

CRAWFORD

Mrs. Doreen May Crawford (McLean) of Red Deer, Alberta passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the age of 69 years. Doreen is survived by her loving husband Delbert Crawford; sister Marion (William) Ironside; her four children Eldon (Brenda) Crawford of Caroline, Calvin Crawford of Innisfail, Shannon (Jay) Beagle of Innisfail, Darren (Cherrie) Crawford of Didsbury; grandchildren Jessica, Dana, Jennifer, Jerry, Dusteen, Sydney, Falon, Jocelyn, Bridget, Naomi, Courtney, Kaytlyn and Brett; great grandchildren Noah, Alexis, Elijah, Sarah, Leah, Kaylee, Taedon and Ashton; also numerous relatives and friends. Doreen was predeceased by her parents Jonnie and Jean McLean of Hanna, AB. Doreen was born on November 5, 1939 at Drumheller, Alberta where she spent her childhood. On March 2, 1957 she married Delbert Crawford. They lived in numerous locations throughout Alberta and then settled in Innisfail where she continued to raise her family. Doreen worked at the Innisfail Co-op, the Medical Clinic and the Innisfail Hospital. She lived her life with passion and deep love for her family; grace in her character and had a compelling classy style. Doreen was a gifted piano player and loved music. She was also a wonderful cook. Doreen was a dedicated and caring person who always had time for her loved ones. She was known to be an excellent listener and relied on her quick wit and sense of humour to give advice and solve problems. She will be deeply and sadly missed by her family and friends. Her life made others lives worthwhile and enriched. Funeral services are entrusted to Heartland Funeral Services of Innisfail. Her final resting place will be in Innisfail Alberta. Any donations, if so desired, can be made on behalf of Doreen Crawford to the Red Deer Regional Hospital, Palliative Care Unit.

FORD

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Mr. Gordon Ronald Ford, beloved husband of Mrs. Jean Ford of Innisfail, Alberta passed away at the Innisfail Health Care Centre on May 28, 2009 at the age of 76 years. Besides his loving wife Jean, Gordon is the loving father of Charmaine (Ken) Sipe of Edmonton, Loren (Elizabeth) Ford of Calgary, Janie (Jay) Judge of Calgary, Elaine (Lowell) Simpson of Calgary and Jackie (Dale) Gobin of Grande Prairie; eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Gordon was born in Grande Prairie, Alberta to Grace and Earl Ford. He joined the Navy right after high school, serving in the Korean War on the ship HMCS Crusader. His life was spent in B.C. and Alberta from Grande Prairie to Calgary and in Retirement at Glennifer Lake. Gordon had three children by a previous marriage and two stepdaughters with his wife Jean of 30 years. Between both families they have eleven grandchildren and six grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 104 on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Innisfail Health Care Centre.

RENSCHLER

With much sadness we announce Edward Renschler's passing away at the age of 91, on Friday, May 29, 2009 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. Ed was born on February 2, 1918

at Castor, Alberta. His early years including schooling and farm work were spent in the Castor district. He served in the Canadian Army for three years. In 1950 he married Rita Ries at which time he began his life work as a grain buyer. Over the years he bought grain at Garden Plains, Delacour, Kathryn, and Bowden. After almost thirty years as a grain buyer he and Rita retired in Bowden. Ed was a member of the Bowden Friendship Centre and the Franciscan Fraternity of Red Deer and then of Olds. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Rita of fifty nine years, his son Arnold, his daughter Denise and her husband David, his sisters Tillie, Hilda, Helen, Lillie, Mabel, Mae (Jack) and Bess (Francis), one brother Leslie (Esther) and sisters in laws Betty Ann and Helen. He was predeceased by his parents Rose and George, his son Norman, his brothers Bill, Harold and Percy and his sister Velma. A Prayer Service for Ed will be held on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Innisfail. A Mass Of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Innisfail. Interment will follow at the Innisfail Cemetery. If desired memorial contributions in memory of Ed may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 131 29 St N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2N 4N2. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

