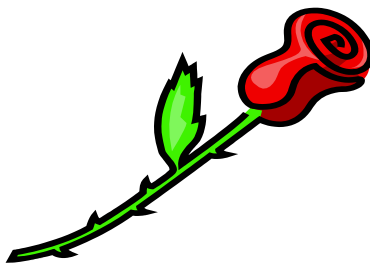


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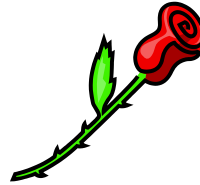
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Anne and Tony Agopsowicz



Anne May 10, 1932 - Feb 11, 2022

Tony Jan 19, 1930 - April 4, 2020

They started dancing in September 1979 at Luke's & Lucy's near Bonnie Doon. The Caller was Ernie Power and the beginner's Caller was Wally Ewing. In 1980 they became Charter Members of the Happy Homesteader's Square Dance Club in New Sarepta. The Caller was Wayne Russell. In about 1985 the Club relocated to Leduc, and there the caller was Dave Kurney. Since 1992 they have been dancing during the winter months at the Fountain of Youth RV park in Niland California. The original Caller there was Chris Vear. After 1997 the Caller has been Jonny Preston. In 1996 they took a trip to Osaka Japan and went to a Square Dance night there. The Japanese dancers were young and very friendly and excited to have honored guests from so far away. All the calls were in English, but the other dancers could hardly speak it. Even the Caller made a few humorous mispronunciations. They have attended several Provincial Conventions including one in Leduc as Club President, and also attended several National Conventions in Edmonton and Vancouver. They have also attended a number of outdoor Square Dance festivals such as the Peachland Square Dance Festival in BC with hundreds of dancers on plywood floors over the grass, and even some dancing on the sand and water. They enjoyed dancing for 39 years.

It seems the last photos of my mom and dad in their dancing outfits is from the Stars fund raiser, and a celebration of "30 years of dancing, both in 2018. Thirty years of dancing with the Leduc Happy Homesteaders suggest they would have joined the Leduc group in 1988.

Shirley Warren had mentioned that mom and dad were also founding members of the local Happy Homesteaders group in New Sarepta in 1980. Those early days saw many hijinks, stealing mascots and earning badges, such as the Idiot Badge (waking the caller and dancing a tip- everyone in PJs) and the Bathroom Badge (dancing in a bathroom).

They hosted a New Years Party for many years for their fellow dancers, after which they would travel south. The worst of the winter months were spent at the Fountain of Youth in southern California, where they had a second square dance family. One year a square of Happy Homesteaders travelled to the Fountain of Youth to steal their banner. They returned home with a Tacky Take-away Banner, to spare the FOY club a retrieval visit to the Great White North!

The pins and name tags they collected over the years attest to the many jamborees, campouts and Conventions they attended and supported.

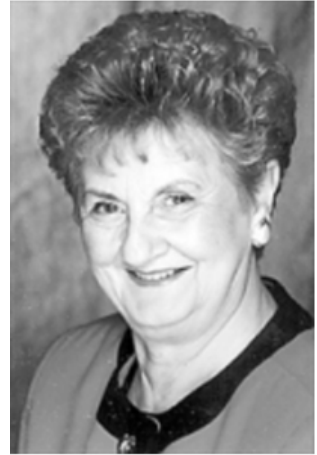
Square dancing gave Mom and Dad a lot of joy and purpose. They greatly enjoyed their square dancing friends and activities and I am sure that added to their long life.

Kate Agopsowicz
Daughter



IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Allen



Helen Dorothy Allen
June 6, 1921 – October 16, 2005

Helen, a true Edmontonian, was born, raised and lived all of her life in Edmonton. Shortly after the loss of her husband Fred, Helen began square dancing with the Buttons & Bows Club in the 90/91 season where she continued to be a member even to the day of her death. She was a talented artist and in preparation for special events such as Conventions she was most helpful in designing/creating decorations as well as for regular Club events. She was a valued supporter of Buttons & Bows Club for demos and visitations. Helen designed and sewed many beautiful square dance dresses.

It was a real joy to have her in the midst of any social function, as one would see her enjoying herself wherever she was in attendance.

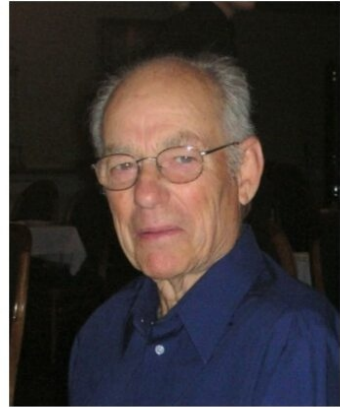
Helen was an active member and enjoyed singing with the choir at Southminister –Steinhauer United Church.

The Singles, West Edmonton Promenaders and Lukes & Lucys were also fortunate to have had Helen as an active member for many years. Her ready smile and bubbly enthusiasm lit up any room she graced.

*A Dear Friend that will
be missed by all*
George Anderson

Feb 27, 1930 - April 20, 2021

It is with sadness and much love that we say goodbye to George who passed away on April 20, 2021 at the age of 91. He will be forever loved and remembered by his wife of 41 years, Sandy and many, many family members and friends.



George led a very active life - he worked as a mechanic at the Healy Ford Motor Company for 38 years, was an active member of the Prince of Wales Armoury for 10 years, took up flying in 1997 and was quite proud when he received his pilot's license. He taught Judo at the Jasper Place Judokwai for 12 years, he was an accomplished traveller hiking and fishing with his brother Leonard for many years. He enjoyed dancing, swimming, skiing, and travelling with his wife Sandy. He was very proud of his Icelandic heritage, extensively researching his family roots including a trip with Sandy to Iceland in 1994.

Sandy says 'We started square dancing with Peggy and Al Deby, the Western Stars Club back in 1987 for about 3 to 4 seasons, and then we joined the Groovy Grover for about 6 years, followed by the St. Peter 2X4 in 1996 and then WEP in 2000. George and Doreen Williams did round dancing with the Wildrose Round Dance club for 8 years.

He was an active participant with the West End Seniors walking group and as if that wasn't enough he was also an amateur musician that learned to play by ear (more specifically the spoons, guitar and banjo). Later on, he decided to take up the piano as well.

On behalf of the family we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Millwoods Grey Nuns Hospital and the Capital Care Grandview Centre for their compassionate care and support during George's stay.



Harvey IN MEMORIAM Anderson

Harvey Alexander John Anderson
May 27, 1917 – November 14, 2002

Harvey was born in Oldmeldrum, Scotland (Aberdeenshire). Following family tradition, Harvey, as the second son, became a farmer, and raised Shorthorn cattle. One of his ancestors, Sylvester Campbell, had a herd of Kinellar cattle, which was the breeding stock for the cattle that came to Canada in 1847. A plaque, and a book, Shorthorn Cattle in Canada, which mentions his family, were donated to the Edmonton Archives by Harvey, and will be placed in the U of A Agriculture Bldg.

Harvey was always interested in other people, and traveled around the world by cruise boat. During their 27 years of marriage, he and Irene enjoyed many years of camping, and went on three tours to New Zealand and Australia, and one to USA. They also shared an interest in dancing, and learned to square dance in Camrose. They joined Twilight Twirlers in 1984, and became Publicity Directors for E.D.S.D.A. in 1989. Irene's background in dancing, and her experience with the media made her the spokesperson, but Harvey was always there to support her projects, encourage her ideas, and help in any way he could. He was always happy to be part of the activities. They led the square dance community into many new and interesting places, including a half-hour SHAW television special feature on square dancing. A highlight for Harvey was when the square dancers sang Happy Birthday to him at the Square Dancing Picnic-in-the-Park.

Harvey took hobby courses at the Seniors' Centre. He took a carpentry course and made a Guest Book stand for the McClure United Church, of which he was a member and an elder.

He had a great love of Robbie Burn's poetry, and donated a 100-year-old menu to Burns Club, Edmonton, in 2002, and it is in their archives with his photo. His name is on a statue in front of the Macdonald Hotel.

Harvey was a friend, a gentleman of strong character, with respect for others. He was loved by Irene and his extended family and is greatly missed.



IN MEMORIAM

Richard Arndt



Richard was born in a small town near Warsaw, Poland on June 25, 1937. He arrived in Canada July 1, 1948 with his mother, stepfather and 3 stepsisters. They lived near Barrhead the first year. Then they moved to a farm 12 miles north of Onoway, just 3 miles south of where the store is situated. His half-brother was born in 1953. At 15 he started to work in the butcher's shop in Onoway. This was the beginning of a 50 year career in meat processing.

On December 1, 1962 he married Dorothy Eileen Gibbs in Robertson United Church, Edmonton. They worked and lived in Edmonton until the spring of 1965 when they bought a farm in the Sion district on the east side of Nakamun Lake, AB. They both loved farming but the meat business kept calling. In May, 1969 they went into the retail grocery and meat business in a store in Onoway. They called it "Arndts Super A". In 5 years the business outgrew the old rental building so they started a new establishment at Nakamun Lake on the old farm. The May long weekend of 1975 "Nakamun Superette" opened for groceries and meat processing. In 1978 a gas bar was added.

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During our time in Onoway our friends Jim & Violet Wetherell persuaded us to join them square dancing in Spruce Grove, AB with the “DoSeDoe Dandies”. This very active club visited many Edmonton clubs and insisted we come along, since we were the only beginners that season. That certainly made us learn quickly

For several seasons we missed square dancing while establishing our new business at Nakamun Lake. Then in the fall of 1984 we helped start a club at the nearby Dunstable school. We called the club the “Lac La Nonne Lads and Lasses” because many of our members lived at Lac La Nonne lake year round. We closed the club with a great New Year's dance on January 1, 1988 since most of the local members were going to or had moved away and Richard and I were going on holidays in January that year – our 25th anniversary cruise with Jerry and Linda Pierce.

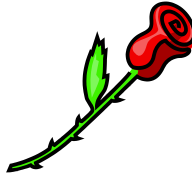
In the fall of 1988 we got together with square dance friends from the Westlock area to start a club at the Hazel Bluff hall just west of Westlock. We called the club the “Hazel Bluff Hilltoppers”. It ran for 10 years. Richard and I were president couple for several of those years. Richard always made sure he danced with the visitors and beginners. If I wasn't able to go dancing we made sure he could – we wore our Old-Faithful badges proudly.

After a year off, we joined the “Calahoo Nightowls” where my aunt Liz McLeod was a long-time member. When the club folded in the fall of 2009 we joined the “Morinville Yellowrock” square dance club along with several others from Calahoo. We danced in Morinville until Richard's health made it impossible to continue.

Richard passed away on May 6, 2011 at the U of A hospital. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by family, friends and the dance community at large.



Florence Bablitz



Florence passed away in November 2014 at the age of 84.

Florence was raised in the Waterways area of Northern Alberta. She moved to Edmonton, where she met her husband Cliff.

She did accounting at Woodward's and later worked for Dr. Gaudet and Dr. Cot. She became a big fan of the Oilers and Eskimos.

Florence was very involved with the City of Edmonton Fire Department, as her late husband Cliff was the former Chief of Training, and always loved visits from the members of the local station.

She was an avid clogger, starting with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers in 1989. She loved to be part of the entertainment at various functions.

In 1993 she began square dancing with St. Peter's 2x4's.

She loved to travel.

Florence loved her home and yard, and appreciated family, friends, and neighbours who enabled her to stay in her home until her death.

Florence leaves three sons: Cliff (Susan), Harvey (Gail), and Randy (Manon); as well as her grandchildren: Nicole (Scott), Tyler, Amy (Blake), Cara, Craig, Eric, and Carl.

Memoriam

Barillot, Eugene

Jul 8, 1940 - Jan 15, 2023



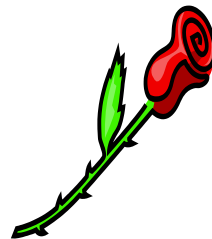
With sadness in our hearts, we announce the passing of Eugene Barillot of Edmonton. Eugene grew up near Island Lake, Alberta, a hilly wooded area filled with deer, moose, small mammals, and countless species of birds. As a youth, Eugene worked on a trapline and fished with his father where he grew to appreciate the delicate interplay between the flora and fauna of the region. Eugene's passion for learning and living life was energetically expressed by dancing, making music and art, and reading—especially in the fields of mathematics and science.

Eugene will always be remembered for his gentle, caring nature and his love of family, friends, and animals. He is already missed by his sisters, Anna and Ingrid, his niece, Barbra, his nephew, James, his six step-children: Carolyn (John), Laurel, Chris (Pat), Bruce (Alex), Wendy, Brenda (Geoff); and many grand and great-grandchildren. Eugene was predeceased by his beloved wife (Elizabeth), his father (Francois), and his mother (Margarete).

Eugene graduated from the Country Sunshiners in 1995 and danced with them for several years.

Memoriam

Doreen Baxter



Doreen Baxter, a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away on January 1, 2024 at 90. She is survived by her children Blaine (Karen), Keith (Val) and Janet (Garnet), six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Doreen was predeceased by her husband, John (Jack).

From her 80th Birthday Article

Doreen Baxter was born in Edmonton on September 11, 1933, and grew up on a farm in Sion, Alberta. She met Jack Baxter and they married in August of 1952, subsequently having three children, two boys and a girl.

In 1962, she and Jack, along with 5 other couples, became founding members of the Lindseeds Square Dance Club. They danced there until 1985, when Jack became terminally ill, passing away in Feb. 1986. In the fall of 1987, a square-dancing friend insisted Doreen get back into the squares, and she joined the Sherbrooke Shufflin' 8's.

Two years later, Doreen and a lady friend joined a singles dance club. The club, being short of men to dance the lead part made Doreen and her friend consider one of them learning the lead. Her friend looked at her and said, "You're taller – you learn it!" They both began attending the beginners classes with the 2X4's Club so she could learn the lead. Not one to stop at the basics, she also learned to round dance at that time, and later became a clogger as well.

