there was little relief, even for the smallest children. Harvey grew up working outside alongside his older brother Milton, and became an exceptional horseman, devoted to his animals and always seeking the next adventure he could enjoy with his four legged partners. Harvey loved animals in general and had many beloved dogs and cats along with the horses that he often raised from babies. He also enjoyed woodworking and making decorative pieces depicting cowboy and western scenes and had a lengthy list of jobs over the years, from general labourer to truck driver to road builder. But his constant was the horses that brought him joy and purpose. It was a hard day when he had to say goodbye to his last long-eared friend, Pepper, with whom he'd ridden many miles. Harvey leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Joyce; children, Larry (Debbie) Darr, Wayne (Denise) Darr and Bev Poole; grandchildren, Donovan (Wendy), Shaun (Jollene), Candice (Kevin), Anthony (Kyla), Aaron and Kendra (Sheldon); great grandchildren, Skyler, Dannielle, Daxten, Nolan, Kaiden, Carter, Brittany, Brianna, Spencer, Addy, Ayden, Tiger, Jayden, Shya and Tyrec; seven great-great grandchildren; special niece, Lauren Darr; special nephew, Allan Beierbach; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Harvey was predeceased by his parents, Rudolph and Paulina Darr; former wives, Betty (nee Hugo) Darr and Clara (nee Stock) Thompson; son, Wayde Darr; daughter, Karron Darr; grandson, Correy Poole; sister, Violet Beierbach; brothers, Milton Darr, Raymond Darr, Laverne Darr and Dave Darr. Harvey's laughter, keen wit, and conflicted but tender heart will be missed by all who loved him. Rest in peace, dear Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Uncle & Friend. You are the last of the "kids" to leave us. We will not forget you. The Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 2:00 -5:00 pm at South Country Village, (Haven of Rest), 1720 Bell St SW, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 5G1 in the Heritage Room. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Harvey Darr. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## GERHARD EBERHARDT

1931 ~ 2023

Gerhard Eberhardt, beloved father, Opa, and brother, passed away on September 23, 2023, at the age of 91 years. He leaves to cherish his memory his children, son, Robert (Dianne) Eberhardt, and their family, Katrina (Jesse) and Erika (Riley); daughter, Linda (Raymond) Moreau, and their family, Thomas; Krista (Kirk) Aiden and Ava; Amanda (Adam) Brady and Lexi; Chantel (Dale) Nathan and Tyler; and son, Ken (Yvonne) Eberhardt, and their family, Christopher (Alexandra) Isabelle and Isaac; and Elizabeth. Also left to cherish his memory are Gerhard's brother, Albert (Stefanie) Eberhardt; sisters, Elvire Necker and Wallie (Ted) Ganden, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Gerhard was predeceased by his wife, Regina, and parents, Otto and Hulda Eberhardt. Gerhard was born on December 11, 1931 in Sofiewka, Bessarabia. At the age of 21, Gerhard left home and travelled to Genoa, Italy, where he boarded the S.S. Argentina and headed to Canada to start a new chapter in his life. He arrived in Halifax on August 16, 1952, and from there he headed west, eventually arriving at a farm close to Walsh, where he spent time working for his sponsoring family. He moved to Medicine Hat where he met Regina Exner. He moved to Trail for work, Regina followed and they were married on September 15, 1956. They eventually moved back to Medicine Hat where they spent the remainder of their lives. Gerhard worked at Canada Post for many years before retiring. In his spare time, he loved to play chess or spend time in his garden. He was City of Medicine Hat Chess Champion on several occasions. Gerhard also volunteered at the Good Samaritan Society in Medicine Hat for several years and accumulated over 5000 hours of volunteer time. He was a long-time member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel, 1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 12:00 P.M. to 12:55 P.M. prior to the funeral service. The funeral service will take place at Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Shane Hein officiating. Interment will follow at Saamis Prairie View Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer Society, 101-1201 Kingsway Avenue SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 2Y2 or St. Peter Lutheran Church, 758 8 St SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1M5. Condolences may be sent to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Gerhard Eberhardt. Funeral arrangements by SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## NEIL EDWARD BRUNNER

March 7, 1958 to August 31, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Neil Edward Brunner announces his unexpected passing at the Foothills hospital in Calgary on August 31, 2023. A celebration of life will be held Friday, September 15 at 1:30 at the CORE Association, 412-third Street Medicine Hat. In his memory donations can be made the Alzheimer Society or to the CORE Association.