THURSTON

March 17, 1918 - May 30, 2009

Annie Patricia (Hill) Thurston, beloved mother, grandma, great-grandma, great-great grandma passed away peacefully in her sleep May 30, 2009 at the Red Deer Nursing Home at the age of 91 years. She will be lovingly remembered by her children Patsy (Bob) Schatz, Bev (Terry) Innes, Jack (Henny) Hill, Ken (Sherry) Hill, and their families. She is also survived by her stepdaughters Ila (Bob) Sloan, Donna (Bob) Scarlett, Lorna (Ed) Jones, Penny (Lawrence) Winters and their families. She will be sadly missed by her sister Violet (Lloyd) Traptow. Annie was predeceased by her eldest son Charlie Hill, her first husband William (Bill) Hill, her second husband Spence Thurston, her parents Charlie and Sadie Newton, her siblings Harry Newton, Eveleine Dewar, Dorothy Thompson, Art Newton, Dick Newton, Reg Newton, Kay Munro and her great grandson Samuel Schatz. Annie's family would like to express their sincerest thanks for the loving care that was given to her by all the staff at the Innisfail Autumn Glen Lodge and over the years at the Red Deer Nursing Home. Annie loved to cook, sew, garden, camp, and play crib. Her home was always open to family and friends as there was always room for one more. Annie was a women of quiet faith who never judged but instead preferred to see only the good in everybody and everything. Family always came first and she'd be there for you through the good and bad times. Annie's love will surely shine on in all the many lives that she's touched. A celebration of Annie's life will be held at the Innisfail United Church (4720-48 Avenue) on Thursday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Margaret Lange officiating. Internment will follow at the Innisfail Cemetery with Heartland Funeral Service in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Innisfail United Church or the the charity of your choice.

McKAIN

May 25, 1919 - May 23, 2009

Ruby, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away at the Red Deer Regional Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, just two days before her 90th birthday. She was born on the family farm near Hale Lake, Alberta, to Olin and Verna Clay. She attended school at North Raven. In 1936 she went to work in Innisfail as a housekeeper and later she worked at the Black and White grocery store. She also worked at the Penholder

Inn Cafe. Ruby was never shy of hard work and it showed throughout her entire life. On Dec. 30, 1943 she married A. E. (Mike) McKain and in 1949 they bought the family farm at Kevisville, where she lived until her passing. Family was very important to her. The family celebrated every Birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Easter together. It didn't matter how many had to be fed – when everyone could make it – there could be as many as forty. Grandma loved birthdays – there was always a cake with candles and pictures had to be taken. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were very important to her. She would travel all over going to confirmations, graduations, baptisms, weddings and sports events. It always brought a smile to her face to watch her family. Grandma Ruby never did anything slow and she was always on fast forward. She enjoyed bingo, bowling, growing tomato plants, sewing and especially quilting. She made over 200 quilts for her family. Her favourite sport was baseball. She spent many years running the concession stand for the Kevisville Men's Ball Team. She was an avid fan of the Toronto Blue Jays. The last couple of years, her daughter would email the Blue Jays and they would wish her Happy Birthday – the first first time she heard it you would have thought she won the lottery. For many years she was a member of the Kevisville Ladies Aid and the Hobby Club. She spoke very highly of these clubs and enjoyed them. She displayed incredible strength, courage and compassion; you never heard her complain. Grandma Ruby will be sadly missed by her loving family, her three children, Janet (Dave) Evans, Verna (Tom) Chamberlain, and Larry (Kathy) McKain. Nine grandchildren, Lora (Ken), Jeanne (Charles), Jackie (Alan), Joe (Jill), David (Cathy), Mike (Tammy), Dan, Shawn (Cody) and Kim. Eighteen great grandchildren, Zak, Clayton, Josh, Danielle, Whitney, Nicole, Logan, Emma, Hayes, Riley, Austin, Montana, Alita, Colter, Coral, Shannon, Makenzie and Dallas. One sister Marie (Rene) and two sister-in-laws, Doris and Phyllis. Plus numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Ruby was predeceased by her loving husband of 42 years, Mike, in 1985. Her great grandson, Braedan Chamberlain in 2005. Her brothers Ralph and Jim and one sister Viola. Grandma, you were the pillar of our family, your kind and generous nature will always be remembered. Your beautiful smiling face will be treasured forever – Love from your family. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 28 at 2 p.m. at the Kevisville Community Church. Personal Alternative Funeral Services entrusted with the arrangements.