During her 40+ years as a square-dancer, Doreen spent many years in various executive positions. She still dances with the 2X4's, dancing men's or ladies' parts as necessary. Need a partner? Doreen's the gal!

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Baxter

Nancy Baxter
May 4, 1918 - October 17, 2002



Nancy was born in Holland and came to Canada with her family by boat at the young age of about 14 months. She grew up in the small town of Hodgeville SK.

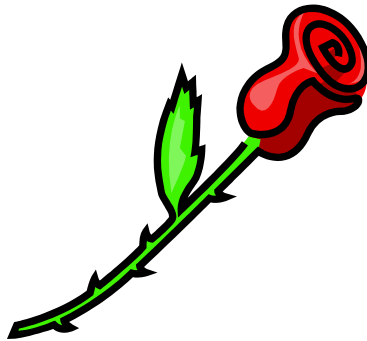
As a seamstress she sewed and designed crests for several sports and hockey clubs all over Alberta.

In 1982 Nancy took up square dancing which she thoroughly enjoyed for several years. She was a Charter Member of the Millwoods Country Sunshiners. Making many new friends and sewing beautiful square dance outfits became her joy in life .

Besides dancing Nancy enjoyed music, gardening, her pets and always had time for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Nancy will be greatly missed by her many friends, her two daughters, four grand children and three sisters.

“May we learn to appreciate the small things in life like she did “





John Belik

1931 - 2022

John was born in Jarvie, Alberta (north of Westlock) on May 24, 1931.

John joined the RCAF at the age of 18.

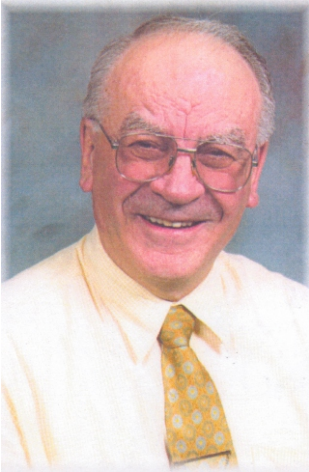
John and Deb got married in 1972. They had five children and fostered about 30 children.

John passed away at the Misericordia Hospital.

John and Deb were very active in the West Edmonton Promenaders square dancing club. They also willingly gave their time and talents to the Greater Dance Community.

John was a quiet man with a huge heart. He would always be there to help support his family and friends.

John danced on many occasions across Canada as well as down in Yuma.



IN MEMORIAM

Myron Belik
1934-2012



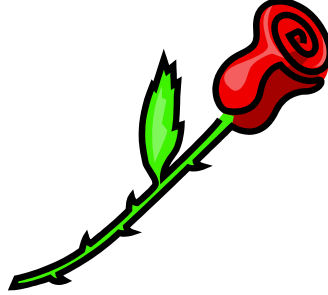
We are sad to announce that Myron passed away on the morning of April 11, 2012 at the age of 77.

Myron will be forever missed, and lovingly remembered, by his wife of 47 years Lavina; their children Russell (Marlene), Brian (Sandie), Garnet and Gavin; grandchildren Samuel, Nicholas and Lucas; siblings John (Debbie), George (Louise), Olga and Jeanne as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Myron was born and raised in Jarvie, Alberta. As a young adult he moved to Edmonton where he met Lavina and they raised their family. He began his career building bridges for several years and then was a fireman with CNR. He finished his career with Alberta Transportation where he worked for 33 years and received numerous awards of distinction. His hands contributed to the construction of many of the roads and bridges within Alberta. Early in his career he was an advocate for improved wages for the civil servants. He was also an active member of Scouts Canada and the Knights of Columbus for several years.

Myron was happiest visiting with family and friends, taking photographs and working with his hands. He also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading and spending time with the family pets.

Myron and Lavina square danced in the city with West Edmonton Promenaders and Edmonton Singles and most recently with Parkallen Buttons and Bows.



MARY ANN BELKIN

1936 – 2014

Mary Ann was born in India, raised and educated in London, England, worked with the British Forces in post war Europe, had a stint in the US, then settled in Canada with the love of her life Jack Belkin. Here Mary Ann was a loving and devoted mother and, at the same time, had a career as a legal secretary, then as a Personnel Administrator with the Alberta Government until her retirement in the late 1990's.

She was an avid gardener, especially loving many varieties of coloured flowers typical of an English country garden.

Her love of music led her to joining a variety of seniors' tap dancing, clogging and line dance groups in the city.

Mary Ann was certainly a clogging enthusiast. She clogged with Adele at Footwerx!, Joan at Wild Rose Country Dancers, and with Hope at Alberta Rhythm Cloggers.

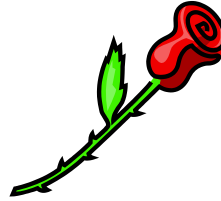
Despite her health difficulties, she enjoyed being part of the classes. She offered her Irish Rovers' CD for clogging use and shared her ideas about cueing with those who were interested in learning to cue.

Mary Ann rarely missed a class and continued to learn and to dance even when she had to sit on a chair to clog.

Quite an amazing lady. Her dancing friends will all miss her.

Her radiant smile and generous personality will be greatly missed by Jack, her husband of 50 years, her four children and six precious grandchildren on whom she doted and was their “supergrandma”.

IN MEMORIAM

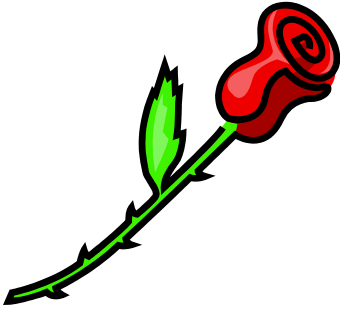


Irene Benedict

Margaret (Irene) Benedict passed away peacefully on August 17, 2013 at the age of 94 years. She was predeceased by her parents, Wilfred and Margaret Shier, her husband, Russell, and her daughter Maureen Orban. Irene will be lovingly remembered by her son, Glen (Chitra) Benedict and their children, Manish, Priya and Meenuka Singh and her grandchildren, Michael and Kory Orban. Irene was born and raised on a farm ten miles south of Chinook, Alberta. She received a teaching certificate from Calgary Normal School and Bachelors of Commerce and Education and Masters of Education from the University of Alberta. Irene taught in Alberta schools for 35 years, 29 of which were as a teacher and counselor at Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton. At the same time, due to the early passing of her husband, she raised her two children as a single parent. She was a dedicated and devoted parent. She will be greatly missed. **Above information from the Edmonton Journal August 20, 2013**

Irene enjoyed square and round dancing for many years. She danced with numerous clubs including Singles, Buttons and Bows, Lucs and Lucy's and round danced with Kensington Strollers. She also clogged with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers. She was known for designing and sewing her beautiful and elaborate dance outfits. Irene delighted many of us with the candied nuts she would bring to pot-lucks and after-dance treats.

She will be greatly missed by her dance family as well.



Mike Beraha

Feb. 16, 1925 - June 17, 2014

Mike Beraha was born Feb. 16, 1925 in Shanghai, China. He immigrated to Canada in 1945, WWII's end. He completed his engineering degree at McGill University. After he married, he and his wife joined a square dance group. Mike thoroughly enjoyed square dancing.

After his divorce he moved to Edmonton and danced with the Singles Club. There, he met Marge. Mike and Marge eventually married. They graduated from the Lindseeds Square dance group in 1984. Then, due to Marge's working evenings they had to give up dancing until they found the Country Cousins.

A highlight for Mike was in the 2005 – 2006 year when he printed a directory for the club which included individual couple and single photographs. Mike had to give up dancing when dementia made it too difficult to remember the steps.

Mike died June 17, 2014.



Don and Alice Berner

Don and Alice joined the Mill Woods Country Sunshiners in 1991-1992,

They were a very active square dance couple and visited several other clubs as representatives of our club. Don played the part of Santa on several occasions. Alice was a beautiful seamstress and made her own square dance dresses and Don's matching shirts and ties. When the club needed to move from Leefield Community Hall due to renovations in 2000 and our club wanted to continue dancing on Friday night, Berners' son in law offered the opportunity of renting Duggan Community Hall which continues to the present day. The name of our club was changed to "Country Sunshiners". They enjoyed round dancing and attended Jerry Pierce's square dance calling with the Fort Saskatchewan Golden Slippers.

Don continued his attendance and membership with our club after Alice's passing in 2005.

Alice Maude Berner

October 7, 1929 - May 17, 2005

Alice passed away with her family at her side. She was lovingly remembered by her husband Donald, daughters: Susan, husband Anthony and their children, Alyssa and Nicholas; Barbara, husband, David and their children Brandon and Lyndsey. She also left behind one sister, Gladys (May) Idler, one brother, Jack Howard as well as family and friends. She was predeceased by her first husband Peter Noga, brother James Howard and her parents Steven and Elsie Howard. A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Hainstock's Funeral Home. Graveside service followed at Belloy, Alberta.

Donald Theodore Berner

August 24, 1925 - June 6, 2022

On Monday, June 6, 2022 Don passed away at the age of 96 with his daughters by his side. He was a proud WW2 Veteran, husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa. He was a resident at the Kipnes Centre for Veterans for the last 4 years and 11 months of his life.

He always enjoyed whenever someone took the time to say hi and chat with him, or listen to one of his stories; he loved people.

He also spent many hours writing poetry and sharing his work. A poem he wrote many years ago was read at his memorial.

He was predeceased by his first wife Alice in 2005, parents Henry and Minnie Berner, and 5 siblings.

He was survived by Verle, his wife of almost 11 years, daughters: Susan McPhail (Anthony) and Barbara Newman (David), grandchildren Brandon (Gisele), Alyssa (Ben), Lyndsey and Nicholas, 2 sweet great-grandchildren Daniel and Joseph, sister Evelyn Pawluk, brother in law Ken Idler and many nieces and nephews.

Don's last wish was to be laid to rest by his cherished first wife Alice in Belloy,



Let's Remember

George "Bud" Bernier

June 7, 1937 - September 12, 2022

George passed away peacefully at home at 85 years of age with his loving family present. He lived his life to the fullest with raising a family and enjoying XC skiing and setting ski track, fishing, camping, dancing and selling 50/50's at P73C Music Jams and of course working as a machinist as well as many other jobs. He was

an extremely competent handyman. He could fix anything!

George was truly blessed; enjoying 20 years of retirement, having two loving marriages firstly with Delores who gave him 3 sons and a daughter: (Tom, Doug, Trent [Kristine], and Laureen) and he then married Christine giving him 3 more daughters and another son: Michelle Feil, Denise Parie [Mike] and Nadine Thomson [Chris], Shane Parie [Shanon]. He was then blessed with 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He'll be remembered for his generosity, fun filled nature, community spirit and crazy sense of humor. Each of his brothers called him "their favourite brother": Ron [Meryl], Stan [Elvera] and Les [Pat]. He will be extremely missed by everyone who knew him.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the nurses and doctors at the Devon Hospital Emergency and Lab Departments as well as Dr. G. Davies and Dr. P. Wang for their extreme kindness and dedicated skills to care for George. Also much appreciation goes to the Devon Lions Club for the loan of mobility equipment which greatly improved George's quality of life.

George and his wife Christine enjoyed square dancing for about 5 years. They danced with the Devon Club as well as being active members dancing regularly with the Country Sunshiners Square Dance Club in Edmonton.

George chose not to have a funeral hoping that he'll be remembered by those he enjoyed life with.

Euclide Berube



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Euclide Berube announce his passing on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at the age of 76 years.

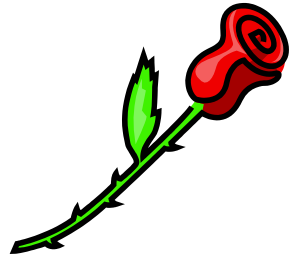
Euc (as we all called him) and Leah started square dancing with the Wetaskiwin Peace Hill Hoppers square dance club in 1993 when Andy Pennock was caller. They then joined Sandholm Crossroads Square dance club as charter members in 1997 when caller Dave and Joyce Kurney started the club. They danced at both clubs until they moved to Edmonton from Pigeon Lake in the fall of 2005.

They enjoyed many trips to Yuma, Arizona where they were host and hostess on the 'Buffalo Tour Bus' for 8 years. They quit going south in 2011 when Euc became ill.

Euc and Leah were always great ambassadors for square dancing encouraging new and seasoned square dancers alike to just have fun and enjoy yourself.

His warm smile will always be remembered and dearly missed by his wife Leah, of 34 years; children Joanne, Daniel and grandchildren: Andrea, Matthew, Leanne, Daniel and Benjamin and his many friends.

IN MEMORIAM



George Henri Bessette

Gerry was born on Jan. 12, 1929 at Girouxville, Alberta and passed away on July 30, 2009 in Leduc. He is survived by his loving wife Marie and by his three children (Jacqueline, Nicole, and Norman), five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gerry started square dancing in 1993 with his first wife Elsie at the Leduc Happy Homesteaders. After Elsie passed away in 1996, Gerry continued square dancing. In 1997, he married Marie, another square dancer and Homesteaders member. The two also joined the Sandholm Crossroads Dancers in 1997.

For the 17 years before his death, Gerry had taken lessons in Mainstream and Plus dancing as well as Round Dancing. He enjoyed the teaching, calling, and cuing of John & Mary Went, Dave & Joyce Kurney, Bob Weller, Gary Brown, Glen & Audrey Eliasson, Ernie & Charlotte Powers, Arlene McLafferty, and many other callers both here and in Yuma, AZ.

Gerry had leukemia for the last four years of his life and had slowed down somewhat but still square danced twice a week as often as he was able. He thoroughly enjoyed the music and the company of other dancers and the long-time friends he had met over the years while square dancing.

IN MEMORIUM

Edith Louise Bessey

December 4, 1929 - July 16, 1995



Louise Bessey died suddenly in B.C. in a traffic accident on Sunday July 16, 1995.

Predeceased by her parents, Ivan & Ilene Jackson of St. Stephen, N.B., Louise is survived by her loving husband, Dalton, her daughter, Diane and husband Geoffrey, of Sidney, B.C. and three brothers, Bob (Joyce) of St. Stephen, Mel (Ruth) of Edmonton and Lloyd (Alma) also of St. Stephen.