## VICTOR JANS

September 18th, 1932 - September 23rd, 2023

Victor Jans passed away on September 23rd, 2023, at the age of 91 years. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Catherine Jans; children, Terry Wanke of Prince George, Vivian Jans (James) of Winnipeg, Earl Jans of Winnipeg, Mark Jans of Medicine Hat; Cathy's children, Ed Jans of Red Deer, Randy Jans of Edmonton and Shauna (Terry) Seitz of Medicine Hat; eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Victor was predeceased by his parents, Jay and Frieda Jans; brother, Russell Jans and sister, Anita Greenstein. Victor was born in Medicine Hat and raised on the family farm in Walsh. He enjoyed fishing, working on his car and hunting. He enjoyed his family especially spending time with his grandchildren. He always liked a good joke. He loved his work as a city transit driver as he was always seen with a smile on his face. Victor's care at the Riverview Care Centre was exceptional for the last 5 1/2 years of his life. No formal service will be held. Victor will be silently remembered. Donations in Victor's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Society by visiting [www.alzheimer.ca](http://www.alzheimer.ca). Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com). Arrangements are made by Grace Memorial Affordable Burial & Cremation 1924 10th Ave N.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1T5 [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com) 403-905-0440



## ANDREE RAUSCH

1965 ~ 2023

Andree Rausch of Medicine Hat, passed away on Sunday, September 10th, 2023 at the age of 58 years. The Celebration of Life will be held at Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel, 1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB, on Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at 11:00 am with Miles Johnson officiating. For complete funeral arrangements and obituary please go to [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com). Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading Andree Rausch. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## SHARON LOUISE BATEMAN (WILSON)

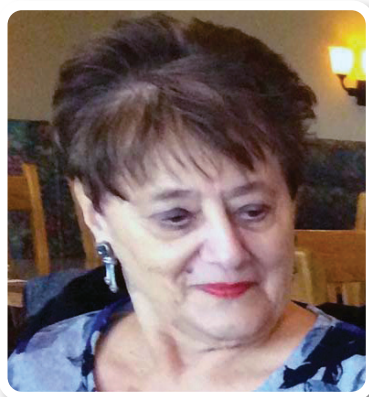
Sharon passed away Sept 13, 2023, in Edson Alberta, at the age of 83. Sharon was born in Lethbridge May 8, 1940 to Rachel and Leland Wilson of Burdett Alberta. She attended school in Burdett and Bow Island. On August 14, 1957, she married the love of her life, Ralph Bateman. They started their married life in a one-room shed behind the home of Ralph's parents eventually moving down the street to "the little house". It was in this home that they welcomed their 3 children Debbie, Dawn and Dale - otherwise known as the 3 D's. Bow Island was their home in every way Sharon was part of many clubs and committees including Royal Purple, Pivot Fair, the Library board, minor hockey and Girl Guides to name a few. She was always by Dad's side as he performed his mayoral duties at various functions over the years. She moved away a few years ago to be closer to family but her heart remained in the town she called home most of her life. Sharon worked at the Bank of Montreal, drove the school bus, and worked at the local Bean plant but the job she adored most and was best at was being a mom, grandmother and Gigi. Sharon was predeceased by her Parents Leland Wilson, Rachel (Wilson) Torgerson, stepfather Oscar Torgerson, Husband Ralph Bateman, and Sister Dora Warren She is survived by her children Deb (Tim), Dawn (Andy), Dale (Gwen), Grandchildren Aaron (Jade), Megan (Justin), Ashley, Justin, Nakita (Fabrice), Dalanee (Jordan), Kaylee (Nate), Steff (Joe), Great grandchildren Thomas, Theodore, Benjamin, Temika, Taellum, Tanoa, Macie, LaVona, and Harper Rose, Brother in Law Don Gibson, numerous nephews and nieces and special friends Ann and Garry Law. She will also be fondly remembered by the many people she adopted into her life and our family. Service will be held September 30th at 1:30pm At St. Andrews United Church in Bow Island. Fellowship to follow at the Golden Age Club. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Town of Bow Island Library.



## ART AUSMUS

1934 ~ 2023

Arthur 'Art' Ausmus, beloved husband of Maxine, passed away in Medicine Hat on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the age of 89 years. The Celebration of Art's life will be held at Victory Lutheran Church, 2793 Southview Drive S.E., Medicine Hat on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Roland Weisbrot officiating. Private Interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



