

FLAKE

June 4, 1916 – Dec. 24, 2009

MAN OF THE EARTH

Virgil Harold Flake passed away peacefully at the age of 93 at the Innisfail Hospital on Christmas Eve morning, December 24, 2009, after having time to be reunited with his loving family. He was born at home near Markerville to George and Hughretta Inez Flake, the second of three sons. Virgil's love of life was expressed in everything he did; from his caring for his family, his keen interest in farming, his animals (especially his horses and dogs), sports and his genuine love for his friends and neighbors. Virgil married Ruby Cunningham in 1942 and had two children: Inez Irene and Richard Harold. He was predeceased by his first wife Ruby in 1953; his parents and his brothers Eldo (1991) and Cecil (1997). In 1966 he married Emily Irene Bennett and welcomed 6 stepsons into his family. Left to mourn his passing: his loving wife Irene of 43 years; his daughter Inez Irene (Clarence) Jobs of Markerville; son Richard Harold (Lianne) Flake of Sylvan Lake; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Also: five Bennett stepsons – Ron (Jeanette); daughter in law Jean Bennett (beloved wife of Russell – deceased); Bryan (Liz) of Innisfail; Dwayne of Red Deer; Lyle (Sandy) of Williams Lake, B.C., Chris (Rosemary) of White Rock, B.C.; 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, also numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services for Virgil were held on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Innisfail United Church. Interment followed at the Innisfail Cemetery. In Memory Of Virgil donations may be made to STARS AIR Ambulance or The Canadian Red Cross Society. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel phone 403-227-3123. Locally Owned And Operated. Proudly Serving Our Community For Over 45 years.

GRIFFITH

Long time resident of Innisfail and area, Kenneth Lee Griffith passed away December 28, 2009 after a long battle with cancer at the age of 60. He was born in Innisfail on July 2, 1949 and lived and worked in the area. In 1982 he married Jennifer Yeldham and they had two daughters. Ken will be deeply missed by his loving daughter Sheri Griffith of Innisfail and his two special grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Kenny; daughter Teri Griffith of Red Deer. He also leaves three sisters, Joyce Fox (Stan) of Edmonton; Margaret Viercant of Rycroft; and Betty Wilkie (Willie) of Innisfail, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Lee and Doris Griffith and brother-in-law Ernie Viercant. He will also be missed by his best friends Terry, Donna Dodd and family, and Lorne and Sandra Gerrard. Special thank you to Dr. Damgaard for all the care given to Ken. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Ken can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A memorial service to follow at a later date.

WAGERS

1921 – 2009

Mr. Lester Leland Wagers of Innisfail passed away peacefully at the Innisfail Health Care

Center on Wednesday December 30, 2009 at the age of 88 years. Born July 5, 1921 at Innisfail, he was the third eldest son of the late Lester and Marion (Morton) Wagers. Lester made a career of farming. He was raised on the family farm at Niobe and continued to farm throughout his life. It was 1962 when he married Geraldine Purcell and they raised their son on Lester's ranch up on top of Antler Hill. He farmed in partnership with brothers Robert and John until 1963. He continued to farm with his brother Robert up until 1980. He fed steers and grew numerous crops. He imported his first charolais cow from France in 1963. He became one of the pioneer breeders of purebred charolais cattle in Alberta. The purebred charolais remain on the third generation family farm today. Lester was lucky enough to live out his life on the farm that he loved. Lester was predeceased by his wife Geraldine; brothers John, Tom, Robert, George and Ralph; sisters-in-law Shirley, Diane, Isla and brothers in law Gordon Parsonage and Geoff Handford. Lester is lovingly remembered by his son Lorne (Tena) and his grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Marina and Kolton; stepchildren Danny (Laurel) Jenkin, Susan (Fred) George and Vickie (Bill) Kooman; brother Arthur; sisters Maude Handford, Mary (Marvin) Latimer; sisters-in-law Jessie, Margaret and May Wagers and Arlane Parsonage; brother-in-law Earl (Marie) Purcell as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral service will be held at the Innisfail United Church on Friday January 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Margaret Lange officiating. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Alberta Lung Association. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD. 4415- 49th St. Innisfail Telephone 403-227-0006.