Louise was born December 4, 1929 and grew up in St. Stephen, N.B. She took her nursing training at St. John, N.B. General hospital. After graduation, she moved to Calgary General. A girl friend of Louise introduced her to her brother Dalton, who was stationed at Claresholm. Before long, Dalton and Louise were engaged and they married in 1958. Their honeymoon was spent travelling to France by train and boat. They lived four and one-half years in France where their daughter was born.



They returned to Canada, living at Cold Lake, Ab. They started square dancing at the base to Caller Couple Chester & Irene MacKay. After four years, they were transferred to Chatham, N.B. and finally back to Namao.

Louise and Dalton returned to square dancing in the 1970's with Spinning Wheel Squares at St. Francis School. Half of the class was unable to continue so it was suggested that they join the Lindseed class. They danced at the Lindseeds for many years and were President Couple of that club. They round danced with Dance-A-Lots and Bartonaires as well. After a few years, they progressed through Plus, A1 and A2 levels, dancing with Extra Dance and Trach 11.

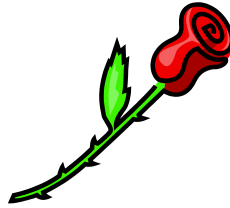
Dalton and Louise spent many happy times camping, on cruises and travelling to many countries. They enjoyed playing bridge at the Northgate Lions bridge club.

Louise will be greatly missed in our square dance circle. Her quiet manner and friendly ways will be remembered.

Connie Black

June 2, 2023

MEMORIAM



On Friday June 2, 2023, Connie Black of Edmonton, AB passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a long and fulfilling life of 89 years. Connie was part of a large loving family and will be remembered by her siblings Keith (Bunny), Jim (Donna), Sandy (Bill), Glenda (Jerry). Her daughters Sheryl, Sally (Ole), Sue and son Chris (Dan), Grandchildren Lisa (Tyson), Nikki (Richard), Chris (Jaylene), Patrick, and her great-grandchildren Hailey, Brandt, Alexander and Carson. Connie was predeceased by her loving husband George, sisters Monty and Mary, son David, Larry and Cathy.

She was a vibrant and active member of many social groups over the years including curling, square dancing, knitting, gardening, etc. She was born in Cardston, AB in 1933 and moved to Edmonton with her family. She worked as a dental assistant for over 20+ years and after retiring she enjoyed a life of volunteering, leisure, and travel. Connie and George travelled extensively in Canada and U.S and spent many winters in Arizona. One of her true passions in life was her animals, having many dogs and cats over the years. She was a sassy, energetic, loveable lady that will be deeply missed by her many friends and those that had come to know her.

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George and Connie graduated as square dancers with St. Peter's 2x4's in 1988 when Andy and Hope Pennock were caller couple. They remained with that club and were President Couple in 1993-94. They learned to round dance with Norm and Doris Simons and enjoyed that activity for a number of years. In 1990 they began clogging with Hope Pennock's Alberta Rhythm Cloggers and continued clogging for many years with that club, as well as with Footwerx and the Wild Rose Country Dancers.

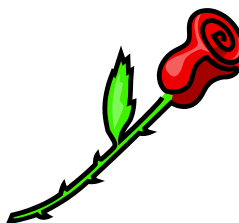
They travelled extensively - in nine countries and in all but five of the United States. In their fifth wheel they travelled to many national and provincial conventions and dance festivals. They wintered in Arizona for a number of years.

When no longer able to participate in these more active hobbies and activities she learned to knit and made 508 toques for Knit for the Needv.



George & Connie Black

1996



George Black

September 9, 1926 - March 11, 2014

On March 11, 2014 George passed away with Connie his wife of 48 years at his side.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

George was born in Lougheed, Alberta and spent forty years in the insurance business. He enjoyed curling and bowling. An avid gardener he supplied food for both Meals on Wheels and the Food Bank. The Blacks generally had two dogs (often recycling the name Brandy) and later two cats.

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We will miss George and his quiet sense of humour.

Jack Blackman

IN MEMORIAM



Jack Cambell Blackburn 1931 - 2004
Square Dancer: 1984 - 2004

On June 3, 2004 Jack Blackburn of Edmonton, Alberta passed away at the age of 72 years. He is survived by his children, Alan, Doug, Jackie, Donna, Daryl, Jacqueline, and brother William (Ruth). Nephews & numerous grandchildren.

Jack was born and raised in Ontario's Ottawa Valley. He moved to Alberta at age 21 and was married to wife Sylvia in 1967. In the 80's, he was honored with an award for ten years for service as a volunteer for the John Jensen Centre working in conservation placing nestings for Wild Life.

Jack started dancing in 1984 with Peggy and Al Deby in the west end of Edmonton's square dancing club. His wife Sylvia passed away in 1996 and Jack became a square dancing gypsy, traveling from one club to another in both Canada and the States.

Never passing up any special dances, Conventions or pot luck suppers with the chance to socialize with long time fellow square dancers and friends.

I know many of you will remember and miss Jack in the Spring and in the Fall when he would pass through, either leaving or entering his winter home in Port Site and other destinations in the USA.

I will miss my long time friend and fellow square dancer.

I write this in memory of Jack Blackburn.

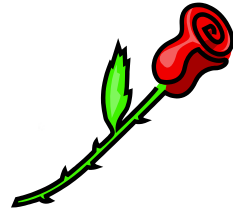
Thank You for being a friend

Joyce Lariviere



IN MEMORIAM

Rita Borle



Rita Patricia Borle
1929—2005

Rita Borle (Hinch) was born April 13, 1929 in Edmonton and passed away at the Royal Alex Hospital on Aug 20, 2005. Rita married Gerard Borle in 1948, following which they lived in and around St. Albert until moving to Morinville in 1962. It was in Morinville in 1986, that Rita and Gerard started a new life of square dancing as founding members of the Morinville YellowRock Dancers, dancing to Caller Doris Morin. Rita and Gerard participated as President couple and continued as very active club members to the completion of the 2004-2005 dance season. Rita had a real passion for Square Dancing which she shared with Gerard and in addition to dancing regularly on Monday nights with the YellowRock Dancers, most often you would find them dancing up a storm with the Bon Accord Kick-A-Poo Kids on Thursday nights.

Dancing at other clubs in and around the Edmonton area was also a specialty for Rita and Gerard as was their attendance at many of the summer square dance campouts. Rita will be fondly remembered and forever missed by her husband Gerard, their family and her many square dance friends.

Rest In Peace Heavenly Dancer.

Submitted by Gary & Lois Wood at Gerard's request



Wilfred Bosse

January 1st, 2020



The family of Wilf Bosse announces his peaceful passing at home with family by his side on January 1, 2020 at the age of 84.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Barb, of 63 years; his children, Robert, David, Terry, Carol, and their spouses. Wilf also has 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with one on the way. He will be dearly missed by numerous relatives and friends.



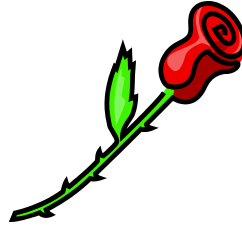
Barbara Bosse

March 9th, 2020



How can 84 years seem so short? On March 9, 2020 Barbara Irene Bosse died from cancer after a short stay in the excellent care of the Norwood Hospice. Born on September 29, 1935 in Sale, England, Barb came to Canada at age 14 with her parents and younger sister. While working at Canada Safeway as a cashier, she met and married her husband of over 64 years, Wilf Bosse in 1956. Her three sons were born over the next 4 years and after 7 years rest, she finally got the daughter that she had wished for close to Christmas 1967. After raising her children to young adults, she began her second career with the Workers Compensation Board and worked there for over 25 years in a senior manager role. Retiring at age 55, she and her husband spent over 20 happy years, Square Dancing, Golfing, travelling to Hawaii, and exploring Arizona where they spent their winters. They loved to entertain and would often have members of the Poppy Street gang over for Happy Hour after golf, at their Park Model trailer. Once her husband's health forced them to slow down and stay in Canada, many happy days and evenings were spent with her family and friends playing cards or visiting around a campfire. Barb was calm, sensible, organized and caring in all that she did. She was the kind of person that strangers would talk to on the bus, as she put everyone around her at ease as a kind soul that they could trust in. A dedicated wife, a loving mother, and a good friend to all who knew her, she will be sorely missed. Predeceased by her husband in January of 2020, she leaves behind her loving family, Rob and Bonnie, Dave and Deb, Terry and Paula, Carol and Paul, and her sister Jean Borchert. For her 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, she provided many fond memories of a loving grandmother. For a life well lived and enjoyed, rest well now Mom, and say Hi to Dad for us.

Wilf and Barbara started dancing with Linseeds Square Dance Club and continued on dancing with Double Diamonds Square dance Club.



David Boyd

July 26, 1951 - April 29, 2015

In memory of David Boyd, a long-time ESDSA member who always surprised us with his ability to converse in rhymes. David passed away on April 29, 2015 and left in his memory a large family of square dancer friends. It was Bob Cottle that introduced David to square dancing and like everything in David's life he took it seriously and with passion. David was a letter carrier with Canada Post for most of his career life. He loved his job and always went over and above the call of duty on his mail route. After retiring from Canada Post he became a delivery person for medical supplies and again, worked at this job with commitment and passion. His church was very important to David, and in David's way he dedicated both time and effort to whatever was required of him. David started dancing in 1975 and joined the Edmonton Singles Square Dance Club in 1980 and was a very active member. He did whatever was required of him, from opening the community hall and helping setup, to ensuring that the hall was locked up securely after everyone left. He also was very conscientious about ensuring that the single ladies were accompanied to their car safely for their drive home. He was president for one term from 2006 to 2007 and was considered the official photographer of the club with his up-to-date cameras and phones. David was a competent Square and Round Dancer and was an "angel" for many new dancers. He always had hugs and kind words for members and visitors. David was diagnosed with leukemia in August, 2013 and after many treatments, extended stays in the hospital, many many blood transfusions, David lost his battle to this disease. You will be missed by your square dance friends, David.

David Boyd

A long-time ESDSA member who always surprises with his ability to converse in rhymes

I am David Boyd. I became a letter carrier on Nov 15, 1968
and I would always deliver the mail fast + try not to be late.
I had 550 houses to deliver mail to every day.
As I stepped from my house to go to work + earn my pay.
I knew who was married, divorced, shaken up
breakin up + many a times maken up.

I would always pray to GOD to help me deliver on the 15 mile route.
And sometimes at Xmas I was given many gifts from people who loved my
service as I showed I cared + gave a hoot.
God answered all my prayers every step of my way
and then one day in August 1987, as I prayed, I found a baby I say.
It was about an 8 lb baby girl crawling up the street
and no one was with her in the 80° heat.
I carried her in my mail sack,
for 22 houses along my mail track
Then I took her to a pension couple's house for help that day
and they took her to the babysitter across their alley
looking after 7 or 8 babies as a babysitter earning her pay.

As I got older in my life
I decided to stay single + not have children + not have a wife.
As I stayed single
Then I had more ladies give me a jingle.
I would go to church on Sunday
To pray for Peace + better health for everyone in the world today.
Then in the mid-seventies, my church had a men's breakfast,
once every month for a year.
They brought men together with fun, fellowship + cheer.
As soon as the breakfast started for that year.
Who lead it was Bob Cottle + it brought us cheer.
After about 4 years of breakfast, then Bob asked us that wanted to,
to get involved in Square Dancing
To bring us all more Fun, Fellowship and Friendship + Exercise + CHEER
for every week, month + every year.

So I have been square dancing since about 1975
Enjoying the movements of music + exercise to feel alive.
I have enjoyed swinging all the ladies to the left and to the right
and trying to hold them tight.

David Boyd

Then some after dances took me out for a delight,
(muffin + coffee) with no argument and no fight,
When I always gave my partner girl a great big twirl
I would always say to her "She was my Girl."



Also I round danced and plus danced with many nice ladies.
Young looking and not yet in their eighties.
I enjoyed the cues and movements of Tips of my Fingers +
The Last Waltz for You as I did it with many ladies.

**David
Boyd**

Now I have slowed down from Square Dancing as I am sick
with Diabetes + Leukemia.

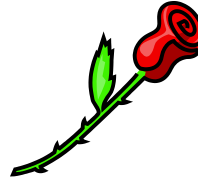
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*David joined Edmonton Singles Square Dance Club in 1980 and
has been an active member since. He was President one term
from 2006 to 2007. Since the Club started dancing at Queen
Mary Community League Hall, David has often been first to
arrive to open the hall and set up for dancing and the last to
leave after cleanup. David is a competent Square and Round
Dancer and has been an "angel" for many new dancers. He
always has hugs and kind words for members and visitors.*

*David was diagnosed with leukemia August 15, 2013 and after
treatments, when he could, was back square dancing and
socializing. He maintains contact with club members.*

*You're missed by your square dance friends, David. We wish you
a speedy recovery and hope to see you on the dance floor soon.*





Norma Bracuk

(January 8, 1934 to February 23, 2015)

Erna Norma Oswald was born January 8, 1934 in South Edmonton, Alberta, the eldest of a family of five. She attended a two room school in the District of Sprucedale-Leduc, Alberta. Norma grew up on the family farm. Her parents were Edward and Elsie Oswald. When she was 12 years old, her Dad sold the farm and bought a machine shop in Edmonton. She attended King Edward School for 2½ years. Her father wanted to go back farming and bought another farm in Spruce Grove, Alberta. Norma graduated in 1953 from Stony Plain Memorial High.

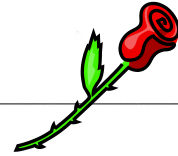
Norma's first job was for The Department of National Defense—Army in Central Registry (Western Command). She met her husband, Alexander (Ted) Bracuk, in the canteen on the military base. He was in the Air Force. Norma and Ted married June 3, 1955. They had five children and 5 grandchildren.