**LORRAINE EVA  
(LAURA) KOBITZ  
(THARES)**

**May 21, 1941 - September 24, 2023**

Laura Thares was born in Leader, Saskatchewan to Mike and Aggie Thares on May 21, 1941. She was their 2nd child and eldest daughter. She grew up on the family farm located West and North of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan. After high school graduation she attended Garbutt business school in Medicine Hat. Thereafter, she joined her sister, Ann, in Maple Creek where they both worked in a bank. It was on a blind date that she met Bob Kobitz and they married in 1961. They moved to Medicine Hat when Bob was transferred and their daughter, Michelle, was born there in 1965. Another work transfer took them to Swift Current, and their son, Mark, was born in 1967 on her Birthday. They made Swift Current their home and Lorraine was a resident until the time of her passing. She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter Michelle (Michael Zaplitny) of Victoria, BC and 2 grandchildren: Teagan (Chance Payne) and Caitlyn and Scarlett all of Swift Current; and Adam Dyck of Vancouver, BC. She is also survived by her son, Mark, Swift Current and his daughter Kaili (Lance Barnes) and Ayla and Flora of Watrous. Remembering her are her sisters - Ann Frolek (Calgary) and Jean Croissant and brother, Jim Thares (Medicine Hat), and their families. Lorraine was predeceased by her parents; her in-laws Mike and Anna Kobitz; various brothers and sisters in law and her elder brother, Jack Thares. Lorraine worked at various places over the years: Henry's Bakery; The Met Department Store; Stylerite; MacLeod's; and various hotels. Lorraine was proud to remain healthy enough to work full-time up until the pandemic. Thereafter, she enjoyed retirement. Lorraine was well known for her gardening skills and her beautiful yard with many people stopping over the years to take pictures. In fact, she won a petunia competition for her yard in 1976. Every year she tried something different, and mentioned recently that she wanted to plant black containers with white and gray flowers in 2024. Lorraine became ill in August and was transferred to Saskatoon where it was discovered on September 15 that she had Stage 4 Lung Cancer even though she never smoked. Lorraine was transferred back to Swift Current and she died peacefully on Sunday September 24 surrounded by her family. At her request there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Warren's Funeral Home. For further information please call 1-306-773-8831 or 1-800-267-6606, or visit our website at [www.warrensfuneralhome.com](http://www.warrensfuneralhome.com) and express your sympathy to family members on the tribute wall.



**ANNE KECK  
(NEE HUDEC)**

**August 18, 1927 ~ September 25, 2023**

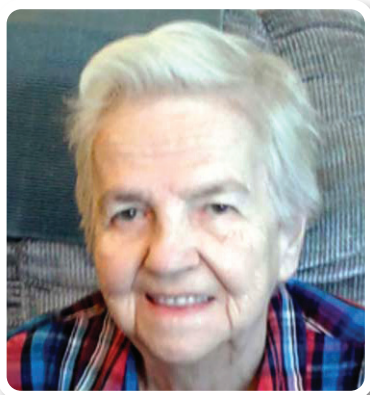
It is with great sadness we announce that our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Anne Keck, has passed away peacefully in Medicine Hat on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the age of 96. Anne or Annie Hudec (or in Slovak, Hudecova) was born in Chlebnice, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) a very rural (especially then) village near the Tatra mountains in 1927, the third of John and Mary Hudec's six children. She immigrated to Canada in 1932, arriving in Leader, Saskatchewan on Christmas Eve. The trip clearly made a huge impression on the young Anne and she had many stories about it: she was the only one of the family that did not get seasick on the voyage; she was extremely frightened when picked up and carried by a large man over a gangplank; how her mother burst into tears when they disembarked in Leader, Saskatchewan Anne did not know if it was caused by the emotion of seeing her husband after all those years apart, or if it was the 'freezing flat snow-covered prairie' in contrast to the gentle green hills of the 'old country'. She also recalled the tremendous kindness they were shown: they were greeted on shore by people welcoming the immigrants with hot drinks and doughnuts a new food she thought 'the most delicious thing she had ever eaten'; and the Leader stationmaster's wife giving each of them a pair of knitted mittens because they had not come prepared for the extreme cold. They quickly settled into their new life near Fox Valley, Saskatchewan and the family eventually acquired their own farm, as well as 3 more siblings for Anne. She was a good student and after high school went to 'Normal School' in Moose Jaw, a time she always recalled with great fondness. Once qualified as a teacher, she taught at a number of country schools including Berhansen, Keebleville, Seattle and Tigh. She enjoyed teaching although she sometimes found the remote teacherages a bit scary, especially in the cold winters. But she persevered and eventually landed at Progress School near Horsham/Richmond, Saskatchewan/Hilda, Alberta which is where she met Ed Keck. They married in 1951, and together had 8 children who they raised on Ed's father's homestead farm, and where Anne lived until 1988, when she moved to Medicine Hat. Anne was a committed member of the church and the C.W.L., both in Richmond and later in Medicine Hat. She supported their many activities and functions over the years as well as making sure her children did their part as altar boys and choir members and the like. She enjoyed gardening and was always trying to eke out of the prairie some vegetables from her huge garden, as well as a few flowers and a patch of lawn in front of the house. But by far the biggest and most important role of her life was that of a Mother, and when her children were small or of school age her days were more than fully occupied. As well as the endless laundry and cleaning, she always seemed to be making jam or pickling or canning or