OLESEN

Mr. Lyle Leo Olesen passed away watching the sun rise at the Red Deer Regional Hospital on June 11, 2009. Lyle was predeceased by a son Scott Douglas; his parents Leo and Bertha Olesen; father and mother in law Meridith (Merry) and Irene Walker; two brothers in law Glen and Jack Walker. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn; daughter Janice (Randy) Jamieson and their children Scott and Alissa of Red Deer; son Michael (Teresa) Olesen and their children Marilee, Courtney, Trisha and Dillon all of Spruce View. He is also survived by a sister Joyce Walker of Wizard Lake; nephew Blair (Barb) Walker and their children Amie and Justin all of Wizard Lake; a brother Gordon (Shirley) Olesen of Spruce View; three sisters in law, Ann of California, Doreen and her son Bob of Edmonton and Dorothy of Innisfail; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held at the Spruce View Community Hall on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to The Red Deer Regional Hospital, Unit 22 or the M.S. Society of Central Alberta. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD. 4415 - 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 227-0006.

BRILZ

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Casandra-lee Brilz, on June 8, 2009. Casandra-lee was born to Robert and Cara Brilz, on March 25, 2005 in Red Deer, Alberta. Casandra was a happy little girl who touched the lives of everyone she met in her very short time on earth. Casie was diagnosed with autism when she was two years old, but that did not stop her from making the most of life. Casandra had a curious sense of wonder about her, as she would venture and explore any environment she found interesting. Her eyes would focus on the new and unknown, as she seemed to seek understanding and joy in the world. Casandra-lee attended the Children's Services School in Red Deer. At school and at home Casandra was demonstrating her love of learning by recently saying words and signing; this enhanced Casie and her family's ability to communicate. Everyone, especially Casie, was excited by her progress and new found ability to interact with her loved ones. Casandra was fascinated by so much, especially things she could hold in her hands. Casandra loved the outdoors, and particularly enjoyed water and ducks. Casandra was a beautiful little princess and will be missed more than words can say. Leaving to mourn her loss are her loving parents, Robert and Cara Brilz, her loving grandparents, Jean and Brian Wimmer, her grandfather David Hinton, her great-grandmother, Elva Wimmer, all her aunts and uncles, Kristie and Chris McCullough, Christian Brilz, Camy Brilz, Cory and Rob Mills, and Connie Brilz and all her cousins, Megan, Morgan, Mya, Michaela, Enola and Lincoln Mills. Casandra was predeceased by her grandparents, Gordon and Judy Brilz, Uncle Craig Brilz, great-grandparents, Christian, Emma and Velma and Percy Schilling. A memorial was held for Casandra, on Friday, June 12, at the Metcalf Funeral Chapel, in Innisfail, AB, at 1:00 pm. Donations can be made in loving memory of Casandra to the Children's Services Centre – a non-profit child development centre assisting children with special needs to reach their full potential. To make a contribution please contact: Children's Services Centre 4826 - 47th Street, Red Deer, AB, T4N 1R2, Office 403-340-2606 ext. 23, or donations can be made on line at: www.childrenservices.ca/donate.html. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

ENSMINGER

Norman Floyd Ensminger passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in the Innisfail Healthcare Centre at 78 years of age. He leaves to cherish his memory, his son Mark Anthony of Lacombe, AB., granddaughter Sydney Anne of Sangudo, AB., sister Ruth Buchert of Wimborne, AB., brother Elmer (Marge) Ensminger of Medicine Hat, AB.; his mother-in-law Loretta Ekiss of Olds, AB., brother-in-law Trevor (Betty) Adams of Olds, AB., sister-in-law Gail (Bob) Thompson of Edmonton, AB., as well as numerous nieces, nephews & cousins; and special friend Alice Ferguson of Innisfail, AB. Norman was predeceased by his wife Joanne (Adams) in 1991, his father Jacob Henry in 1943, his mother Frieda Wilhelmine (Frasch) in 2004, brothers Paul in 1970, Albert in 1984, & Herbert in 1994; sister Ida Dewald in 1993. Norman's pride and joy were his son Mark and granddaughter Sydney. His life long friends were valued and very special to him. Norman attended Collingwood school where he excelled in sports. He won many trophies in baseball, horseshoes, curling, cribbage, bowling, shuffleboard, fishing and the senior's games. Norman enjoyed varied careers: farming, buying grain, operating a service station and owning hotels – retiring in 2004. Memorial tributes may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Diabetes Association or a charity of one's choice. Funeral service for Norman will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 5226 46 St, Olds, phone 403-556-3223, also entrusted with arrangements. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