Norma started square dancing in 1984 with the Lindseeds in Gold Bar Hall. She earned her “Old Faithful Badge” in 1985. She earned 27 Dangles, and missed only 2 in 1986 and 1997. Norma has been dancing for 39 years, most recently with the Double Diamond Dancers. Norma and Vivian Antoniuk were the Treasurer Couple for the Double Diamond Dancers.

On Monday, February 23, 2015, Erna Norma Bracuk went to be with the Lord after a full life of 81 years. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her five children, Darlene (Gordon), Allan (Tanya), Michael (Carla), Linda (Brad) and Chris (Cheryl); grandchildren, Alexis, Joel, Kristen, Annika and Lainey; siblings, Ruth, Ronald (Rosemarie), Mildred (Ray) and Herb (Dora); brother-in-law, Bill (Margaret); 11 nieces and nephews; numerous friends and extended family members. Norma was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Ted; parents, Elsie and Edward; brother-in-law, Gilbert and niece Shelley. Norma will be greatly missed but always remembered!

Gerald Brady

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IN MEMORIAM



Gerard (Gerry) Brady

May 20th 1926 – September 18th 2006

Gerard Brady was born to John and Hilda Brady at Barnsley England. His Father was a Police Officer so they did move to different places in England. He had four Brothers.

Gerry came to Canada in 1950 and worked in Ontario till 1952. He then came to Alberta and worked in the oil fields for a while then came to Edmonton and worked at Canada Packers.

Gerry loved to dance and one night he met a young widow Mother of two teenagers. Gerry and Hilda Elston were married on November 15th 1958. Shortly after they got married they started Square dancing and that became their passion. Later they did some traveling and square danced in Canada and other parts of the world.

Hilda's daughter Carole Married Charles Sexsmith and they had three daughters and Jerry thoroughly enjoyed these Granddaughters and these last years the Great Grandchildren.

Gerry enjoyed Theater and loved dressing up in or like all kinds of characters for many occasions like Halloween and for the Christ Star Light Youth group he worked with in St Michaels-Resurrection Parish. He was also A Scott leader. It kept Hilda busy making costumes for him. He loved buying gifts and worked many years as Santa Clause.

Hilda died on January 21 1998. Then at a square dance Party May 16th 2000, He met Vera Huber and they married on July 6, 2002 and got to enjoy her very large family. Gerry and Vera danced Square and Round and Ballroom Dancing at least three times a week as well as theater once a week. Gerry played with our cat Sassy-sue and took our dog Ginger walking every day right up to the last two months before he died with Cancer. He was an avid reader till the day of death.

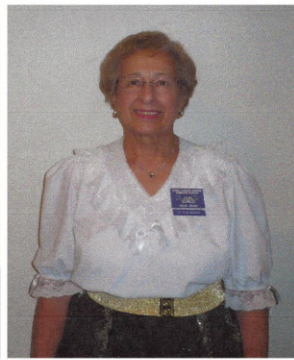
Submitted by Vera Huber-Brady



Donald Brian



July 13th, 2021



October 10th, 2017



Irene Brian

It is with heavy hearts that the family announce the passing of Donald Sinclair Brian on July 13, 2021 at the age of 84 years. Don will be forever remembered by his loving family, daughters, Mary Ann (Derrick) Ploof and Sharon (Fred) Kegel; grandchildren, Alyssa and Alex; brothers and sisters-in-law: John (Claudette), Henry (friend, Julie); Helen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; loving wife, Irene (nee Wawrzonek); father and mother-in-law; brothers-in-law, Leo and Joseph; sister-in-law, Dawn, and nephew, Gary.

Irene was born on December 10th, in Guy, Alberta and grew up on a farm with her parents, four brothers and one sister. She attended a one room school two miles from home with approximately 30 students from grades one to eight. The school consisted of a teacherage, a barn, a baseball diamond, a four piece swing set and had a brook running through the far end of the property. She was tutored for grade nine and took grade ten by correspondence. Grades eleven and twelve were completed at McClennan High School. She attended the University of Alberta in 1954-55, received her teaching certificate, and started teaching at the age of 19. Through summer school and night classes she eventually received her Bachelor of Education degree. She taught in Manning, Grande Prairie, Calgary, Guy and Edmonton, but mostly in Edmonton.

Irene met Don in Calgary and they were married in 1966. Irene taught for 32 years - all grades from 1 to 7. She taught Remedial Special Education in the later years of her career and retired in 1993.

Irene and Don started square dancing in 1999 with the newly formed Double Diamond Dancers and also with Plus dancing with the Lukes and Lucy's.

They both enjoy RVing and camping and have travelled across Canada, the USA, and Poland and have taken several cruises.

They volunteer at their church (St. Edmund) and have worked at the food bank for twenty years.

Irene and Don are very proud of their two daughters and two grandchildren.

Irene enjoys the square dance world and is thankful for their friendship over the past 16 years.

Douglas Brown

IN MEMORIUM

DOUGLAS RHAD BROWN

January 4, 1920 - March 9, 1995



Doug Brown was born and grew up in Edmonton, the son of a pioneer businessman. He met Thelma Hennessy in 1937 and they were married four years later.

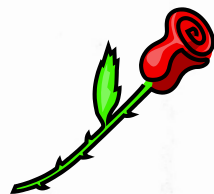
Following the war, Thelma and Doug returned from Vancouver Island, and Doug entered the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta as a veteran.

The Browns have a family of three sons and one daughter, Noel, Ian, Murray, and Lorraine; and seven grandchildren. In the early fifties Doug left the drugstore pharmacy and became a pharmaceutical salesman. After driving many miles around Alberta, he bought into a retail drugstore - Roi Drugs Calder Ltd. in the late fifties. His personable way with people earned him a loyal customer base and the business grew.

Following the sale of his business, Doug enjoyed his retirement. One of his most prized possessions was his mobile home which he kept in immaculate condition. Thelma and Doug enjoyed wintering in Hawaii and spent many happy hours at their cottage at Sandy Lake, though not on the beach, as Doug did not like sand between the toes. Doug and Thelma celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1991.

After an early association with Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights Square Dance Club, Thelma and Doug rejoined with the new dancer class of 1978. Since then they have danced at both round and square dances two or three times weekly as members of both Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights and the Whirlaways Square Dance Clubs.

Doug will be greatly missed by his many friends in the dancing community of Edmonton.





Thelma & Douglas Brown
dancing at Tait Twirlers



Wally Broen, CA

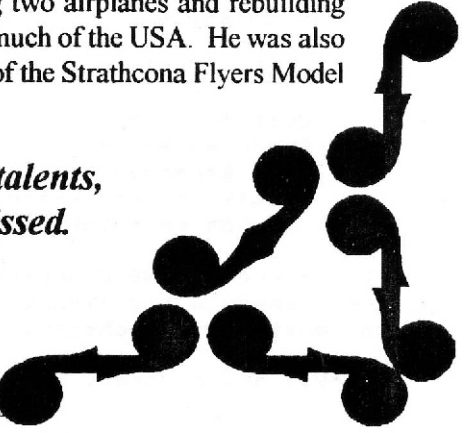
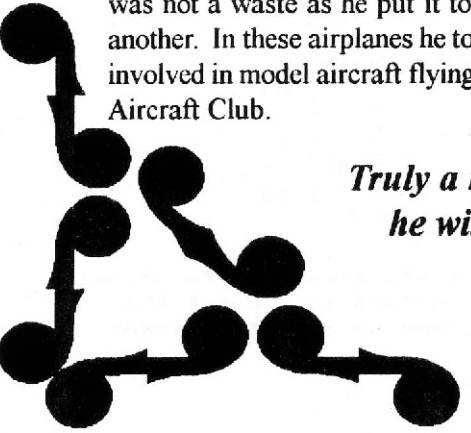
March 30, 1926 - October 6, 1996

Wally and Betty started square dancing in 1985 when they joined the Sherbrooke Shufflin Eights. It wasn't long before they got involved in the executive of the club, becoming Treasurer Couple in 1987 and 1988 and then Vice President in 1994, President in 1995. Wally was Past President of the club when he passed away.

Wally was also active in E.D.S.D.A. being Treasurer in 1989 and 1990 and then taking over as President in 1993.

Wally had many other interests outside square dancing. To list just a few...He was a member of the Sons of Norway for 30 years and was just made a lifetime member. During that time he was the Secretary and, of course, President. He was also active in the St. David's Welsh Male Boys Choir and the St. Augustine Anglican Church Choir. He was also an accomplished musician playing both the piano and accordion.

Wally took his first year of commerce then decided he didn't like it, so he switched to NAIT where he took aeronautics. After he was finished, he decided there was no future in this around Edmonton, so went back to University and finished his commerce course, becoming a Chartered Accountant. His aeronautics course was not a waste as he put it to good use building two airplanes and rebuilding another. In these airplanes he toured Canada and much of the USA. He was also involved in model aircraft flying, being a member of the Strathcona Flyers Model Aircraft Club.



*Truly a man of many talents,
he will be sorely missed.*

IN MEMORIAM



Gary Brown



Gary Owen Brown of Camrose passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the age of 72 years.

Born November 25, 1940 in Chatham Ontario, Gary was an only child raised by his mother Hazel and his step father John Brodie, until he moved to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta in 1958 to live with his father Claire Brown, his step mother Echo and his step-sister Sharron. Gary attended Fort High with Sharron where he easily fit in with his always friendly and gregarious nature - he even became the only male cheerleader at his high school!

In 1959 Gary decided to follow in his father's foot steps and go into barbering - attending the Molar Barber College in Edmonton. Barbering was a natural vocation for Gary, with his innate ability to talk to anyone and to make them feel liked and comfortable.

In 1960, Gary married Donius Stebbins in Edmonton. Gary and Donius had been long time friends and had dated in Chatham. They became proud parents of two sons, Dwayne born in 1962 and Kevin born in 1964. Kevin was born with cerebral palsy and because of this Gary would eventually serve on the Board of the Robin Hood Association for the Handicapped in Sherwood Park. Gary was also very proud of his grandchildren Claire (1990) and Alex (1999).

Gary barbered for many years in various barbershops in Edmonton (literally cutting thousands of people's hair), until he opened his own shop at Westmount Shopping Mall in 1981. Over the years Gary also worked for a short time at the University of Alberta in their central stores warehouse order desk and he also took night classes in business and administration at NAIT. Gary always kept busy, never standing still for very long. In order to spend more time with his boys he became a Scout Master and Venture leader for over 10 years in the 70's. Gary also really enjoyed teaching Round Dancing in the late 70s with Donius, which also gave him a creative outlet.

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As life evolved, Gary and Donius decided to go their separate ways in 1982, which allowed for a new chapter in Gary's life to unfold when he met Maurina, appropriately enough, on the dance floor at Danny Hooper's Stockyard. They married in 1984 and later that year, their daughter Dorina was born.

Gary sold his barbershop in Edmonton and began selling barber and beauty supplies moving to Camrose in 1989 to be more centrally located to his territory and it was in Camrose that Gary, Maurina and Dorina proudly made their home. In the mid-90s, Gary underwent surgery that left him unable to drive long distances and so he went back to work barbering as well as began working at Family and Community Services as an in-home worker. His work at FCS afforded him the opportunity to enjoy 11 years as an Educational Assistant with Battle River School Division, working at Bashaw School, Charlie Killam School and PACE Outreach School. While at PACE, he was given the nickname "Downtown Gary Brown", a name he was proud of and often introduced himself as!

Gary served on the board of the Camrose Arts Society, including four years as President. He was passionate about the arts in Camrose. He supported the Chuck McLean Arts Center, emceed various stages at Jaywalkers Jamboree and emceed Music on Main. Gary had a vision that Camrose should have a Performing Arts Centre and worked tirelessly toward that goal; he was thrilled when ground broke.

He was a long-standing member of Camrose Toastmasters and judged 4-H speech contests for several years. Around 2005 Gary realized a long time dream of opening his own dance studio and "Dance The Floor" offered everything from Ballroom to Salsa. He particularly enjoyed his Music and Movement class with infants and toddlers.

While the last few months had not been kind to Gary health wise, he continued to barber and dance, two activities he truly loved. Left to celebrate his life are his wife Maurina and daughter Dorina, sons Dwayne (Ottawa) and Kevin (Sherwood Park), grandchildren Claire and Alex (Ottawa), and cherished family and friends.



IN MEMORIAM

Sheila Buchanan



SHEILA BUCHANAN

"Sheila Kathleen Buchanan"

(September 21, 1932 - June 12, 2006)

On June 12, 2006 Sheila passed away at the age of 73 after a determined and valiant battle with cancer.

Sheila began her dance career with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers in 1993. An avid clogger she also danced with the Wild Rose Country Cloggers and with Footwerx.

She was a member of the Footwerx demonstration team.

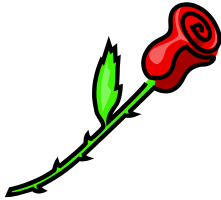
Sheila and Roberta Butt began square dancing with the West Edmonton Promenaders in 1996 and graduated in spring of 1997. The following year they joined St. Peter's 2x4's. In 1999 her new special friend Norm Corness joined her in square dancing which gave Sheila the chance to learn the lady's part. She was a faithful 2x4 member on Fridays even in her last year when she could only do the odd waltz. She was still there visiting, always upbeat. We remember the days when she was a strong 2x4 choir member who also pitched in with other entertainment and to make the Firefly Hoedown weekends a success.

She and Norm began round dancing with Simons' Tait's Twirlers in 1998. They continued from 1998 to 2000 with this and other round dance groups.

She is survived by two sisters, nieces and her step family, as well as by special friend Norm Corness and her dancing friends.

Bernie Bulger

February 24, 1931 - November 3, 2013



It is with great sorrow, yet gentle relief, the family announces the passing of our husband and father, Bernie on Sunday, November 3, 2013.

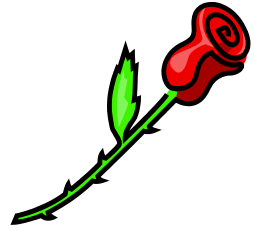
Bernie leaves his wife of 60 years, Kay; his children: Susan (Russell), Nancy, Joe (Karen), Chris (Marion), Kevin (Denise) and Brian (Fran); ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Elaine Nault; brothers, Tom (Jeanne) and Charlie (Eileen); and numerous nieces and nephews. Bernie was predeceased by his granddaughter, Amberly Rose and his brother-in-law, Marcel Nault.