preserving or cooking and best of all baking. Anne was a very good cook, and liked to try new recipes (e.g., doing Chinese cooking course in her 50's and learning to make the best ever pizza roll - her grandchildren's favourite.) But what she excelled at was baking. She made the lightest most delicious buns and there were always baked treats available. Everyone had their favourite and she made them all: butterhorns, kuchen, cinnamon buns, date squares, nanaimo bars, honey cookies (especially at Christmas), and every type of pie, and cake, and square you can think of. That wonderful baking made our school lunches (prepared freshly every morning and tailored to each child's taste) the envy of many and also meant that on occasion a lunch went missing! Once her children had grown up, she very much enjoyed looking after her grandchildren, both on the farm and later in Medicine Hat or in their own homes. She also used her newfound freedom to embark on some travel both in Canada (BC, Nova Scotia) and further afield to Europe, the USA, Britain and Indonesia. Probably the trip that had the biggest impact was her first trip abroad when she went back to the 'Old Country' Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) to visit her birthplace and the many relatives she still had there. Anne will be missed immensely by her children, Patrick, Michael (Arlene), Stuart (Sandi), Colleen (Mark), David (Nadine), Yvonne, Jim (Melanie) and Kevin (Fameena); 19 grandchildren, Nicole (Jared), Rhonda, Laura (Johnathan), Adam (Leah), Kristopher (Rheanna), Jeffrey, Craig, Eric (Anouk), Christine (Josh), Evan (Katie), Nathan, Daniel, Jillianne, Emily, Michael, Ian, Keely, Zach and Justin; 8 great-grandchildren, Danielle, Bradyn, Hatchett, Max, Neva, Mayla, Gemmalena and Brayden; her sister, Cecile Sellinger and brother-in-law, John as well as her many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Anne was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary Hudec; sisters, Margaret Hudec, Mary Sellinger and Mathilda Hudec; brother, John Hudec and daughter-in-law, Louise Keck. Anne's pride and joy were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as her nieces and nephews, and she delighted being with her large family. Each of them will remember her always with great love and affection. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Anne's caregiver, companion and friend, Vicki Gianan, whose devoted care enabled Anne to remain in her home until a short while ago, which greatly enhanced her wellbeing and happiness. Vigil Prayers will be recited at Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, 901 - 13 Street S.W., Medicine Hat on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Vigil Prayers will be live-streamed. Those who wish to watch the live-stream should visit the Cook Southland website and select the View Broadcast button on the homepage at service time. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Parish, 1451 Strachan Road S.E., Medicine Hat on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Iqbal Khurshid celebrant. Those attending the Funeral Mass should ensure they are at the church no later than 10:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the family tribute that will be shared prior to the start of the Funeral Mass. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Those wishing to join the family virtually and experience the Funeral Mass via live stream are invited to watch by connecting to YouTube and searching: Medicine Hat Holy Family Church, then selecting the video link at service time. Visitation will be offered at both Vigil Prayers and the Funeral Mass, starting one hour prior to the respective service time. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) If friends so desire, donations in Anne's memory may be made to Deaf and Hear Alberta, 63 Cornell Road N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2L 0L4. Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"

