

KENT

August 4, 1937 – February 22, 2009

James Ralph Kent passed away at the age of 71 on Feb. 22, 2009 at the Red Deer Hospital after a courageous battle with diabetes. Jim was born in Daysland, grew up in Turner Valley and spent 16 years with the Armed Forces in Victoria before making Innisfail his home. He is survived by his mother Alice; three children D'arcy (Eva), Rick and Dena; grandchild Codi; brother Ron; sister Lori (Rick); special friend June; and by nieces, nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by his father Ralph; and sister Shirley. Special thanks to the caring staff in the ICU department at the Red Deer Hospital. At Jim's request there will be no funeral service. A private family service was held. Cremation entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

McBRIDE

Harold McBride, beloved brother and uncle passed away on Feb. 27, 2009 at his home in Innisfail. Harold never married and he was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Sarah; sister Pearl; brothers Sylvester, Arthur, Gerald, Jack, James, Robert and Joseph. He will be missed by his surviving brothers Cyril (Ronnie) of Innisfail and Earl of Innisfail and numerous nieces and nephews. Harold was born in Belfast, Ireland Nov. 19, 1918 and came to Canada by the age of three with his family, settling in the Innisfail area in the late 1920s. Upon his release from the army after World War II, he returned to the family farm east of Innisfail where he farmed with his father and brothers, later retiring to Innisfail until his passing. Harold's life was based on the belief that hard work and honest sweat are the foundations of a person's character and lived by this belief his whole life. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 1:00 pm from Metcalf Funeral Chapel. Interment to follow at the Innisfail Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

PETERS

After a long and courageous challenge with cancer, Sister Catherine (Cappy) Peters, CND died February 25, 2009 at Rocky Mountain House Hospital, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. Cappy's gifts, talents and unstinting generosity touched the lives of many people in both Eastern and Western Canada. As professor of Home Economics at St. FX for 30 years, she shared her passion for teaching young adults the skills that they could use to contribute to society. Then, in 1991, when she went West, she continued her passion for teaching, now in informal ways, through discussion groups, Bible study groups, and peace education with staff and students at École Rocky Elementary, as well as with staff and students at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School in Innisfail, AB. In addition, Cappy's gift of hospitality and welcome touched the lives of all CNDs in Alberta so that 'Rocky' became the centre of celebration for most special occasions. Many people in the town also benefited from Cappy's warm hospitality. She leaves behind a legacy of caring, compassion and justice for the equality of all. A prayer vigil was held Friday, February 27, 2009, 8:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's

Catholic Church, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. Cappy was then flown to Charlottetown, PEI for a vigil at Notre Dame Convent, followed by a funeral liturgy at Holy Redeemer Church, Charlottetown, PEI.

SCHMID

Roberta Jean (Ward) Schmid died at the Innisfail Hospital on February 24, 2009. Jean leaves to mourn her loss: son Billy (Carol) Schmid of Edmonton, grandsons Davin Zsigrai of Sylvan Lake and Michael Schmid of Edmonton; daughter Lyda (Charles) Snyder of Naramata, granddaughters Nina Sedgbeer of Grande Prairie and Jenny Sedgbeer of Fort McMurray, great grandchildren Darian, Tyler, and Lilianna Geldart of Fort McMurray; daughter Lisa (Steve) Spalleck of Peachland, granddaughter Kristen Meersman of Penticton, grandson Chad Meersman of Peachland; and daughter Susan (Derek) Roy of Innisfail, Alberta, Derek's daughter Tammie Roy of Calgary and grandson Paul Roy of Innisfail. Jean was born on April 6, 1936 in Killam, Alberta, the only child of Bob and Nina Ward. At the age of 5, the family moved to B.C. and lived in many locations throughout the province. Jean and her children moved to her beloved Village of Valemount in 1967 where she remained until 2005 when she moved to Innisfail, Alberta. Many special friends in Valemount, at the Valemount Anglican United Church, and at Dodd's Lake Manor and St. Mark's Anglican Church in Innisfail will miss her. The many people from Valemount that called her Aunt Jean will also miss her. Jean was predeceased by her parents, Bob (1980) and Nina (1987), and her husband A. Herald Schmid (1990). A memorial celebration of Jean's life will be held at the Valemount Anglican United Church, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Lending Cupboard Society of Alberta, 5406-43 Street, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 1C9.