His lifelong passion and enjoyment came from snowmobiling, and he enjoyed coaching and later refereeing lacrosse. He was an avid reader and fascinated with anything concerning aviation and small planes. In later life, he spent much of his time at the computer. For many years, he and Kay square danced, camped and travelled with family.



Memoriam

Peter
Buryn



July 06,1935 – Sept 14, 2016

Peter was an avid square and round dancer for about 30 years. He started dancing with the Singles in 1985. He supported many clubs in Edmonton as well as any place that he visited including Penticton and all of the provincial and many national conventions. He particularly enjoyed dancing with the Extra dance club with Murray and Barb Few. Peter round danced with Glen and Audrey Eliasson, and earlier with Norm and Doris Simons, Jack and Marie Balfour, and John and Dorothy Barton.

Peter died in hospital on September 14. He is survived by his wife Doris, his daughter Janet and son Rodney [Barb], grand children Wesley and Jacki [John] and great grandson Josef. He is also survived by Doris' family Janet [Art], David [Mable], Phil [Tracy], Carol [Andy], 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Also survived by an extended family of one sister and four brothers.

Peter was always fun to have in your square or round dance circle. He was a good dancer and always had a smile or a funny tale to tell. He spent many wonderful hours sharing his love of dancing and music with so many great people. Thanks for the memories.

Paul Busch

Caller



IN MEMORY OF PAUL BUSCH

Paul started squared dancing with the Richmond Revellers in Calgary in the early 1960's and a few years later became interested in calling. With help and encouragement from Jim Stoner, the Caller for the Dots & Dashers at that time, Paul started practicing some calls. Paul then attended a callers' school conducted by Jack Stewart and Orval Martin. Upon graduation Paul and his wife, Shirley, formed a club called the Silver Stars and they continued as callers for the club until a business transfer to Edson in 1975.

The Edson Twirlers Square Dance Club had Andy Pennock for a caller at that time; he commuted from Edmonton once a week. After much persuasion by Andy, Paul consented to take over the club as a full time caller and Paul and Shirley remained caller-couple for the club until Paul was forced to retire from calling because of ill health in April, 1990.

Paul was a firm believer in square dancing for fun and with his sense of humor he promoted many happy events with the club, one of them being the yearly Mothers' Day Weekend. Under Paul's encouragement the Edson Twirlers sponsored many fun square and round dance activities for earning badges such as the Donkey Dance, the Ferry Dance, the Igloo Dance and many others which made for a happy, fun-loving club.

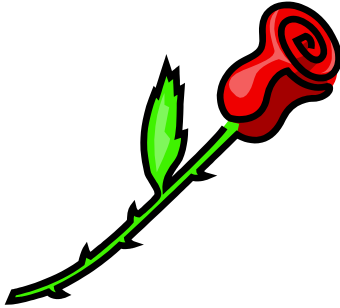
Paul and Shirley were members of the Edmonton Callers' Assoc. helping Morris & Edna Trach with new callers for a couple of years, Alberta Callers and Round Dance Instructors Assoc., and Callerlab. They attended several Callerlab Conventions and in 1990 Paul received his Callerlab Quarter Century Certificate for calling.

Paul & Shirley participated in many Provincial Conventions and the first six Canadian National Conventions.

Dear E.D.S.D.A. & Dancers

We would like to thank all our square and round dance friends for the many cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and acts of kindness during the loss of our husband and father. They were all very much appreciated and made our loss more bearable.

Shirley Busch & Family



Butt, Roberta

July 6, 1934 – January 21, 2014

On January 21, 2014, Roberta passed away peacefully with family at her side, after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Roberta was predeceased by her husband Ron in 1992.

Roberta was a very gracious lady and very active in the community.

She started clogging with Hope Pennock in 1993. She was involved in many demos at Seniors' residences. In 1996, she joined the West Edmonton Promenaders Square Dance Club with Henry and Helen Unrau as instructors, and graduated in April, 1997. In 1998, Roberta joined the St. Peter's 2x4's dance club instructed by Andy and Hope Pennock. A few years later she took up round dancing with Glen and Audrey Eliasson. She was a very committed square dancer and in December at the Christmas windup, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her 15 years of perfect attendance at St. Peter's.

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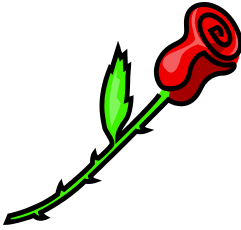
Roberta was a very active curler at Crestwood Curling Club since 1968. She served as President in 1988-89 and took up many other positions over the years. She skipped for many years and also played all other positions. She played in Championships and won the Grand Aggregate Trophy in the league several times. She curled in many bonspiels as well.

Roberta took up golfing and played in a Monday morning group and also at Twin Willows Thursday mornings.

She had a Thursday morning coffee group and all those gals were especially close to her.

Let's not think of Roberta as gone away. Let's just think that her journey has just begun and keep her in our hearts and minds cherishing all the wonderful times we shared.





Memoriam

Cliff Carter



May 7, 1950 - March 7, 2016

Cliff Carter was born May 7th 1950 in Barrie, Ontario. He had two younger brothers. Although they lived in the city he spent most of his free time on his uncle's farm near Barrie, assisting with the farm work. When he and his first wife were married they had a daughter, Lisa, and lived on a small farm near Barrie.

Cliff came to Alberta in 1980 as a consultant with Edmonton Telephones. In 1981 he applied for a permanent position with Edmonton Telephones, and returned to Alberta permanently in 1981. In 1981 while attending a bridge game, he met Beth, who had put her name down as a fill-in for when someone needed a partner. They soon became permanent partners. They have one son, Bryan, who is a lawyer and lives in Yellowknife.

Cliff worked for Edmonton Telephones, then Telus until 2002. Cliff was never one to remain idle so he drove bus for St. Albert Transit until he became ill.

In both Ontario and Alberta he was a Scout leader and a Cub leader, until about 1998. He was also a member of the Lions Club, first in Ontario and later in Alberta. As a Lion, Cliff worked on a project where they found service dogs for the blind. Cliff worked hard to support every organization he was part of.

Cliff loved the outdoors, enjoying hunting, skiing, ATV'ing, canoeing and camping. In June 2015 he canoed with his son Bryan down the Sturgeon River from Big Lake to the centre of St. Albert. In February 2016, shortly before he passed away, Cliff and Beth traveled by V I A Rail to Ontario to visit family and friends. Travelling across Canada by train was something he had always wanted to do. He enjoyed the trip very much.

Beth and Cliff started square dancing with the Whirlaways in 2003 and served as presidents in 2005. When Cliff heard that the Bulgers were selling their badge business he bought it and made many badges for square dance clubs and other organizations in and around Edmonton.

Cliff passed away March 7th 2016 after a battle with cancer. He will be dearly missed by Beth, his wife of 32 years, their son Bryan, his daughter Lisa, the rest of his family and his many friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Terrilyn Chaba



TERRILYN SANDRA CHABA

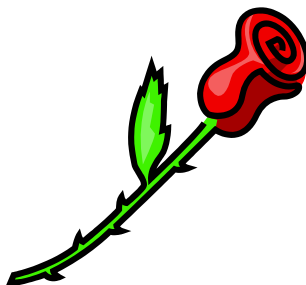
“Terri”

1947-2002

Terri Lawrence was born September 14, 1947 and spent her childhood years at Coronado, Alberta. Terri attended school in Gibbons and Bon Accord. She married her childhood sweetheart Ed Chaba and with their two children, Jeff and Kim, became a Military family. After spending time on many bases throughout Canada, Ed's Military career took them to Norway. It was in Europe that Terri and Ed learned to square dance. Upon their return to Edmonton Garrison they bought a home in Bon Accord and joined the Kick-A- Poo Kids square dance club. Terri and Ed were very active club members serving on the executive in various capacities from club Auditors to President Couple. Terri worked for the Federal Government but her true passion was music. Her beautiful Soprano voice was a great asset to the Coronado United church and to the Gateway Chapter of

Sweet Adelines.

“ The greatest mystery of life is that we cannot know its true beginning or end. The end of life begins a memory- a memory that lives forever.”





Leonard Cherwonka

1927-2022

Leonard Cherwonka of Edmonton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 10, 2022 in his 95th year. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Doreen (nee Painsonneault) in 1994.

They were married in 1951.

Len is survived by six children, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is survived by a sister, brother and sister-in-law and many dear friends.

Len left home at 17 to work for Prodor Construction in Edmonton and area, building sewer systems, first as a labourer and then as a forman. Len moved on to work for the City of Edmonton, for 25 years as an inspector for Water & Sanitation before retiring to Pigeon Lake.

Even after retirement, Len didn't stop working. He fished at the lake, chopped and sold many cords of wood and was a maintenance man at the Pigeon Lake Rundle Mission Society. He built their dream home in 1977 and enjoyed living at Pigeon Lake. After leaving that position, he enjoyed cutting grass for people in a nearby subdivision. Every May long weekend, he planted potatoes and other vegetables, which he shared with family and friends when they attended camp outs and reunions. He also enjoyed picking chokecherries from the trees around his home and making chokecherry wine. Often whistling while he worked, Len was known as a go-to neighbour who was always willing to help others. Len never sat still and didn't want anyone else to either!

Len and Doreen loved to square dance and made many friends from around Alberta and the US, meeting many friends on the dance floor. They danced with the Whirlaways for many years. They were always busy hosting dinners, square dance camp outs & family reunions. After Doreen passed, he married Sheila and they danced at the Sandholm Crossroad Dancers.

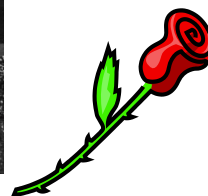
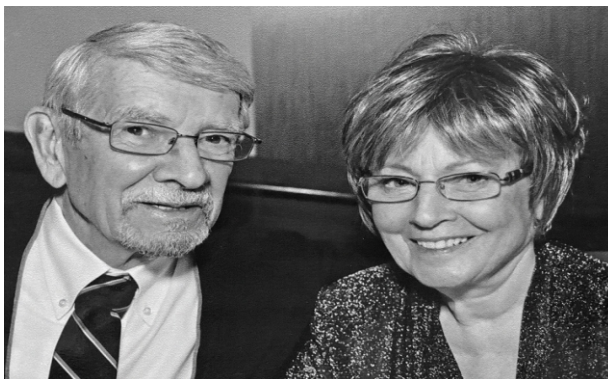
During downtimes, he volunteered at the Food Bank and wrote memories of his work life in a book called, "Digging my Life: Memories of a Machine Operator." Eventually, Len moved to West Haven Lifestyle Options in Leduc. He kept busy playing cards, bridge, crib and bingo.

Len will be fondly remembered for his hard work, his friendliness, generosity and his ability to organize reunions at the lake and trips far and wide.

Submitted by: Fern Zurawell

Memoriam

Maury & Dawn Christiansen



Dawn (Roberts) Christiansen

Born: March 17, 1935

Passed away January 5, 2022

Dawn was the beloved wife of Maurice Christiansen for 70 years. Dawn was predeceased by her daughter, Maureen and grandson, Jaime Tristan Shearer in 1977. She is mourned by her husband, Maurice Christiansen; her daughter, Terri, (Alan) Bibby; her grandson, Tom Prince (Tanya Corbin); her sister, Franky Sorochan; her brother, Gene Roberts (Elaine); and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Maurice “Maury” Christiansen

Born January 22, 1933

Passed away November 21, 2023

Maury was predeceased by his beloved wife, Dawn, daughter Maureen and grandson Jamie. He is survived by his daughter Terri, (Alan) Bibby; his grandson, Tom Prince (Tanya Corbin) and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dawn and Maury were married March 29, 1952. After raising her children, working at Woodward's and as a Kindergarten Aide, Dawn went back to school and became a psychiatric nurse, after which she worked at Alberta Hospital. Maury worked for Edmonton Power for 37 years until retirement. They loved the time they got to spend with their family at the lake.

Dawn and Maury danced for many years in Edmonton. Dawn began cueing Rounds during the 1993/94 dance season and they started teaching Rounds (Choreographed Ballroom Dance) in 1995 at Central Lions. Their Carousel Club #143 included Phase II to VI.

They co-hosted two cruises with Glen and Audrey Eliason to the Western Caribbean and the Mexican Riviera. They also organized and participated in many Party Night Dances with Harold and Myrna Elliott and Norm and Doris Simons that were enjoyed by many of our dancers. They attended several Alberta Conventions and Canadian National Conventions where they were on the programs for teaching and cueing. Dawn and Maury often travelled to various places in Alberta, Saskatchewan, BC, Washington State and Montana for dance week, weekends and camp outs.

Dawn & Maury Christensen dancing at Tait Twirlers





**Shirley Eileen
Cleland**



Together Forever



1937 - 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shirley Cleland on July 30, 2018, at the age of 81 years. Shirley was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, whose greatest accomplishment in life was the unconditional love and support she so willingly gave. Her kind and gentle spirit will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to have known her. With an enormous amount of love and deep sadness we say goodbye.

Shirley leaves behind her husband of 62 years Willard, her son Brian, and daughter Gaylene (Ron). Her six grandchildren, Paul (Laura) their daughter Charlee, Christina, Travis, his son Callum, Bobbi, Morgan (Sean), and Nathan. She is survived by her brother Harvey (Marlene), along with numerous nieces, and nephews, and daughter in-law Brenda.

Shirley was predeceased by her sister Doreen, as well as her parents Martin and Elsie, and in-laws George and Florence. Shirley will be lovingly remembered by the numerous family members and friends that were a huge part of her life.



**Charles "Willard"
Cleland**

1932 - 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father and grandfather Willard Cleland on February 4th, 2022, at the age of 90 years. Willard was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. His greatest quality was the unconditional love and support that he so willingly gave to his family and friends. Willard always had a special love for dogs, cats and especially horses. This love led Willard and Shirley to purchase an acreage, they called the Beaver Ponderosa. It is with an enormous amount of love and deep sadness that we say goodbye.