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## NOLA PEARCE

**September 26, 1937 ~ September 22, 2023**

It is with heavy hearts that we, the family of Nola Dals Pearce, announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She passed away peacefully at South Country Village in Medicine Hat on Friday, September 22, 2023, at the age of 85 years. Nola is survived by her four children and their families: son, Bruce (Jocelyn) Macaulay and their family, Chandra (Eric Warren) and their daughter, Samantha; Craig (Sara) and their two children, Ella and Owen; daughter, Gloria Grossman and her daughter, Marla Grossman (Dave Lundquist); son, Robert 'Bob' (Jeanette) Macaulay and their family, Joel (Jodi) Macaulay and their two children, Jordyn and Maddox; Jodie Engbert (Adrian Hartman) and her two children, Makiya and Jaelyn; son, Darwin (Sherri-Lynn) Pearce and their two children, Ty and T a. Nola married Brian T. Pearce on November 30, 1974. They were married for 43 years before Brian passed away on September 17, 2017. Both Mom and Dad loved celebrating the special holidays, surrounded by their family. Christmas was the highlight where it was celebrated with many special traditions that we will always remember: the arrival of Santa, treasure hunts and so much more! Mom loved nothing better than making delicious meals and desserts for family dinners. She enjoyed not just the dinners, but that her family was together and having fun. Some of her favourite times were playing card games like Kaiser or Hand & Foot Canasta with family and friends. Nola's love of baking began when she started working as a baker's helper at a bakery in Calgary. She continued when she moved to Medicine Hat where she worked at several bakeries in the city for many years as well as at Bonanza Family Restaurant in the kitchen as a prep cook. Mom and Dad loved the cabin at Elkwater Lake. Family and friends coming out to enjoy the boat, barbequing, just sitting on the deck and of course, playing cards are all special memories. A special thank you to the staff at South Country Village, Meadow Ridge and 2N at the Medicine Hat Hospital for their exceptional care of Mom over the years. A private celebration of Nola's life will be held. (Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com)) In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Nola's name may be made directly to the Alzheimer Society, #306, 10430 - 61 Avenue N.W., Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 2J3. Honoured to serve the family is Cook Southland Funeral Chapel Crematorium & Reception Facility 901 - 13th Street S.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4V4 Phone 403-527-6455 [www.cooksouthland.com](http://www.cooksouthland.com) "Locally owned & directed"



## HERTA LINK

**1930 ~ 2023**

Herta Link of Medicine Hat passed away on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the age of 93 years, beloved wife of the late Waldemar Link. She also leaves to cherish her memory three children, Roy Link, Monica (Bob) Sanderson, and Beverly Link; four grandchildren, Michelle Sanderson (Francois), Jennifer (Andrew) Boyle, Sofie Link, and Stefan Link; five great grandchildren, Chloe (Kahden), Regena, Declan, Alex, and Elliot; two brothers, Gus (Joyce) Leis, and Adolf (Bonnie) Leis as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Gustav and Emilie Leis; her husband, Waldemar Link; her son, Fred Link and two brothers, Dieter Leis and Emil Leis. Family and friends who wish to pay their respects may do so Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the PATTISON FUNERAL HOME & CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTRE from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as one hour prior to the service. The funeral service will be held in St. Peter Lutheran Church (758 - 8th Street S.E.) on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Pastor Shane Hein officiating. Interment will follow in the Hillside Cemetery. Those who wish to remember Herta with a donation, may do so to St. Peter Lutheran Church, A.J.'s Loan Cupboard (Alan Joys Memorial Fund Society) Box 45006, McKenzie Postal Outlet, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7H3, or a charity of your choice. To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com).



## TYLER DEAN BANK

**July 21, 1983 - September 7, 2023**

Tyler Bank will always be remembered as a guy who was quick to laugh and lend a hand and had a heart of gold. Tyler passed away suddenly on September 7, 2023, in Medicine Hat, AB, at the age of 40. In those 40 years, Tyler made many special friendships and memories. His proudest moment of all was the birth of his son, Liam. Together, they would go skating and swimming, threw footballs, played hockey and watched the games of their favourite team, The Oilers. Tyler was always happiest when he was near his son, his friends and his family. He was so accepting of others and always made those around him feel comfortable. He had a light only others could see. Left to cherish his wonderful smile is his mother, Janice Allen (Les Shepard); father, Martin (Pat) Bank; son, Liam Bank and his mother, Cathy Banasch; step-brother, Brandon (Erin) Wirsch; sister, Natalie (Noel) Appleton and their children, Bennett and Eddie; stand-in sister, Sabrina Moore; and many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who were like brothers. Tyler was predeceased by his grandparents, Cecil and Grace Allen, and Stanley and Francis Bank. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Kin Coulee Toboggan Hill Picnic Shelter on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2:00PM. Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com). For those wishing to do so, a memory photo board will be created and the family would love for you to add your favorite photo of Tyler. Photos can be sent to [tylerbankmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:tylerbankmemorial@gmail.com), posted on his facebook page or bring them to the Celebration of Life and they can be added at that time. The Celebration will continue after service at the Silver Buckle in the upstairs gathering space. Children are welcome and food will be provided. Donations in Tyler's memory may be made to a gofundme that has been set up for Liam called 'Tyler Bank's Son Liam' Arrangements are made by Grace Memorial Affordable Burial & Cremation 1924 10th Ave N.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1T5 [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com) 403-905-0440