SWAIN

May 18 1918 - February 27, 2009

George Russell Swain was an accomplished horseman and well known in thoroughbred racing in Alberta. Russell was the last surviving member of the Swain family that won the 1948 Chuckwagon Championship in Calgary. Russell spent the remainder of his career racing thoroughbreds in Calgary and Edmonton. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church at 11:00 am. Interment to follow at the Innisfail Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

CHRISTIANSEN

In Loving memory of Gordon Christiansen, who was born May 29, 1919 at Dickson, Alberta and passed away March 8, 2009 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. Gordon will be lovingly remembered by Helen, his wife of 65 years, their children: Diane (Jim) Franssen, David (Marilyn) Christiansen, and Glenda (Norm) Perry, and grandchildren: Patrick (Heather) Franssen, Leigh Franssen (Gilles Pettit), Phillip Franssen, Jesse (Leah) Christiansen, Mark (Avey) Christiansen, Jena (Jaden) Klassen, and Joseph Perry, and one great grandchild: Hannah Franssen. Gordon also cherished and will be remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his parents: Carl and Laura Christiansen, his siblings: Homo (Christine) Christiansen, Esther (Harold) Mogensen, Bernice Christiansen, Eva (Ejler) Castella, infant son Glen, and nephews: Harvey Mogensen, and Allan Christiansen. Funeral Services will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Dickson, Alberta on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Reverend R. Fiege officiating. In lieu of

flowers, memorial tributes may be made to Camp Kuriakos, the Dickson Store Museum, or a charity of choice. Special thanks to the staff of Unit 33, and Chaplains of the Red Deer Regional Hospital, and to friends and family for all your prayers and support during Gordon's illness. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

SCARLETT

Edwin Thomas Scarlett of Innisfail passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the age of 77 years. Edwin leaves to mourn his loving wife of 45 years Barbara, and daughters Bev (Les) Carson, Lorna (Jason) Muise, Karen Scarlett, Teresa (Perry) Thompson, grandchildren Angie (Ian) and Evan Carson, Scarlet and Gered Thompson, Lucas, Jayna and Jonas Muise, great grandson Carson Dillon, brother Roy (Cordy) Scarlett, and brothers-in-law Geoff Hoar and Harry Puddifant. Edwin will also be missed by the Schroh family. Edwin was predeceased by his son Dan, daughter Patricia, parents Jack and Ethel Scarlett, and his sisters Alice Hoar and Myrtle Puddifant and sister in law Darlene Scarlett. Edwin was born and raised in the Little Red Deer area where he continued to farm and raise his family. Edwin loved the land, loved to dance, enjoyed a good card game, was a voracious reader, and amazed his children and grandchildren with his magic hands. In retirement he enjoyed curling, golfing, skating and sharing a coffee with his friends. He will be missed for his great embracing hugs and his wry sense of humor. Funeral Services will be held at the Innisfail United Church, 4720 48th Avenue, at 2:00 pm Thursday, March 12, 2009. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mem.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be directed to the Innisfail Health Care Center or the charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

SLOMKA

Jozef Slomka of Innisfail passed away on March 6, 2009 at the age of 83 years. Jozef was born September 18, 1925 in Wry, Mikolow, Poland. He proudly served with the 2nd Polish Corps and the British 8th Army. Joe was demobilized in Scotland and moved at the end of World War II to Yorkshire, England where he met Mary Wright. They married August 11, 1951. They had 3 children and decided to move to Canada in 1957 settling in Calgary. In 1962, the family moved to Red Deer and then to Innisfail in 1970. He was the Greenskeeper at the Innisfail Golf & Country Club from 1967-1975. He then worked at the Bowden Institution until his retirement in 1987. Gardening, camping and reading history and biographies were his favorite hobbies. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife Mary of Innisfail; son Leon (Tommasina) Slomka of Calgary; daughter Ruth (Steve) Avramovic of Vermilion; daughter Barb (Ron) Bristow of Innisfail; 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. He was predeceased by his parents Ludwik and Marie; brothers Stanislaw and Tadeusz and sister Maria. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 11:00 am. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