REID

March 19, 1927 - January 4, 2010

Mrs. Johanna Mary Reid passed away peacefully at the Red Deer Regional Hospital on January 4, 2010 at the age of 82 years. Johanna is the loving mother of seven daughters Diane Reid (Jim), Loretta Welsh (Don), Judy Liske (Pat), Shirley Podlubny (Don), Elizabeth Hanson, Christina Olson (David) and Karen Prentice (Doug); five Stepchildren Donald Reid (Anita), Ken Reid (Joan), Laura Barnes (Floyd), Jo Ann Phipps (Nick), Kathy Klemmer (Dean); 25 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Gordon Allan Reid in August 2006; her 1st husband Henry Vandenameele in November, 1973; parents John and Anne Neumeier; brothers Alex and Vincent Neumeier; sister Theresa Hruska and a great granddaughter Jaycee Summer Ann Welsh. A Funeral Mass of Johann's life was celebrated at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church (Innisfail, Alberta) on Saturday January 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. If friends and family so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Canadian Association for Williams Syndrome (P.O. Box 2115 Vancouver, B.C. V6B-3T5). HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD. 4415 - 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006

FOSTER

Kenneth Foster of Red Deer, AB, formerly of Innisfail, AB, passed away on Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at the age of 78. Kenneth was born in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia on August 18th 1931 to Roxella and Burton Foster. Kenneth met and married his wife Judith in Calgary, AB in 1964 and they recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Kenneth loved his family, friends and work. He was a proud member of Ironworkers Local 725, Kelvingrove Masonic Temple and Innisfail Legion Branch 104. Kenneth will be deeply missed by his wife Judith; daughters Kim Owens (Don) and Jodi Foster, sons Karl (Michelle) Foster and Ken (Kyla) Foster and son-in-law Ed Carson; grandchildren Jynetta, Craig, Melody, Stephen, Wendy, Caroline, Brian, Lauren and Kara. Kenneth is also survived by his sister Eldora (Forrest) Sutherland, many brother and sister in-laws, nieces and nephews. Kenneth was predeceased by his daughter Starr Carson, son Danny Foster, parents, sister Hazel and

brother Curtis. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association or Alberta Cancer Foundation. Funeral services will be held at the Innisfail United Church, 4720 48th Ave., Innisfail, AB on Saturday January 9th, 2010 at 1:00 pm. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Locally owned and operated. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

JOHNSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, Lucy Kathleen 'Kay' Johnson on Christmas morning, 2009 at the Rosefield Centre in Innisfail, Alberta. Kay was predeceased by her husband Kjartan Kristjan (Kris) Johnson in 1999. She is survived by her daughter Bettie Weigl and Larry Heth; son Rod and wife Deanna; her grandchildren, Bettie's son Kristjan; Rod and Deanna's children, Lisa, Erika, Sebastian and Milena and three great-grandchildren. Kay was born in Daysland, Alberta on September 19th, 1912 to James and Lucy Orr and grew up in Daysland and Wetaskiwin. She attended the Alberta Normal School in Edmonton where she attained her teacher certification. Her first teaching position was at the rural Pine Hill School where she met Kris, a local farmer. They were married on July 10, 1940 and took up residence on their own farm where they resided until 1988, when they moved to Sylvan Lake after the couple retired from farming. During her time on the farm, Kay gave piano lessons and taught school in Markerville and Sylvan Lake as well as being active in the community. She was a member of the Markerville Good Neighbours Club, the Stephan G. Stephansson Society, Sylvan Lake I.O.D.E, and the Sylvan Lake Presbyterian Church. After Kris' passing in 1999, Kay continued to live in Sylvan Lake until 2002 when she moved to Autumn Glen Lodge in Innisfail and subsequently into the Rosefield Centre. Kay was an avid reader and also enjoyed traveling, crocheting and playing cards. She enjoyed excellent health well into her nineties. A Celebration of Kay's life will be held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sylvan Lake, Alberta 5020-48 Street, Sylvan Lake, Alberta T4S 1C6 on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. Private graveside was held at Alto- Rest Cemetery in Red Deer, Alberta. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff of the Canary Ward of the Rosefield Centre for the the excellent care that Kay received while she was a resident there. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made in Kay's name to the Stephan G. Stephansson Icelandic Society, c/o Bernice Anderson, Box 804, Markerville, Alberta T0M 1M0. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill. "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." - Albert Einstein. Sylvan Lake and Rocky Funeral Homes and Crematorium, your Golden Rule Funeral Homes, entrusted with the arrangements. 403-887-2151