## LORNA & LEONARD SCHWABE

On Friday October 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. you are invited to attend the graveside funeral service in memory of Lorna Lorraine (October 9, 2021) and Leonard (December 9, 2022) at Prairie View Cemetery. Pastor Roland Weisbrot will officiate. A reception will take place in the Redcliff Harmony Hall at 3:00 p.m. They left to cherish their memory three children, Lorraine Mary Louise "Lou" Haag, Leonard Benjamin Sidney "Sid" Schwabe (Tracy Laubenstein), and Rhonoda Lee "Ronnie" Melnyczuk; six grandchildren, Lindsey (Lonnie) Gebhart, Nikki (Denny) O'Connor, A.J. Schwabe, Melory (Matty) Byers, Megan Melnyczuk (Greg Heukshorst), and Wasył Melnyczuk; nine great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. To leave a message of condolence you may visit the obituary of Lorraine or Leonard at [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2



## BOB NEIL

**1937 - 2023**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather Robert James Neil, beloved husband of Mabel Neil. Bob passed away peacefully in Taber on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the age of 86 years. The Funeral Service will be held at the Evangelical Free Church, 214 - 4 Avenue West, Bow Island on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. Condolences may be forwarded by visiting our website at [www.southlandfuneral.com](http://www.southlandfuneral.com). Those who are unable to attend and wish to view the service online may do so by visiting Bob's obituary page on our website and clicking on the livestream link that will be available at 10:45 A.M. on Saturday, September 16, 2023. The livestream will begin at 11:00 A.M. Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife of fifty nine years Mabel; son James (Roxane) Neil of Lethbridge and their children Jaden and Emilie; daughter Sandra Neil (Fred Voeller) of Burdett and her children Megan, Taylor and Eric. He is also survived by his sister Janet Neil; close family friends Wyatt (Kayla) Albush, Lynn Strom and her children Michael, Leanne, Lisa and Sarah along with many more family and friends. He was predeceased by his grandson Cody Hole; parents John and Helen Neil; uncle Lorne James. Bob was born in Lethbridge on May 10, 1937 and raised on the family ranch (Cumbrae ranch) south of Burdett. He met his wife to be Mabel in Bow Island, however Mabel was from Rolling Hills so Bob courted her by flying his supercub airplane to pick her up. They married on June 27, 1964. Together they had two children James "Jimmie" born December 11, 1964, followed by their daughter Sandra "Sandi" on March 27, 1969. Bob spent his years farming and ranching on the Cumbrae ranch which was well known for their sheep and cleanest fleeces in Alberta. He loved to fly in his supercub plane and his all time favorite hobby was to build and fly model planes. Bob hosted a yearly international fun fly at the ranch for twenty five years. Fellow model plane enthusiasts spent the weekend flying, crashing, rebuilding and flying more planes. Bob also enjoyed a good ride out on his Aspencade motorcycle, with the wind in his face and sun on his back. No matter the weather or how busy life was, there was always Monday morning coffee at Ralph and Coda Buinings, where all the neighbors would gather to share the weekly events. More often than not, Bob and Ralph would sneak off to work on tractors together. The two had a brother like relationship and were very close friends. Bob was well know in his community for his "howdie doody" greetings, kind heart and big hugs. He will be greatly missed.

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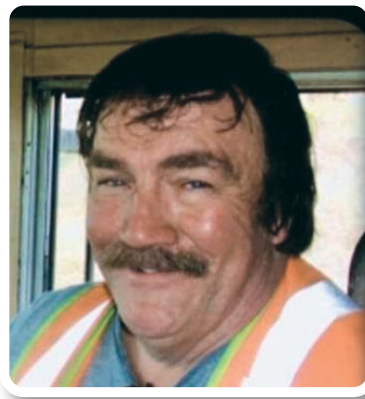