Willard was previous deceased by his wife Shirley, who left us 3 ½ years ago. She never left Dad's heart, and he even spoke of her with great love and fondness leading up to his last few days. Willard will be lovingly remembered by his children Brian, and Gaylene (Ron), grandchildren, Paul (Laura), Bobbi, Christina, Travis, Morgan (Sean), Nathan, great-grandchildren Callum, Charlee, and Hallie, Brenda, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grandnephews as well as a host of friends.

In 1991, Willard and Shirley were members of Linseeds Square Dance Club, that amalgamated with Spinning Set Squares, to become Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club, Sept 1997. Shirley was their first secretary.



Memoriam

Edward Gardner Clish



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our fellow dancer and great friend Ed Clish On March 4, 2018 at the age of 92

Square dancing was a very important part of Ed's life. He and his late wife, Louise started dancing in 1953 in the Looma & South Cooking Lake area and then later in Ft Saskatchewan. After his wife passed away Ed continued to dance with the Ft Saskatchewan, Merry Mixers & Golden Slippers Plus club. When the Ft Saskatchewan clubs closed, Ed and his dancing partner, his good friend Marion Kandt, started dancing with the Kick-A-Poo Kids in BonAccord. Marion passed away in October of 2015 & Ed continued dancing with the Kick- A-Poo Kids and danced until January of 2018.

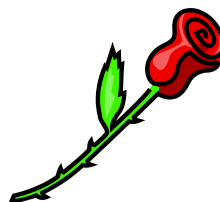
Ed will be forever missed by his daughters Marilyn (Ken); Shirley (Steve); Brenda (Dave); Son, Dale (Jennifer) and their families which include 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Ed will also be forever missed by all his dancing friends

Rest in peace our dear friend

Submitted by Gary & Lois Wood for the Kick-A-Poo Kids

IN MEMORIAM



COCHRANE, John Archer

July 26, 1916 - July 1, 2013

John was born in Coronation, Alberta as one of six children. He outlived them all and is the last of an era of the pioneering families who set out from Ontario to farm in Alberta.

His ability in music led to happy times playing the fiddle for dances in the district. He could play the violin, banjo and keyboard by ear, picking out the melody as he heard it in his head. He also loved to sing and sometimes to compose songs.

John tried various careers – radio repair, interior painter/decorator and refrigeration technology. The latter led to a successful refrigeration repair business named “Cool Flow”.

He and his wife Laureen enjoyed trips in their trailer and had lots of good times with their square dance friends. They were part of the group of founding members of the St. Peter's 2x4 Square Dance Club. He would bring his keyboard to special occasions and play while the rest of the dancers enjoyed their dinner. John also ran a scout troop for boys in wheelchairs through St. Peter's church. He and Laureen were married for more than forty years.

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Some time after Laureen's passing, John married Marlene Mahon, a square and round dancer. She brought him joy for 7 years until her passing.

In the next few years, he made friends of all ages in Vernon, B.C. He was most proud of the part he played in the Meadow School Project. The teacher teamed up the children from school with the seniors where John lived. The children and the seniors had lots of time to develop intergenerational friendships and understanding. John taught a young fellow to play the banjo. He supported the project and the idea that seniors and children had much to offer each other. Because he was able to express himself so eloquently, he became their spokesperson and spoke at a conference in Vancouver. He spoke movingly about connecting to children heart to heart. He will appear in a film clip that the teacher is taking to a conference in Istanbul.

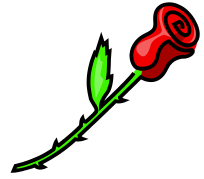
In the last week of his life, John was determined to take part in a singing competition at his lodge. With help from his friends he was able to get his frail self down to the competition room. Not satisfied to do anything simple, he introduced his number with a short history of square dance music and then launched into a rousing square dance number complete with square dance calls. He was a hit.

Throughout all of his later years, John's mind remained active, his wit sharp, and his curiosity and love of good conversation strong. He wanted his funeral service to be a celebration of the happy times in his long life. He was a remarkable man.

Most of this article was from Mabel Appleyard's eulogy to her uncle with an added comment from his obituary in the Vernon Morning Star.



IN MEMORIAM



Ina Coleman

(August 17, 1913 - October 11, 2009)

Ina Coleman - an amazing lady! She knew how to use every minute of her life in a positive, productive, and giving way.

For many years, in fact until she was 96 years old, Ina was an avid promoter of square, round and clog dancing. She danced with several square and round dance clubs in the city. Saturday evening found her at Parkallen Buttons and Bows. She clogged with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers for 19 years and helped with many entertainment events. Ina could dance both the man's and lady's part with ease. She often said that if she had a nickel for every person she had helped to round dance, she would be a very wealthy woman! Ina also contributed in "behind the scenes" activities for conventions and special events. For example, do you remember the dozens of wild rose buds she made for the decorations at Edmonton's Canadian National Convention in 1996? Do you remember how Ina would park her little car along side the camper vans and motor homes at out-of-town square dance events and then proceed to eat and sleep in it? Never a complaint.

Ina was honored for her many contributions to community and volunteer organizations in both Edmonton and Calgary. She enjoyed conversational English with new Canadians - the best "job" she ever had, she said. She sewed zippers into countless winter jackets for those in need and knit a similar amount of toques, mitts, and scarves. Crocheting and tatting also filled her spare time.

The first of several times that Ina went on a fall excursion to B.C. with Helen McEachern to gather apples (1,200 pounds of them) she was disappointed. She thought that she would be climbing the trees to pick the apples, but "no", they were to select from a bin where the owner had put them! However, she helped Helen Make apple juice, sauce and other goodies. During our last visit with Ina, just shortly before she passed away, Helen & I enjoyed baked apple pie that Ina had helped make at her granddaughter's home - another memory to treasure.

Ina was quite a philosopher imparting down to earth wisdom to those who visited with her. For example, her knees had bothered her for years, but that did not stop her from dancing. She said that they hurt whether she danced or not, so she might as well dance! When people complained that they would have to stop their activities in order to save themselves for later years, Ina would respond with, "What are you saving yourself for? Enjoy life now!"

Those who danced or visited with Ina were the richer for the experience. The world definitely needs more Ina Colemans.

Ina Coleman

uses laughter as a barometer of her teaching skills. “When my students start laughing, I know I’m getting through to them” says the 90-year-old great grandmother.

Coleman teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) at the Community YMCA. “It’s just like the United Nations,” she says. “Everyone wants to teach me their language.”

Coleman taught ESL for 15 years in Edmonton, before moving to Calgary last year. “I teach everyday conversation,” she says. “I’m getting a lot of fun out of it.”

As the eldest of nine kids during the Dirty ‘30s, Coleman got used to teaching others. She got an early start as an educator while in grade 10. “When I got my own work done, I had to teach Level Two and Three in our one-room school,” She says. “I’ve been told I’m a natural teacher. It’s a part of me.”

She helps some of her current students overcome their fear of the English language. “I just keep working with them,” She says. “When they find out I don’t bite, they’re eager to learn.”

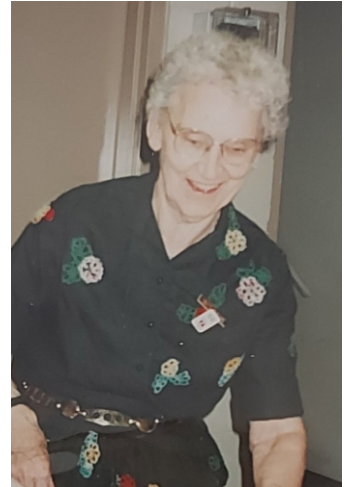
Her students are also eager to show their appreciation, bringing Coleman various gifts. “I’ve got a Japanese and a Chinese folding fan,” she says. “I’ve got a set of three nesting boxes. And some bring food to school for me to try.”

Volunteering is a great hobby for her, as it keeps her occupied. “What is the use of my knowing all these things without passing them on?” she speculates. “Can you imagine living a life without making a ripple? I keep waving.”

When she’s not knitting, weaving or square-dancing, she’s actively practicing her philosophy of life.

“To me, life is like a bucket of water,” she says. “You can’t keep taking water out. You have to put some back.

“Otherwise there is nothing left.”



Submitted by Hope Pennock from YMCA Calgary experience (Spring - Summer 2004)

Ina Coleman

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featuring-Ina Coleman



Since revealing her age is something a lady does not generally do, we'll just mention that last year the ESDA commemorated her 80th.

Ina Coleman is a regular at many local clubs, currently belonging to the Swinging Stars, Tait's Twirlers (she's one of their original members), and the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers. Ina did some social dancing years ago with her husband, however, he had a mind of his own (unlike Ina) and was convinced he wouldn't like square dancing. She began square dancing in the early '60's in Saskatoon, began round dancing in Edmonton about 20 years ago, and began clogging here 10 or 11 years ago. She's started a lot of people dancing over the years and has had four regular partners herself. When she has no regular partner, she just "drags strays to come on and dance this one with me."

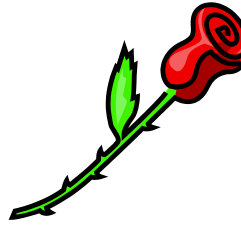
Ina has a son in Lloydminster, a daughter in Saskatoon, and a daughter in Jamaica. They've given her 9 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren. For the last eleven years, on a volunteer basis, she has been teaching

conversational English in the ESL program with Edmonton's Mennonite Centre, four mornings a week. While she's never worked for wages outside the home, she worked along side her husband. He was a gravel crusher foreman on road construction and, after the kids grew up the two of them left Saskatoon and travelled Alberta in work camps, living in a house trailer. She worked with him both in the garage as well as filling in cooking in the camps.

She has been known to camp in her car so she can join various club campouts and conventions. She laments though that she "hasn't travelled near enough yet;" hasn't seen Eastern Canada; would like to go to Hong Kong, China, and Viet Nam, not as a tourist but to spend time with the common people. She's been on square dance tours to the Caribbean and New Zealand, and when you read this, she'll be exploring the Panama Canal on a square dance cruise!

"What man or woman of my age goes around on their own as much as I do, day and night?" she wants to know. She drives her car and all year long, whatever the weather, she walks too, Mondays to clogging and Tuesdays to Woodcroft. "If I had to live scared what would be the point?" What indeed! Keep on dancing, Ina!

Joan Tharme



Edwin Collins

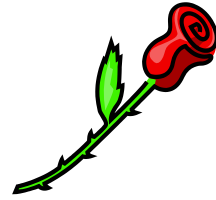
September 13, 1919 - September 13, 2015

Edwin was born on September 13, 1919, to James and Laurie Collins on a homestead outside of Durlingville. During his early years he not only lived on the farm but also in lumber camps and in Vegreville before returning to Fort Kent. He was the eldest of four with two sisters, Paulette and Lily and one brother, Joseph. In Fort Kent, he was a merchant and an owner of the local general store, a sergeant in the army and an insurance agent. In 1944, he married Simone Ducharme and subsequently had four children, Terry, Pat, Lynn and Mona. In 1958, they moved to Bonnyville, where he continued in insurance and served as mayor. In 1971, the family moved to Calgary and then to Edmonton where he continued to serve the community and church in many facets including Grand Knight, member of the caregivers board at the General hospital and Volunteer to do income tax for seniors. He also served as secretary of the Auto Insurance Board. Edwin continued to use his computer skills to do online tax returns until a few months before his passing. He was predeceased by his wife Simone of almost 60 years; daughter Mona; siblings Paulette and Joseph. Edwin and his words of wisdom will dearly be missed by his family and all who have had the honour of knowing him.



Memoriam

Ed Condrotte



On December 23, 2016, Ed Condrotte of Edmonton passed away peacefully at the age of 72 from complications resulting from his long, hard fought battle with cancer. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 50 years, Pat; daughters Michelle, Tracy and Erin (Dean); grandchildren Dylan, Ethan, Jesse, Sydney and Jayden and siblings Elizabeth and Alan, sister-in-law Anne, as well as other family members and many friends.

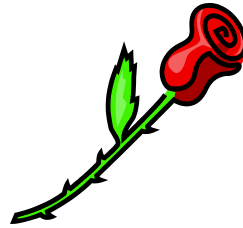
Ed and I joined the Mill Woods Country Sunshiners Square Dance Club when they were dancing in the Leefield Hall as beginner dancers in 1989. Ed and I were slow learners, so we also attended beginners the first year of dancing with the Lindseeds.

I believe over our 27 years of membership with Country Sunshiners we have served on every position on the Club Executive except Secretary, and found it was always a rewarding experience. We both loved attending barn dances, camp outs, mystery dances, dancing in parades and lakes, bus trips, dressing up in costumes, and visiting other clubs. We moved to Calgary for two years in the mid-nineties because of Ed's job and joined the Queens and Jacks Club there, but continued our membership with Country Sunshiners and attended whenever we were in Edmonton on a Friday night.

Ed and I always loved to travel and often looked for a square dance to attend. We have danced across Canada, the United States and even Australia. One of our favourite places to square dance was with Boots in Squares in Palm Springs. Square dancers everywhere are always so welcoming.

I am so thankful for the friends that Ed and I have made through square dancing and I can't imagine our lives without them. Over the years we have partied, camped and travelled with some. Ed loved to spend time with his golf buddies...many of who were originally square dance friends.

We tried to continue our square dancing experience since Ed's cancer diagnosis 2 1/2 years ago but it just became too much for him in the past six months. I will always miss my husband of more than 50 years as well as my square dance partner of 27 years. We were both always thankful for square dancing as it changed our lives for the better in many ways.



Spr Norm Corness

Born: May 22, 1926 -- Edmonton, AB

Died: June 5, 2015 -- Edmonton, AB

Left school April 1943 to work as a Machinist on the CNR.

Joined the Army (infantry) October 1944 at Mewata Armouries (Edmonton)

Transferred to the Royal Canadian Engineers in January 1945 and went to Camp Chilliwack for training.