KINSELLA

Betty Kinsella, (Penner), beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, joined her Lord

and Saviour, Jesus Christ on March 10th, 2009 at the Innisfail Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully with her family at her side. Betty will always be remembered by friends and family for her cheery disposition, generous spirit and zest for life. Betty will be dearly missed by her four children; Trudy (Gus) Ziegler of Olds, Susan (Terry) Pepper, of Kamloops, B.C., Mike (Kenna) Hagstrom, of Camrose, Dave (Penny) Kinsella, of Innisfail; one step-daughter, Darlene Rosin, of Chestermere Lake; eleven grandchildren, Philip, Olivia, Joshua, Shaun, Ryan, Dustin, Joel, Travis, Riley, Amy, and Wyatt; four great-grandchildren, Logan, Ty, Caleb, and Kason; one brother Bob (Elma) Penner; two sisters, Marion (Evan) Addy, and Pat McKenzie; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, a great number of very dear friends, surrogate grandson Samuel Snow, and the "son of her heart", Corey Lewis. Betty was predeceased by her mother and best friend Louise Penner in 2001. Betty was born March 3, 1940 in Red Deer. She grew up in Red Deer and the Ponoka area. Over the course of her lifetime Betty also resided in the Wetaskiwin and Innisfail areas, and had resided in Red Deer since 1974. She worked various jobs including, telephone operator, office manager, sales manager. Betty took great satisfaction in achieving her Re-Hab. from RDC at the age of 52 and working with Parkland Class until last summer. It was working as a care provider for those with the greatest needs that she found her true calling. Betty's love for her own children was evident in the sacrifices she made to ensure that they had the best possible upbringing. Her life was a demonstration of practical love for those in need. Betty enjoyed dancing, traveling, listening to music, teaching Sunday school, spending time with children, and socializing with family and friends. A celebration of Betty's life was held at 1:00 pm on March 16, 2009 at the Deer Park Alliance Church 2960-39 Street, Red Deer. Memorial donations in Betty's name may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Samaritan's Purse, or the charity of the donor's choice.

LANG

January 1, 1940 to March 19, 2009

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Marie, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Marie passed away peacefully after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer with her family by her side. She is lovingly remembered by her husband Earl with whom she celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 20th 2008. She is also mourned by her children and their families Linda, Lloyd, Russ (Amanda), and Karlea, Wanda, Tim, Matt and Paula, Darcy, Agnes, Thomas, Scott and Rebecka, Tena, Lorne, Marina and Kolt. She is also survived by her siblings, Mike, Eleanor (Walter), Nick, Victor (Liz), Vicky (Bill), Alfred (Rose) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Walter & Rose Kwasnycia and her brothers, Roy, Peter, Walter and Bill. Marie was born in Rocky Rapids, Alberta, raised her family in Calgary and retired to her beloved farm in Raven, Alberta. There she used her green thumb to grow beautiful flowers and trees, and grew enough fruit and vegetables to feed herself, Earl and her entire extended family . A celebration of Marie's life will be held on Thursday, March 26th at 2:00 pm at the Innisfail United Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, 1331-29th Street NW Calgary Alberta, T2N 4N2. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave., Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

SCHWEDA

Julia Schweda passed away peacefully with her daughter by her side on March 20, 2009 in Rosefield Centre at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband Bill and daughter Heidi. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Siegred (Jim) Peitzsche of Innisfail;

8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. In respecting Julia's wishes, she will be cremated and a private family service will take place at a later date in Trail, B.C. Cremation arrangements were made by Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Innisfail, Alberta.