## JOHN "JACK" BOLTON

1930 ~ 2023

John Andrew "Jack" Bolton of Medicine Hat passed away at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at the age of 93 years. Jack leaves to cherish his memory his children, Shelley (Ron) Balaban, Dale (Deb) Bolton, and Darrell Bolton; grandchildren, Kyle (Randi), Colby, Chris (Tasha), Cody (Chantel), Daniel, Lindsey, Mallory (Matheo), Cole; great-grandchildren, Gracie May, Hanna, Karter, Della; and Everett, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 46 years, Muriel Bolton (nee Griffin); parents, Walter and Octa May Bolton; siblings, Everett, Murray, Thelma, and Harvey; "Baby" Bolton, and grandson, Chad. John was born and raised in Summerland, BC. As a young man he would spend his spring and fall farming in Saskatchewan alongside his brother, Everett and then he would pick fruit in the summer months for extra pocket money. In 1960, he married his sweetheart, Muriel. They moved to Simmie, SK where they settled and raised their family. Jack started with a grain operation and over the years he was able to expand his agricultural venture into both grain and cattle. He loved both the farming aspect and his cattle. He was multi-talented gentleman and there was little that he couldn't fix or fashion into something that worked as well as or better than it had before. Jack had his own, unique brand of humour and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and vacationing in B.C. Jack and Muriel built a new home in Medicine Hat to be closer to their daughter when they retired. Jack continued to stay busy by renovating and upgrading a couple more homes in his retirement. After Muriel's passing, Jack moved into assisted living but found that it just wasn't for him, so he continued to live independently until his failing health allowed him no other option and long-term care was necessary. Jack will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved him. He was his family's rock. Our sincerest gratitude to all those who provided care at Good Samaritan's. A private family graveside service will take place at Saamis Prairie View Cemetery. Memorial gifts in Jack's memory may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation, PO Box 460 STN K, Toronto, ON M4P 9Z9 or the Canadian Cancer Society, 325 Manning Road NE, Calgary, AB T2E 2P5. Condolences may be sent through [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) or to [condolences@saamis.com](mailto:condolences@saamis.com) subject heading John Bolton. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to SAAMIS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL CREMATORIUM & RECEPTION CENTRE, "The Chapel in the Park #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z5 (403)528-2599 [www.saamis.com](http://www.saamis.com) [inquiry@saamis.com](mailto:inquiry@saamis.com) Locally owned and directed CGR Holdings Ltd.



## DALLAS GENE BEWLEY

February 13th, 1952 September 10th, 2023

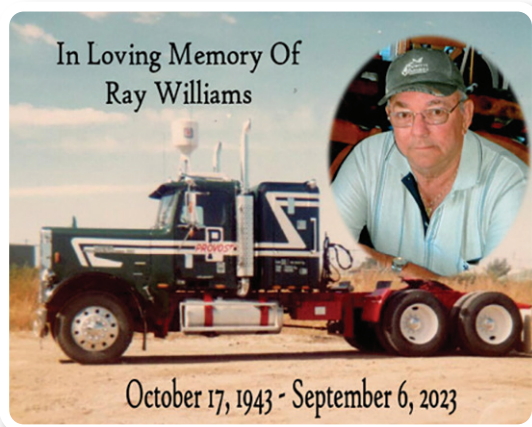
Surrounded by his family, Dallas Gene Bewley was promoted to Glory at the age of 71 years at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. Dallas was born in Toronto on February 13, 1952, to Evelyn and Clifton Bewley. He spent his early life "out east" and in 1973, ventured to Medicine Hat with Connie and his girls. Here, he gained employment with CP Rail where he worked for 35 years. Dallas spent much of his down time with family and friends, prioritizing meaningful conversations and making memories with anyone around him. He had a special way of making people (and dogs!) feel welcomed and important; he never skipped a beat when it came to making efforts with the stranger in the room. Dallas was gifted with a vocal range that would bring many to tears; his ability to sing was a gift from God, and Dallas faithfully and freely gave that gift to all who would listen. Many kids, old and young, were enthusiastically toured around his backyard, where he proudly displayed and meticulously maintained his garden railway. Dallas was a faithful servant; he fought his battle with cancer bravely and knew his Creator with every breath he had. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. We are assured to know that to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. Left to cherish Dallas' memory are his loving wife of 50 years, Connie Bewley (nee Kennedy); his daughters, Kelly Fiegall (Glen), Cindy Oulette-Desbien (Eric); mother, Evelyn Bewley and sister, Leigh Greaves (Frank); grandchildren, Derek Bewley-Bowles, Kayla Oulette (Andrew), Chandy Albers (Kurtis) and Shaye Lacasse (Darrel). He is also survived by uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, great granddaughters, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. Dallas was a friend to many, and we remember with fondness the happy memories he made with each of you. Dallas was predeceased by his father, Clifton Arthur Bewley, granddaughter, Kristy Lynn Oulette, and his father and mother in-law, Maurice and Lois Kennedy. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 15th, 2023 at 10:30am @ First Assembly of God Church. A private family interment will follow service. For those wishing to attend, a public visitation will be held at Grace Memorial on Thursday, September 14th, 2023 6:30pm-8:00pm. Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com). Arrangements are made by Grace Memorial Affordable Burial & Cremation 1924 10th Ave N.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1T5 [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com) 403-905-0440