Posted to Barriefield, Ontario in July 1945 as a Driver Operator RCE Signals Division.

He was assigned to 6th Division Pacific Theatre. However the war ended before they were required to go overseas.

Discharged at Mewata Armouries April 1946.

On release from the Army he returned to the CNR, completed Machinist Apprentice and worked with the CNR for 43 ½ years. Retired October 1986

Hobbies include photography, square dancing and round dancing.

Has been a member of the Kingsway Legion for 40 years.

Member of the Air Museum Society.

Member of the Sappers Club.

Was a member of the Radial Rail Society which still operates the streetcar over the High Level Bridge.

He was a long time member and supporter of the Sappers Club. He spent many hours planning and coordinating the Sappers Club annual reunions.

He was the recipient of:

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal

The War Medal 1939 – 1945

The Order of St. John (Presented to him by the Governor General in 1975)

He still had his uniform issued to him in 1945 and wore it every Remembrance Day and other appropriate occasions.

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*A **sapper**, also called pioneer or combat engineer, is a combatant or soldier who performs a variety of military engineering duties such as bridge-building, laying or clearing minefields, demolitions, field defences and general construction, as well as road and airfield construction and repair.*

Bob Cottle

Dancer Profile Featuring Bob Cottle



Bob enjoys life, and continues to accomplish and achieve, as simple or difficult in nature as he desires.

Square dancing is a favorite pastime. Bob states, "I'm almost a charter member of the Edmonton Single Squares!", which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Bob became a member in 1976.

By way of history, Bob was born in Edmonton on September 24, 1915. Successfully raising one son and one daughter is part of his prowess. Bob attended the old Edmonton Technical School from 1929 - 1934 completing Grade 10 and two years of Machine Shop Technology. He established his own business, Cottle Gunsmith, which was in operation between 1952 - 1984, following which he continued to work in this occupation with another company. He continues to use his expertise as a gunsmith on a part-time basis.

Square dancing became an interest for Bob initially in 1957 for about one year with caller Jimmy Lindsay. He and his wife returned to square dancing in 1974. Bob became single in 1976 at which time he inquired about other square dancing opportunities and was referred as a beginner to Set Squares, a NAIT recreation activity for staff and open to

others. The Singles Club with caller Wally Ewan paid a visit to the Set Squares. An acquaintance with the Singles Club, Marguerite Carscadan, inspired Bob to realize that "this is where I belong because they are singles and there is a chance to dance." Bob at that time abounded in life with other interests such as walking, canoeing, skiing and camping. He had taken courses in birds of prey and geology.

Bob aided with the Promenader for two to three years and also tried to do his share in helping new dancers throughout the years.

Bob continues to enjoy canoeing (overnight stays for treks down the North Saskatchewan River) and hiking and trailering in association with related groups. As a unique pastime, he rides the bus to his destination in the City to sort nuts and bolts as a volunteer to aid in street railway restoration. He even makes his own favorite gooseberry jelly and can tell us where and when we are likely to find a variety of wild berries in Alberta.

Bob's continuing participation in the square dance world is expected for many years to come. He promotes involvement and has sound advice to offer. We all wish Bob continuing good health and vigor in all his undertakings.

Lorna Radke

IN MEMORIAM

Bill Coulter

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A Founding Member of Square Dance Callers Passes Away



Bill Coulter, one of Alberta's oldest and longest calling square and round dance instructors, passed away at the Elk Point Health Center on Sept. 2, 2007

William Nelson Coulter was born in Castor, Alberta on March 15th, 1916. In Timmins, Ontario on October 27th, 1938 he married Kathleen Lindsay, also of Alberta. The couple had two daughters-Donna Dahmer-Chamberland (Paul) and Marlene Krebs(Don).

Bill spent five years working at the Aunor Goldmine in Timmins, Ontario before returning to Wetaskiwin, Alberta to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway for the following 32 years. As a conductor on the CPR, his work took him to many centers in Alberta and Saskatchewan. He retired in 1975 after heart surgery.

In 1950 the Elks Club sponsored Square Dance caller and teacher Ross Haynes and his wife, Laurel, to introduce square dancing in central Alberta. After teaching about 55 squares of dancers in Wetaskiwin and surrounding area, they moved which left the dancers without a caller. Three of the new square dancers took up calling- Bill Coulter, Johnny Trout and Rene' Bequin. Over the next 55 years, Bill called and taught many square dancers in clubs throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. It was common for Kay to pick Bill up after work and to drive him to a community several hours away so that he could call for a club and then drive home in the wee hours of the morning. He also taught square dancing to Phy. Ed students at the Strathcona High School for twenty-six years. As a member of the Square Dance Association in Alberta and the Callers Association in Edmonton, he was one of the founding members of the square dance movement in Alberta. In 2005 his health forced him to quit calling. After so many years of square, round, and line dancing, he really missed both it and the many friends that he and Kathy had made.

Bill also was very musical and had an old-time orchestra. He began playing in his Uncle's band at the age of twelve and he played several instruments by ear - the violin, banjo, guitar, saxophone and drums. His orchestra, the Country Cousins, played at numerous weddings and anniversaries as well as at many lodges and long-term care facilities for seniors.

Bill and Kay sold their home in Edmonton in June of 2007 and moved to Elk Point to live with their daughter and her husband. While in hospital in Elk Point to check into the cause of his poor balance, Bill had a serious fall and suffered a brain hemorrhage. He passed away on Sept. 2, 2007 at 91 years of age. He shall be missed by friends and family and the square dance community.



Callers Profile

Featuring Bill & Kay Coulter



Bill and his wife Kay, took lessons from Ross and Laurel Haynes, with a group sponsored by the Elk Club of Wetaskiwin in the spring of 1950.

Ross and Laurel moved on to other towns and cities teaching. Bill was one of three who decided to learn to call so the many dancers in the area could continue this activity. In the first set of lessons taught by the "Haynes" there were 35 squares and in the second set 25 squares. Many of these dancers moved back to their rural communities and formed clubs. So the three young callers

were very busy, they were Rene Beguin, Johnny Trout and Bill. This was in the fall season of 1950 and 1951.

Although Bill's regular job on the C.P.R. limited the nights he could call for dances, he was busy each night of the week that he was free to call.

Bill has called and/or taught in many, many communities in Alberta as well as in British Columbia. He also attended the Penticton Peach Festival for 20 years and took part in the program as caller or M.C. for Alberta. He also called at Lashburn, Saskatchewan as a guest caller.

He attended "Callerlab" at Kansas City, Missouri, and for 31 years at the "Bank Institute". He has attended many National Conventions and almost all of the Alberta Conventions.

Bill still calls regularly for the West Edmonton Seniors and does guest calling as well as being involved in teaching line dancing. Bill continues to enjoy the activity, meeting people, the classes and the music.

Good Luck Bill and Kay.



Bill Coulter

March 15, 1916 – Sept. 2, 2007

Bill and Kay Coulter were the caller couple for “Parkallen Buttons and Bows” for many of its 55 years. Bill also called Plus, A1 and A2 with Modern Squares. He also enjoyed calling for seniors groups at St. Agnes (line dancing, too) and the Society for Retired and Semi-Retired. For many years, he instructed the square dance component of the Physical Education program at Strathcona Composite High School.

Please refer to the article on Kay Coulter in the November 2010 Promenader.

Bill and Kay left a long and happy trail of square dancers. Following are some thoughts from a few of their many friends within the dance community.

From Jack and Joyce Francis, Square Dancers

Bill Coulter

We believe Bill had some kind of a record. He started modern square dance lessons in Wetaskiwin, Central Alberta in 1950 from a caller-teacher Ross Hayes.

Kay convinced Bill to go the first night of the lessons and after that he was sold on square dancing, as were the rest of the 30 plus squares who made up the class. The next year in 1951 Ross Hayes conducted a "Caller School" and Bill was a natural having been an accomplished musician for years with a good sense of rhythm and a nice voice. That season, callers were in great demand, and Bill called for several clubs regularly in the Wetaskiwin area. He's called Provost, Stettler, Coronation, Ponoka, Morningside, Leduc, Red Deer, Beverly and Edmonton the early years, later he was invited to many locations in Alberta as well as across Canada.

In 1956 Bill was asked to call in Edmonton for Parkallen Buttons & Bows which the the longest running club in Edmonton and District. Bill was the Club Caller until 1987. Many years during that time Bill, was a great believer in having a separate night of the week for new dancers. Over the years he was the club Caller for a number of different clubs in the city as well some out of town places.

Over the years, Bill has been MC at many Jamborees such as Grand Prairie Jamboree and called at the Penticton Jamboree several times and was MC as well. Bill was a leader and attended the Alberta Square Dance Institute at Banff every year but one since 1955 to the Institutes end in 1999. Bill is Honorary Charter Member of the Central Alberta Square Dance Callers Association, which started in 1952. Since moving to Edmonton in 1957, he has been an active member of the Edmonton and District Callers Association.

Bill was on the Program Committee of the First Canadian National Square Dance Convention held in Edmonton in 1978, and called at the second CNSDC in Ottawa, Ont. 1980.

From Ross and Evelyn Beggs, Square and Round Dancers

Bill and Kay Coulter

We first met the Coulters at Parkallen Buttons and Bows beginners classes. Kay always had a big smile and a friendly greeting. Bill was always smiling or laughing and more than willing to repeat each move until it was mastered. Kay was there to give extra help and practice to those who needed it.

After two years of learning Basic and Mainstream, we danced with the Club on Saturday night.

When Bill and Kay called out of town, many of us would go along to give them support. We drove our cars and sometimes we rented a bus.

Bill and Kay were always friendly and easy to get along with.

The Coulters could always be found at the Provincial Conventions and Zone Dances.

Hats off to the Coulters and many other callers like them. They gave us years of great dancing and a chance to meet many new friends we would never have met otherwise.

From Victoria Zignash, Square Dancer

Thoughts of Bill and Kay –

Love, and Great Memories



From Hope Pennock, Square and Round Dancer

OBLAH-DI OBLAH-DA

How fortunate I was to join Bill and Kay Coulter's new dancer group! Bill was a fine and very patient instructor who also instilled the fun of square dancing, so much so that we asked for another 10 week session of dancing when we completed the first 10 weeks. The main club, "Parkallen Buttons and Bows" danced on a different night than the New Dancers. I remember being so excited and so nervous when I joined the regular club. Each time, I could hardly wait till Saturday night's dance and then all evening I would worry about making mistakes!

Bill often had to go to work after the dance, but he always took time to say a few words to each of us before he left for his all night shift. Noticing Andy's interest in calling, Bill handed him a record one night and suggested that he take it home and try it out. That was the beginning of over 40 years of a wonderful journey in the square dance world. Years later, after that first record, I became a caller's wife and my years of observing Bill and Kay as a caller couple helped me immensely.

Every time I hear "Oblah-Di, Oblah-Da", I think of Bill as he usually played it for the last dance of the evening. Then one night, he used another tune, was I every 'mad'!! I'm still not over it!!

Another great caller whose legacy should be remembered and honored by all.

Kay & Bill
Coulter
(2003)



From Marj. Hartt, Square and Line Dancer

Remembering Bill Coulter

After retiring in 1993, I was pleased when a square-dancer (Dorothy Russel) invited me to join their group. I also knew Pamela Frish, who said she would be my male partner. It was held in the old General Hospital and there were about 16-20 dancers. I had never done the modern square dancing and was somewhat frustrated when they all seemed to think I should know what to do. I soon learned that they were being helpful and really enjoyed Bill's calling.

Bill would be requested to bring a group to dance at senior centres and I was asked to go. Later, Bill "called" for a group that gathered at the Retired & Semi-Retired which brought together some of the previous group and some new dancers. I also took line dancing with Bill at St. Agnes church basement which was great exercise and fun. Bill was not only the "caller" but, he and Kay, was/were great friends to us all.

From Don and Donna Rimbey, Square and Round Dancers

We first met Bill & Kay when we went for lessons in the fall of 1982. These beginner lessons for the Parkallen Buttons and Bows were held at Mount Pleasant School and took two years to complete. Our first impression of Bill was "WHAT A GENTLEMAN", and to this day that first impression still holds true.

Bill still remains in our memories as one of the great Alberta callers. He was able to inspire us as he taught us new moves in mainstream, as well as in plus and A1 up to his retirement in 1987.

Fondly, we remember dancing to his live band. It was a very unique experience. Kay was the drummer in his band. It made the dancing very memorable for the both of us. Up to the present time, our dancing friends gained at that first beginner class still remain as some of our best friends.

From Morris and Carole Treasure, Square Dancers

Memories of Bill and Kay Coulter

The first contact Carole and I had with the Coulters was when we returned to Edmonton in 1974 from Red Deer where we had square danced with a group from the Department of Education staff at Penhold. Some of the group had joined Parkallen Buttons and Bows and suggested that we should also. We were welcomed warmly even if I had difficulty discerning right from left. It seemed that among us that the more education we obtained the less dextrous we became. Bill was always very patient.

Under Bills' tutelage we progressed rapidly and soon were into plus dancing, when Bill and Kay broke with Parkallen we followed them to Modern Squares and helped with the St Agnes Seniors group. With Modern Squares we enjoyed Plus, A1 and A2 for a number of years.

We enjoyed dancing with Bill and Kay and had many fun evenings with them. It turned out that we had many acquaintances in common and had many long conversations about dancing and reminiscing about friends in Central Alberta.

We miss the good times with them but have many fond memories.

Carole and Morris Treasure

Bill Coulter
calling
(2003)



From Henry and Helen Unrau, Square Dance Instructors

We learned square dancing from Bill Coulter with the Parallen Buttons and Bows in the basement of St. John's Anglican Church in 1973. We enjoyed the lesson so much that we returned the next fall to take them again and to act as angels to the newer dancers. After we had been dancing for a few years with the club at Parkallen School, and were elected president couple of the club, we got to know the Coulters quite well. We started inviting them, with a few other couple, to our house after dances for a glass of wine or two and they became like second parents to us. Their's was one of the few places we could drop in at unannounced and we were always warmly received with a cup of coffee and some of Kathy's tasty cookies.