RICHARDSON

Joan Katherine Richardson was born on October 10, 1924 and passed away in her sleep on December 29, 2009 at Innisfail. Mom was born in Goderich, Ontario, the only child of James and Cora Buchanan. After recovering from T.B., Mom and three girl friends took a road trip to California by way of B.C., then down the west coast. Mom fell in love with the mountains of B.C. and after the holiday moved to Vancouver. She soon found work at Woodward's department store and was introduced to Ken Richardson through a friend. They married Nov. 4, 1950. In 1954 they moved to Chilliwack to start a family. Mom was a member of Cooks Presbyterian Church and was active with social groups, the choir and the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. Mom was an active member of the Al-Anon family groups for almost 40 years and always had time to share her experience, strength and hope with others. Mom

and Dad traveled extensively throughout North America in their retirement years and especially enjoyed the desert scenery in the spring. She also enjoyed painting which she shared with family and friends. Dad passed away in 1996 and Mom stayed in Chilliwack until 2005 when failing health and a yearning to be near her only daughter, she moved to Innisfail. A special thanks to Dr. Barker and the staff of the Parrot Wing, Rosefield Continuing Care Home for the compassionate care of our mother. Mom leaves Candy (Pat) McAllister of Innisfail, Jamie (Cindy) Richardson of Chilliwack, Jeff (Rhonda) Richardson of Williams Lake, B.C., Paul (Rose) Richardson of Calgary, and 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Cooke's Presbyterian Church, 45825 Wellington Ave., Chilliwack on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm with a tea to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada or to the Rosefield CI Unit. Rest in peace Mom till we meet again. Love your family. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Cremation entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Locally owned and operated. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

LETZ

October 26th, 1923 – January 12th, 2010

Mr. Gordon Letz passed away peacefully at the Rosefield Care Center in Innisfail at the age of 86. Gordon was born in Friedenstahal, Besserabia (a province of Russia) on October 26th, 1923. He came to Canada when he was three years old and spent much of his childhood and youth in the Pine Lake, Lousana area. Gordon met Myrna June Wiebe in Taber, Alberta and they married on July 10th, 1948. In 1954 they moved to Calgary where they raised their three daughters. They left Calgary in the early 1980's moving first to Lac La Biche and then to Wimborne, AB where they ran the Wimborne Gas Bar and Confectionery until 1988 when they retired to Innisfail. Gordon had a deep love for nature and animals and was an avid gardener and fisherman. For Gordon, family always came first. He was always there for those in need. He will be deeply missed by his children. Marlene Letz, Shirley Fillinger (Ernest) and Vickie Derksen (Dennis); his 6 grandchildren Dwight (Jaime), Dennis (Sheila), Derrick (Priscilla), Angela (Dwayne), Crystal (Gerard) and Joseph (Joey), as well as his six great grandchildren; Logan, Alexander, Phoenix, Avery, William, and Ryker and extended family and friends. Gordon was predeceased by his loving wife of 60 years on July 10th, 2008, his parents Fritz and Elizabeth Letz, his brothers, Jack, Bernard, his sisters Elsie, Mary and Elizabeth (Betty), and his son-in-law Ernest. Funeral services were held at the Metcalf Funeral Chapel on Monday, January 18th, 2010 at 1:00 pm. If friends and family so desire memorial tributes may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. A special thanks to the wonderful staff at Rosefield Care Center for their kindness and compassion in caring for our father. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

ATKINS

July 23, 1928 – January 10, 2010 It is with immense sadness that the family of Irene Mildred Atkins announce the end of a very long struggle with sickness to terminate the evening of January 10, 2010 at the Innisfail Hospital at the age of 81 years, surrounded by her immediate family. Irene will be lovingly remembered by her husband George of 59 years of Red Deer; sister Jean (Nick) of Carleton Place; son Brian (Denise) of Innisfail; daughter Linda (Tom) of Innisfail; granddaughters Kimberly (John) of Red Deer and Arianna of Innisfail; grandsons Brendan of Edmonton and Michael of Innisfail; great granddaughters

Emily of Red Deer and Devyn of Red Deer. Irene was predeceased by her parents Ellen and Anthony Mackay, and brothers Percy and Carl. Irene was known in her younger days as a gifted cook, especially her recipe for cheesecake. She also enjoyed working in the garden and making flower arrangements. A memorial service was held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Metcalf Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at the Innisfail Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123.