## WALLACE JAMES WINTER

February 8th, 1950 - September 7th, 2023

On September 7, 2023, Wallace James Winter of Burstall, SK left this earth to meet his Lord and Saviour as he crossed the threshold into eternal life in Heaven. Born in Medicine Hat, AB on February 8, 1950, Wallace spent his life farming the land that he loved in the town where he grew up. Wallace will be remembered by his wife, June of 53 years and his six children: Dana Myers of Calgary, AB; Joanne Winter (Etienne-Rene) of Ottawa, ON; Aaron Winter (Natalie) of Medicine Hat, AB; Pamela Winter of Sherwood Park, AB; Sarah Rajotte (Remy) of Wainwright, AB; and Jewel Heer (John) of Gadsby, AB. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren, Elya, Marissa, Janae, Alexandre, Paige (Chris), Tanner (Maddy), Erica (Cale), Luke, Wyatt, Cole, Evan, Abigail, Sadie, Hannah, Bailey and one great grandchild, Porter; as well as many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his sister, Jeanette Stach of Medicine Hat, AB and brother, Harold (Darlene) Winter of Leader, SK and his aunt, Molly (Winter) Fischbach of Edmonton, AB. Wallace was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Hilda (Becker) Winter. With farming as his lifelong work and passion, Wallace also successfully served many years as a delegate for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool representing and advocating for farmers on the prairies. Outside of grain farming and raising cattle, Wallace also loved his time at church as well as camping, hunting, fishing, shopping for the best deal out there, travelling and spending time with friends and family. Up until his passing, Wallace dedicated his time and energy to spreading God's Word as part of ShareWord Global (formerly known as Gideons International in Canada) and believed strongly in Jesus' instructions to "go and make disciples of all the nations." The family extends its heartfelt thanks to Wainwright Health Centre for the love, care and comfort they bestowed on Wallace in his final days. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 1:30pm at Burstall Evangelical Missionary Church in Burstall, SK with Pastor Fred Sirett and Pastor Art Hildebrand co-officiating. In lieu of flowers or other tributes, donations may be made to Cypress Bible Camp or ShareWord Global (Gideon's International). Condolences may be made at [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com). Arrangements are made by Grace Memorial Affordable Burial & Cremation 1924 10th Ave N.W. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1C 1T5 [www.gracememorial.com](http://www.gracememorial.com) 403-905-0440



## RAYMOND "RAY" WILLIAMS

October 17, 1943 - September 6, 2023

It is with great sadness the family of Ray Williams announces his passing at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the age of 79 years with family at his side. After 44 years of marriage Ray is survived by his loving wife Carol Williams. His children Earl (September) Williams, Karry Williams, Cindy Williams, and predeceased by one son Shayne (Peggy) Williams. Carol's children Wade (Liz) Stach, Terry (Lisa) Stach, Trevor (Debbie) Stach, and Bonnie Wallawein. He is also survived by twenty three grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew, Cheryl McCracken, Louise Herrewynen and Doug (Lola) Deschamp. Ray was born in Saskatchewan to parents Arthur and Erna Williams. He had two sisters Margaret (Ross) Deschamp and Peggy (Cliff) Schmidt all of whom are predeceased. He grew up and resided in Admiral, Saskatchewan, moving to Alberta in the early 1970's. His career had him highway trucking and eventually being owner/operator of his own truck. Due to ill health he had a career change and worked for Action Parts for 10 plus years. Following that time he purchased a gravel truck and worked for South Rock throughout Southern Alberta until health had him retire to coffee at Trukkers, golfing and coffee at Paradise Valley Golf Course with the guys. Ray loved travelling and recreation including fishing, snowmobiling in B.C., then moving on

to his 1983 Goldwing motorcycle. These trips took Ray and Carol to Prince George, Victoria and around Alberta. Then came his pride and joy, his 2000 Silverado Chev truck and holiday trailer taking them camping with friends, local camping with the Good Sam's RV Club, and going to Fairmont Hot Springs for three weeks annually. For several years winter holidays took Ray and Carol to Osoyoos, B.C. for a month. Ray enjoyed his association with the Medicine Hat Optimist Club. Donations may be made to A.J.'s Loan Cupboard (Alan Joys Memorial Fund Society) Box 45006, McKenzie Postal Outlet, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7H3. Thank you to nurse Marsha on 5 West, Dr. Mastel, Dr. Scholtz, and Dr. Tessier. Thank you to family, friends and neighbors for the support of food and kindness shown. The funeral service will be held in the Pattison Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Centre on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Art Hildebrand officiating. Interment will follow at the Redcliff Cemetery. The service will be live streamed. Those who wish to attend virtually, please visit [pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://pattisonfuneralhome.com) and select live streaming, then select the youtube (arrow). To leave a message of condolence you may visit [www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com). PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 4C2

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