FOKKENS

Mr. Bill Fokkens beloved husband of Mrs. Sylvia Fokkens of Spruce View, Alberta, passed away peacefully at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre, Red Deer on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the age of 74 years. Bill was born on April 6, 1935 at Pieterburen, The Netherlands. Though Bill took great pride in trucking, his true love was his wife of 52 years, Sylvia and their children, Dennis (Bonita) Fokkens of Airdrie, Alberta, Derk (Marlene) Fokkens of Spruce View, Alberta, Irene (Norman) Korth of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Margaret (Chris) Parsons of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Gerty (Colin) Kure of Moose Mountain, Alberta. He also leaves to cherish in his memory his fourteen grandchildren, Kathleen, Christina and Kevin Fokkens, Brittany (Paul) Fokkens, Darren (Kathleen), David, Joanie and Leona Korth, Gordon, Cody and Kirt MacSorley, Jonathon (Kayla), Nathan, Jessica Mirhashem, and one great grandson, Noah Mirhashem. He is also survived by his brother, Mans (Gretha) Fokkens of The Netherlands. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Derk and Geertje Fokkens. A Celebration of Life will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Dickson, Alberta on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Family Interment will be held at Dickson Cemetery. Donations in Bill's memory may be made directly to the Bethany Lutheran Church, Box 16, Site 10, RR1, Innisfail, Alberta, T4G 1T6 or the Canadian Bible Society, 225 - 10 Street, N.W, Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1V5. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.eventidefuneralchapels.com.

HERMANN

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Marie Hermann of Caroline at the age of 69 years on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the Innisfail Hospital with her family by her side. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, John; her 5 children Liz, Eva, Helen, John and Marie. She will also be lovingly remembered by her 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Marie was known for her love of family and her caring nature. Her greatest passion was her beautiful flower gardens and as the seasons change, we will know that she is in God's garden. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Innisfail with Father George Nellisery celebrant. Memorial donations may be made directly to the charity of the donors choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Innisfail, entrusted with arrangements. 403-227-0006, ifh@telus.net. HEARTLAND FUNERAL SERVICES LTD., 4415- 49th St. Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006.

SMITH

Mr. Donald (Don) Oliver Smith of Rimbey, Alberta passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, June 22, 2009 at the age of 82 years. Don was born on July 15, 1926 in Vancouver, B.C. In his lifetime, he has proudly been a logger, a farmer, a cattle dealer, a butcher, and served his country in the Army during World War II. In his younger years, Don resided in Matsqui, B.C. while he attended school. Upon being united in marriage to Gwen Pardo in January of 1947, Don and Gwen moved to Ladysmith, B.C., and Vancouver Island, eventually returning back to Matsqui. In 1957, they moved their family to Innisfail, Alberta where Don and his brother, Harold started shipping dairy cattle from the B.C. Fraser Valley into Alberta. They were in business together for 17 years. In 1974, Don underwent back surgery and they then sold their farm and purchased land near Rimbey. With pleasure, he kept a few of his purebred Simmentals that he had shipped in from Switzerland. In 1988, Don bought more land and returned to farming, as his son, Butch wanted to get into dealing dairy cattle and farming. In 1996, Don and Butch decided to buy a few buffalo, and by 2009, it was estimated that they have approximately 2500 head. Don retired after having back surgery again in 1994, and a knee replacement in June, 2000. Although having to slow

down a bit...he always held a love for his life on the farm, and he received a great deal of enjoyment from helping out with the buffalo. "Don will be missed greatly by his family and friends."

Don will be lovingly remembered by his beloved wife, Gwen; his son, Butch (Nicole) Smith of Rimbey; and his three daughters, Marie (Kent) Freer of Oak Harbor, Washington; Carol (Harley) Hawkings of Red Deer; and Shelly (Keith) Innes of Calgary; as well as eight special and cherished grandchildren, Taylor, Samantha, Kennedy, Valerie, Carmen, Guy, Jennifer and Stephanie. He will also be lovingly remembered by his three sisters, Olive Lund of Innisfail; Margaret Wagers, also of Innisfail; and Caroline Scott of Abbotsford, B.C.; in addition to many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends. Don was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Harold.