CLARK

Allan Dale Clark passed away peacefully at his home in Raven on March 28, 2009. He was born in Innisfail, Alberta on March 2, 1937. He attended the Pleasant Valley School and then went to the Composite High in Red Deer. He worked for several farmers, custom spraying, haying and trucking. He became known as Cactus Clark after working on numerous drilling rigs. Dale and Leone were married Nov 4, 1961 and moved to the Raven community in 1963; where they farmed and raised their family. He resided in the Raven area until his passing. Dale enjoyed dancing and farming; later in life he went quading and camping, did some traveling. Dale enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren, socializing and keeping tabs on all the neighbors. Dale was survived by his companion Rose Marie Ryan; daughters Heather Clark Brody of Caroline; Shelly Schmalzbauer (Daryl) Shyla, Nicholas, Payton of Raven; Jody Clark (Leigh Gibos) Danial, Christie and Joey of Coleman; sons William Clark (Silvia) Aaliya and Ethan of Caroline; Ian Clark of Comox, BC; grandson Dallas Olson (Krystle) great-granddaughter Deziree of Caroline; Brother Hugh (Diane) Gwen, Pattie, Leah and Rodney and families; sister Karen Marshall (Oliver) Clark and Clayton; sister in law Barb Clark, Dustin and Candice. A celebration of Dale's life will be held at the Innisfail Legion on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations maybe made to The Alberta Heart and Stroke Fund or AB Cancer Foundation. Personal Alternative Funeral Services in charge of arrangements.

FIELD

Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Rose Field (Olof Siggros) went home to her Lord at the age of 90 years. Rose was born November 28, 1918 in Markerville AB. to Olof and Gudmundur Gudmundson. Rose leaves to treasure her memory; children Larry & Sylvia; grandchildren Allison (Dave), Erin, Amber, Eugene and great granddaughter Ellen; daughter-in law Laurie; son in-law David; brother-in-law Cameron and many nieces, nephews and friends. Rose was predeceased by her husband Lawrence in 1972; her parents and siblings (also their spouses)- Margaret, Lena, Vi and John. As well as two sisters - in - laws (their spouses) and one brother - in - law and his spouse. A favourite childhood memory of Rose's was picking crocuses on the family farm west of Innisfail. She rode her racehorse Dexter to Heckla School. One winter, her father bought her a piano, moving it across the field by sleigh. Rose was married Nov. 15th, 1942 to Lawrence Field. Together they formed an orchestra and played for many dances in central AB, most notably at the Sylvan Lake hall to a packed house. Over the years Rose performed solo and with bands, some including - Harry Binning, 5 Aces, Diamond Willow, and the Rangelanders. Rose once sang with Mark Kenny at the Calgary Stampede. In her later years she played piano at church, for Fun & Fellowship, and sang in the Senior Serenaders. She worked at businesses in town - dry cleaners, a shoe store and the Independent Creamery. Rose operated Gulf Crestview coffee shop on hwy 2. Her last job pre retirement was as a head cook at the Innisfail Hospital for over 10 years. She traveled to Scotland, South Africa, the Caribbean, Nashville, California, Europe and P.E.I. Rose volunteered for the Kidney Foundation, and was a member of the Sons of Norway. In her own words "My family, my home, and the fellowship of neighbours and townfolk are of great joy to me." At Rose's request a graveside service was held at the Innisfail Cemetery on Friday March 27, 2009 with Rev. Dewald Delpont officiating. In Lieu of

flowers a donation may be made to the Rosefield Care Centre or Kidney Foundation. If friends so desire, condolences may be sent to ifh@telus.net.

KISH

Leslie Kish of Innisfail passed away on March 10, 2009 at the age of 87. Leslie was born October, 10 1921 in Feldebro, Hungary. Leslie immigrated to Canada with his family in 1929 settling in the Brooks area. He attended School in Brooks and farmed with his parents and brothers John and Joe. In 1946 the Kish family moved to the Balzac area, near Calgary, there they operated a dairy farm and also beef cattle. After the passing of his parents, Leslie and brother Joe moved to Innisfail in 1972 where he farmed and going to farm auction sales with his friends and neighbors, which was the highlight of his life. Leslie was predeceased by his parents John and Anna Kish; brothers John and Joe; sisters Helen, Anna and Irene. Leslie is survived by his niece Elizabeth Buday and family; nephew John Vekasi and family; also by great nieces and nephews and also many friends such as Carl and Elsie Matthie. Leslie entered the Linden Nursing Home in Aug 2004 due to health reasons and resided there since. Donations in his memory may be made to the Linden Nursing Home, Box 220, Linden, AB. T0M 1J0. Interment will be held at the Innisfail Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel , 4200 49th Ave, Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.