STEVENS

1930 – 2010

Mr. Cameron Stevens, beloved husband of Carole Grignon of the Innisfail area passed away at the Red Deer Regional Hospital on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the age of 79 years. Cam was born July 10, 1930 in Montreal, the eldest child of Doris and Earle Stevens. At a young age Cam went on a blind date where he met his first wife Joan. They married at Montreal in 1952. They had five wonderful children. Joan passed away in 1988. Shortly after, Cam met Carole Grignon who became his life companion, enjoying travelling together eventually settling in the Innisfail area. Cam was semi-retired and currently working at Walmart as a greeter. His career consisted of many years of sales positions where he excelled due to his charismatic personality and contagious laugh. Cam loved to travel and spent many years as a snowbird. For numerous years he enjoyed playing Santa, bringing laughter and joy to thousands of children. Cam is survived by Carole Grignon; his children Dave (Jill) Stevens, Derek Stevens and Wayne Craig of Calgary, Doug (Jenn) Stevens of Millarville and Debbie (Mel) Hiebert of Coaldale; grandchildren Bennett, Cameron, Casey, Shelbey, Mitchell, Jodi, and Taryn. Cam is also survived by three step daughters; Shelley Grignon and Darcy Grignon (Chad Smith) of Calgary and Gwen Grignon (Eric Loiselle) of Montreal and step grandchildren Tate, Tessa, Melissa, Logan, Mayghan and Jesse. Cam was predeceased by his wife Joan Stevens, daughter Dawn Craig and brother Raymond Stevens. A funeral service was held at the Eagle Hill Community Hall on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of one's choice. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD. 4415- 49th St. Innisfail Telephone 403-227-0006

MICKEY

Kenneth William Mickey of Bowden passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the age of 71 years surrounded by his loving family. He was born in 1938 in Rimbey, AB. Left to mourn are his wife Addy of Innisfail; daughter Carmen (Rob) of Calgary; son Kevin of Bowden; grandsons Kyle and Joey of Calgary; sisters Irene of Airdrie, Bunny (Ken) of High River and Judy of Airdrie; many nieces and nephews; best friend Dick and numerous other friends. Ken loved being a member of the Innisfail legion and went dancing every weekend. Ken was mostly a mechanic and worked a few hours a day for Greg Church. Throughout Ken's life he had his own trucking business, sports shop, service station and a new and used store with a small grocery. Ken enjoyed cutting grass in the summer for various businesses in later years as well as working for Greg. Memorial donations can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Innisfail Hospital Palliative Care Unit, who gave wonderful support and care to Ken and his family during this difficult time. A memorial service was held at Metcalf Funeral Chapel on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 3:00 pm. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

METZGER

Alfred William Metzger, sadly passed away on Saturday January 16, 2010. Alfred was predeceased by his wives Carrie Metzger and Ruth Metzger; brothers George, Walter, Gideon, Leo and Lawrence; one brother in law and two sisters in law. Alfred is survived by two daughters Jane (George) Jensen, Donna (Robin) Larsen; four grand children Shaunna (Curtis) Rusaw, Carrie (David) Reid, Paul (Sandra) Larsen, Kurt (Tina) Larsen & seven great grand children Taylor, Kendra, Caitlyn, Jade, Austin, Hayley & Keaton. He is also survived by two sisters Leah Hawick and Laura (Bob) Phillips; one life long friend and honorary brother Herb (Grace) Baumgardt as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Alfred was born on October 19, 1918 at Carbon, Alberta to parents Wilhelm (Bill) & Eva Metzger. He was raised in the Carbon and Pine Lake areas. In 1942 Alfred married Caroline (Carrie) Kern and they lived and worked in various places until settling in Innisfail in 1957 where they raised their two daughters. After Caroline's passing Alfred met & married Ruth Mellenius & shortly thereafter they relocated to Rocky Mountain House residing there for the better part of 20 years where Alfred worked for the Alberta Forestry maintaining the numerous campgrounds in the Prairie Creek area west of Rocky. This is where Alfred's love of the outdoors blossomed and if he didn't have a fishing pole in his hand, he was on the back of a snowmobile or quad creating memories that will last forever. Alfred loved life and lived everyday to the fullest and if you were one of the fortunate to be called his friend, it was forever. Alfred will be greatly missed by many and will be in our hearts forever. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff and nurses at the Innisfail Country Lodge. You always made Alfred feel like family and always treated him very well. To the doctor's and nursing staff at the Innisfail Hospital, thank you for all you do. A funeral service was held at the Innisfail Alliance Church (Innisfail, Alberta) on Tuesday January 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If friends so desire, donations can be made to Stars Air Ambulance or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD. 4415- 49th St. Innisfail Telephone 403-227-0006

MARSHALL

1922 - 2010

It is with great sorrow the family of Margaret "Pearl" Marshall announce her passing on January 23, 2010. A memorial service for Pearl will be held at the Innisfail United Church on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to STARS Air Ambulance, the Alberta Cancer Society or the Red Deer Hospice Society. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD., 4415- 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006