A Public Memorial Service in Celebration of Don's Life was held at the Leedale Hall, Leedale on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. with Mr. Don McFadyen officiating. Cremation took place at the Central Alberta Crematorium, Red Deer. If friends desire, memorial tributes in Don's Memory may be made directly to the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre, Box 440, Rimbey, Alberta T0C 2J0. Condolences to the Family may also be expressed by e-mail to: special_reflections@telusplanet.net.

CLINE

Gladys Mae Cline (Munro) passed away peacefully at the Innisfail Rosefield Centre on June 21, 2009 at the age of 81. Gladys had a full life. She was born and raised in Red Deer, Alberta and, although moved to Edmonton for a few years, she always felt there was no better place to live than Red Deer. She was very proud to be a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi where she held the position of president several times. She was also a member of the Highway W.I. Gladys worked as the office clerk at Corbetts in Red Deer for 20 years. She liked doing her needlepoint work and created many pictures for her family. She also enjoyed being a member of the bell choir at the Presbyterian Church. Gladys and Harvey enjoyed many years of going to their trailer at Caroline where they helped Gerry and Art Cliff on their farm and took many day trips driving around the back roads and visiting friends. She also got to travel to many parts of the world. One of the most memorable for her was going to Thailand with her Aunt Phyl. Gladys loved visiting with her daughter, Brenda, in Nova Scotia. When her health required her to have someone take care of her, she went to live with Barry, Colleen, Daniel and Matthew on the farm where she enjoyed telling stories of her life, reminiscing of time spent with each of her grandchildren, who she was very proud of, helping with the garden, sitting on the swing with her special puppy, Hosea, visiting with Kay Cummins (Colleen's mom) and making trips back to Red Deer to visit with her lifelong friends. When she visited with Brian and Mary Ann in Lethbridge, she enjoyed the day trips to Montana and going over the Logan Pass. Gladys resided in the Innisfail Rosefield centre the last eight months where she was well thought of and had excellent care. She will always be remembered for her sense of humor. She was predeceased by her husband, Harvey Vern Cline, her brother, Stanley Munro, and her sister-in-law, Margaret Cline. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Cline of Nova Scotia; sons, Brian (Mary Ann) of Lethbridge; and Barry (Colleen) of Innisfail, seven grandchildren, Melissa (Curtis) Hubert; Angie (Jeff) MacFarlane; Andrew (Melissa van der Leek) Cline; Annie (Christopher) McGregror; Patrick Cline; Daniel Cline and Matthew Cline, and eight great-grandchildren: Sam, Josh and Zach Hubert and Abi, Claire, and Emilie, Patrick, Andre, MacFarlane. A Celebration of Gladys life will be held at Eventide Funeral Chapel, 4820 - 45 Street, Red Deer on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Donations in Gladys memory may

be made directly to Canadian Diabetes Association, 6-5015 48th Street, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 1S9. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.eventidefuneralchapels.com. Service & Cremation Providers: EVENTIDE FUNERAL CHAPELS, 4820 - 45th Street, Red Deer. Phone (403) 347-2222.

FORSLUND

On Wednesday, June 24, 2009 Terry Forslund passed away at the age of 70 years. Terry is survived by his loving wife Diane of 48 years of marriage and his four children: Derrick of Lacombe, Steven (Bernice) of Cold Lake, Terri-Lee Engman (Neil) of Innisfail and Jeff of Innisfail; sister Arlene Felstrom; grandchildren Ryan, Rory, Gavin, Brittany, Bradley, Danielle, Robert, Jessica, Jennifer, Kierra, Cole and Matthew and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Terry was born on November 24, 1938 at Fort William, Ontario. On December 3, 1960 Terry and Diane Goodsell committed their lives to each other through marriage. Terry had a competitive nature and he excelled in many sports. His favourite activities were judo, fastball, golf and hockey. He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, enjoying both fishing and hunting when he wasn't welding. Terry lived his life fully, with purpose and steadfastness. His family and friends were confident of the importance that they had in his life. Terry will be remembered and missed. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Innisfail with Pastor Peter VanKatwyk officiating. Donations in Terry's memory may be made to Peace Lutheran Church, the Alberta Lung Association or charity of choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Innisfail, entrusted with arrangements. 403-227-0006. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., 4415-49th St., Innisfail. Telephone 403-227-0006.