BROWN

1930 - 2010

Mr. James Hugh Brown passed away at the Rosefield Care Centre, Innisfail on Sunday, January 24, 2010 after a lengthy illness with Alzheimer's disease. Jim was born at Innisfail on August 31, 1930 and lived all his life in the area. He was a very gifted man and was employed as an electrician, mechanic, heavy equipment operator, carpenter and repair man. His hobby was repairing old clocks, often making parts when none were available. He loved music, especially hymns and was also a talented singer and violinist. Jim is survived by his loving wife Betty; his step son George (Brenda) Morison; grandchildren Bill, Stanley (Stephannie), Tammie (Niel), Mathew and families; granddaughter Marissa and her mom Rhonda; nieces Laura and Susan Dunlap and families. He is also survived by a sister in law Gwen Brown, Mary Huntly, Marion Kennedy, May Wagers, Laura Burton as well as numerous

cousins and extended family. Jim was predeceased by his parents Hugh and Doris Brown; sister Jean (Walter) Dunlap; a brother John Brown; step son Gordon Morison; brothers in law Bob Huntly, Bill Kennedy and Ralph Wagers. A memorial service will be held at the Innisfail United Church on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Alzheimers Society, the Rosefield Care Centre or to a charity of ones choice. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD., 4415- 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006

SMITH

Fran Smith of Innisfail passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the age of 67 years after a long courageous fight with cancer. Fran is predeceased by her parents Frank Cole and Flora (Andy) Park and her brother Gordon Cole. Fran is survived by her husband Albert; daughter Tammy (J.R.); son Patrick (Lina) and their children Domenic, Pascal and Massimo; son Rick (Teri) and their children Camryn, Dean and Alex; sister in law June (Leonard); niece Patty and her children Paige and Blake and niece Laurie and her children Pearl and Gordon. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the Innisfail United Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Red Deer Dialysis Unit, Palliative Care at the Innisfail Hospital or to the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

BIERWIRTH

July 22, 1913 to January 21, 2010

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of a sweet, gentle, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, Phyllis Bierwirth, at the age of 96 years. Phyllis Lamb was born July 22, 1913 at Blaine Lake, SK. The oldest of 6 children. On November 22, 1940 she married James Henry Bierwirth at Davis, SK. Hank and Phyllis lived in the Prince Albert, SK. area where Phyllis loved sewing and gardening. In 2001 Hank and Phyllis moved to Innisfail and Phyllis enjoyed her dances at the Drop-In Center every Saturday. Phyllis is survived by many who loved her dearly; Hank, Winston, Shirley, Boyd, Steve, Jason, Tara, Krista, Bob, Olivia, Oren, Davey and Marlene, as well as many other family members and friends. She will be remembered in our hearts forever. We would like to thank all those who visited Phyllis in the hospital, those who gave good wishes to us, and the great staff at the Acute Care wing of the Innisfail Hospital and Rosefield Care Centre. Honoring the wishes of Phyllis, no funeral service will be held. Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD., 4415- 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006

MICHALSKY

1934 - 2010

The family of Mr. Emil Michalsky announce his passing at the Red Deer Regional Hospital after a brief struggle with cancer on Thursday January 21, 2010 at the age of 75 years. Emil was born on September 26, 1934 at Coleman, Alberta. He lived in Coleman until moving with his family to Calgary at the age of 19. His first job was at the Baker Memorial Sanatorium, and eventually at the Crossbow Auxiliary and the Calgary General Hospital. He worked as a Nursing Orderly and an X Ray Technician. Emil met Wilma in 1965. They were married on a very cold and snowy December 27 of that same year. Together in 1971 they

bought a farm near Caroline. While the family lived there, Emil continued to commute to Calgary for work until 1974. He then changed careers and began employment at the local Co-op. He served in a number of different capacities between Innisfail and Spruce View Co-ops, until his retirement 10 years ago. Emil continued to live on the family farm through to his passing. As an active member of the Franciscan Order, Emil attended numerous meetings, church services and events throughout the week. He was a proud member of St. Matthews Parish & Missions in Rocky Mountain House, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Innisfail and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Caroline. Emil was pre-deceased by his sons Michael & Aaron; mother and father Albert and Jennie; stepfather Walter and a brother Ruddle. Emil is survived by his wife Wilma; sons Stephen (Laura) Michalsky, Blaine (Vannette) and Colin (Grace); grandchildren Colin (Stephanie), Jessica, Isaac, Celeste; great grandchild Jaden; brother Albert (Marion) and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A prayer service will be held at Heartland Funeral Services Chapel (4415- 49th St. Innisfail) on Thursday January 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A concelebrated Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church (4304 - 49th Ave. Innisfail) on Friday January 29, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Adam Daniluk and Rev. Kazimierz Kubat. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary, Alberta. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Red Deer's Lending Cupboard, The Heart & Stroke Foundation or The Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences to the family may be sent to ifh@telus.net. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD., 4415- 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006