In 1975 we joined the Coulters at Bowden for our first Wandering Squares campout. Bill had just had heart surgery but it did not slow him down much. Kathy opted not to watch him play baseball, which he was very good at. We met them at many other campouts and other square dance events over the years, usually checking with them beforehand to see if they were planning to go. In addition to Wandering Squares campouts, these included club campouts, Camp He Ho Ha fundraising events, Penticton Square Dance festivals, and old time music events.

At a special live music-dance at the St. Albert Saints and Sinners, Helen dared Bill to go on stage during the band's break and pick up the fiddle left on the stage. Bill took up the challenge and played a few old-time tunes. This eventually led to the formation of Coulter's Country Cousins with Ernie and Irene Nelson, Jim Lemke and me. Bill played a great old-time fiddle and continued to entertain at seniors' homes for a number of years. One gig he asked me to help with took us to Lloydminster for an old-time dance.

Bill encouraged me to take up calling, as he did with many others, including Andy Pennock, Wally Ewen, Jerry Aitken, and Jerry Pierce, and he was always ready to share his microphone with beginning callers.

Bill was a great teacher, caller, fiddler and friend who left a lasting

From Rosamond Stafford, Square Dancer

I first met Bill Coulter and his lovely wife, Kay, when they came to Parkallen, Buttons and Bows as our new square dance caller. What a great couple!

Bill was a good caller—very patient and a good teacher, with a nice singing voice. Kay was always ready to assist Bill in demonstrations when needed.

Bill worked for the C.N.R., so it was often a great rush to have dinner, get dressed and to be ready to call a square dance. Bill was very patient in his teaching of new square dance moves. Bill also excelled at encouraging new callers.

I can vividly remember Andy Pennock's first attempt at calling at Parkallen. We all know what a great caller Andy became!

Bill gave so willingly to square and round dancing! What a dedicated caller!

From Irene Sherwood, Square and Round Dancer

I learned my first square dance moves in the early 90's to the calling of Bill Coulter. I started mid-term (January) so no beginner classes! With willing “Angel” hands, and a very patient, kind caller, I soon became a determined, enthusiastic follower!

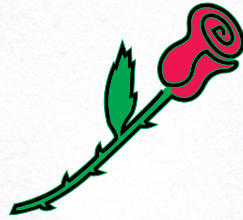
Bill's lovely wife, Kay, was so encouraging and helpful, how could I not learn to love square dancing?

In Sept. I was ready to enter the square dance world; confirming my deep inner feelings.

“Life is a Garden
Tend to it with Joy”

Irene Sherwood

IN MEMORIAM



Forever in
Our Hearts

**Kathleen Myrtle
Coulter**

1916 - 2012



Kay Coulter

September 30, 1916 to May 29, 2012

Kathleen (Kay/Kathy) Coulter was born September 30, 1916 in Consort, Alberta. She passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Elk Point Hospital at the age of 95 years.

Kay was the middle of three daughters, born to Lloyd and Ethel Lindsay. Ethel Lindsay passed away of the 1918 Flu Epidemic, 9 days after giving birth to her third daughter. As a result, Kay and her sisters were raised by a loving father, grand-parents, a maternal aunt and hired housekeeper. Kay was able to complete her schooling by living with her older sister Dorothy, step-sister Jesse Whitney, her Uncle Stan and Aunt Helen Lindsay, and a friend-Ella Thomas.

Kay met Bill Coulter at a dance in Bulwark in 1933 when she was 17 years old. Bill was playing in the orchestra and asked someone else to fill in for him so that he could go down on the floor and dance with the most beautiful girl in the hall. That was the first in a lifetime of dances together.

They married in Timmons, Ontario on October 27, 1938. Their daughter Donna was born November 1939 in Timmons and Marlene followed in 1945 after the move to Wetaskiwin.

Kay took a business course in Wetaskiwin but her true avocation was that of wife, mother and homemaker. She cooked, sewed, knitted, crocheted and was generally able to make a satin purse out of a pig's ear.

In 1950, Bill and Kay took square dance lessons through the Kinsmen Club. This was the beginning of a life-long hobby. They made literally hundreds of friends through square and round dancing over the next 50 years.

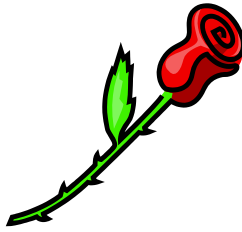
In 1957 the Coulter family moved to Edmonton. There they stayed until the spring of 2007 when failing health made it necessary to sell their home and relocate to Elk Point to be closer to family.

Unfortunately Bill passed away September 2007 and Kay lost her dancing partner of 73 years.

Kathleen will be remembered best for her generous and loving soul. No one was denied a bed or food when they came to her house.

We will remember Kay best for generous and loving soul. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

The love of her Lord shone through her.



Memoriam

Bill Dandeneau

With sad hearts Bill's family and friends say farewell. Bill passed away in his sleep early March 21, 2016 after a short illness. Born in Spruce Grove, AB, the youngest of five children. He grew up on the family dairy farm. He attended St. John School and Spruce Grove High School. For several years Bill drove a truck for Coca Cola and eventually settled on a career with CN working in the yard. In 1962 he married Hazel Gafka and they spent 50 years in their first and only family home. He was a founding member of the Avonair Curling Club where he and Hazel curled. He was both a director and vice-president at the curling club. He was also an Edmonton Eskimo season ticket holder for 53 years. He and Hazel were members of several Square and Round Dance clubs and travelled to many places dancing. Bill leaves to mourn, his loving wife of nearly 54 years, Hazel, and many nieces and nephews as well as close friends and neighbours. Bill was predeceased by an infant brother, Wade, his sisters Yvonne and Jean, his brother Bob, and his sister-in-law Glenna.

I am so sorry but I have been unable to find out the exact date my aunt and uncle started dancing. Have found pictures from the early 70's of them in their dance outfits. I'm not sure if they began with Square Dancing and then Round Dancing or how it went. I do know that dancing was a big part of their lives. They travelled all over to dances, both in Canada and the United States. I recall when my nephew was married in Spokane and my uncle and aunt were there for a dance jamboree they came to the wedding in their square dance clothes so they could participate in both events. My uncle loved singing and I know he called along with the caller a lot of the time. Football, curling and square dancing were the three most important activities in their lives and not necessarily in that order.

Bill's Niece, Dawne



Memoriam

Hazel Dandeneau



March 15th, 1929 - July 3rd, 2018

Hazel Dandeneau was born March 15, 1929 in Vegreville, Alberta. She grew up on a farm in Bush Hill with an older sister and a younger brother. Later they moved to Vegreville where they attended school. After completing grade eleven she went to work for A.G.T. on the switch board, and also did the books for her brother-law's automobile shop and for a local drug store. In her early twenties Hazel moved to Edmonton, where she got a job with Canadian Utilities. While working there she made many friends who introduced her to the love of her life, Bill Dandeneau. They married in 1962 and moved into their brand new home where they lived for 50 years. They befriended their neighbours and adopted the neighbourhood children; having a lifelong relationship with many of them.

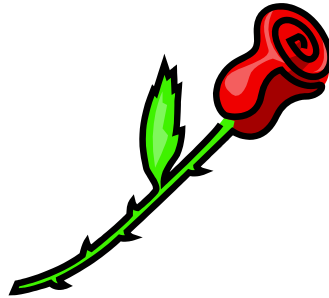
Friends, Bob & Marlene Van Loo introduced Bill & Hazel to square dancing in 1990. Since then they have traveled and danced throughout Canada, U.S.A. and Europe. They danced with the Whirlaways square dance club, the Kensington Strollers round dance club, and the Sherbrook Shuffling 8's square dance club. At the Whirlaways' annual campout, Hazel always had a special treat for those campers who came Friday night. Bill and Hazel would come early Friday help set things up, greet each camper, give them a special hand-made gift, and then they would get in their car and drive to the Friday night football game. After the game they would drive back to the camp site so they wouldn't miss out on any of the Saturday campout events.

Hazel was a happy fun-loving, creative person. We'll miss you Hazel. Thanks for the memories!

Hazel and Bill were both avid curlers. They had season tickets with the Oilers and had season tickets with the Edmonton Eskimos for 53 years.



IN MEMORIAM



Alcide “Syd” Deguire

July 11, 1922 - December 24, 2012

Syd was cheerful, enthusiastic, fun and energetic. And that is the way he called. He had a great love of music and of people.

He called for 25 years for the Saints and Sinners [the square dance club in St Albert]. When Leo Ethier learned to call, Syd retired to make room for him to call for the club. Syd and Lila continued to be full time members of the club and Syd always called for special dances. The “Frog” dance was the most special where a number of French callers [originally Syd, Leo and Clem] joined forces for a really fun night.

Anyone who remembers Syd always mentions “Put a Light in the Window” . It was his signature piece. He would start out at normal volume, but by the end it was just a whisper with the whole floor gently dancing, mesmerized by the quiet.

Syd Deguire - page 2

Syd was an electrician by trade, but was really an inventor and improver. He ran his own electrical business. He built their family home on Mission Ave, St Albert, converted a school bus for holidays, built a huge garage/workshop where he repaired and invented hundreds of things for anyone who needed help. One of his daughters said that whenever she invited her Dad over for supper he would ask "What do you need fixed ?!".

He studied hard to get his Ham Radio license and enjoyed talking to people all over the world. [This opened up another whole group of people who needed things built or improved.]

Travel by bus or motorhome was much enjoyed. Syd and Lila were members of Good Sam trailer club where they shared music and skits with friends all over Alberta. Fishing was also part of his holiday activity.

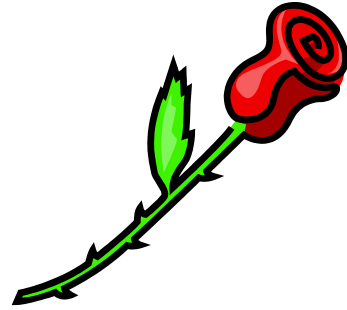
After Syd lost most of his sight to macular degeneration, he still made things such as an audio score keeper for playing crib, etc. He also continued to share his fiddle music with the folks in the retirement residence.

Throughout his life, his main focus and love was always his family consisting of Lila, his wife of 68 years, 2 sons and 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

He was a fine man who I was privileged to know !

Doris Bury





Sophie Dion

Mrs. Sophie Dion of Morinville, AB passed away at the age of 86 years. Sophie is survived by her loving family; two sons and four daughters, Leonard Quinn, Kasandra Caldwell, Ron Dion, Mary Dion, Annette (Ira) Austin and Tracy Dion; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. Predeceased by husband, Eddie; son, Pat; daughter, Evelyn; brothers, Robert and Abe; sisters, Helen, Kay, Sarah and Madeline.

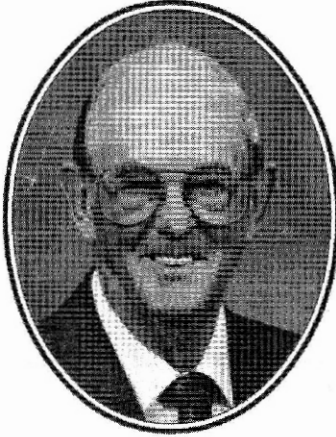
Sophie danced with Edmonton Singles Square Dance club for three years about a decade ago and became a very good dancer. She was a welcomed addition to any square she joined. The long-time members of the Edmonton Singles club have fond memories of Sophie. Rest in Peace.



Jerry Dreger

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Dreger
1915 - 2000



On December 23, 2000 we said farewell to a long time member of the Square dance Fraternity, Jerry Dreger was born May 17, 1915 at Camrose, Alberta. Jerry with his wife Lily commenced square dancing in 1950 by learning from square dance records and continued as he was able until last December.

In 1952 the Edmonton Recreation Department started holding square dance classes which the Dregers joined. Soon they were involved in or instigated a number of Square Dance groups, such as McKeran Merry Macs, Metro Pals, Belles & Beaus, and Parkallen Buttons & Bows. In 1955 Parkallen presented them with a Life Membership badge for their contribution to and promotion of square dancing at the Club, EDSDA, Federation and National levels. Extra Dance was started by them and their caller son, Ken - Edmonton's 1st workshop club.

In 1956, while camping at Alberta Beach, with Jim & Jo Harris, Frank & Dorothy Dorward, Ivan & Eileen Sheppy they decided to form a family summer camping and dancing group - thus began the Wandering Squares of Alberta.

As parents, Jerry & Lily were strong supporters of a group of teen dancers which started in the Harris' basement then in 1960 moved to Parkallen School. This evolved into the popular Teen Eighters.

In September of 1967 Jerry and Lily helped to initiate the Alberta Federation (ASRDF) in conjunction with the Wandering Squares "Centennial" Square Dance held at Stettler. They served terms on EDSDA as Dance Directors, as representatives for Alberta Square Dance Institute held in Banff and were also on the executive of the 1st Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention held in Edmonton in 1978 at which time the Canadian Society was formed. In 1987 they were Honorary Patrons at Penticton Jamboree.

The Alberta Provincial magazine "Squaring Around Alberta" was first published by the Dregers with the help of their friends as a means to spread the news and helped in the formation of the Alberta Square & Round Dance Federation. The Dreger's collection of Square Dance Badges from around the world speaks eloquently of their interest and support. A great amount of appreciation is due to Jerry and Lily for their leadership and devotion to the Square and Round Dance fraternity.

Jerry and Lily owned and operated the successful Dreger's Kitchen Corner and were Canada's first Certified Kitchen Designers.

Lil & Jerry Dreger

Lil and Jerry Dreger started square dancing in 1951 and a major part of their life since then has been one of promoting square and round dancing. Lil and Jerry made many lasting friendships through square dancing both at home and in their travels to many parts of the globe. They even danced on the Great Wall of China. The Alberta contact for square dancing all over the world was Dreger's phone. This number remained in service until the mid 80's when they began traveling more and spending the winter months in the south.

The following are just some of the areas they were involved with in the square and round dancing movement:

- -one of the first couples to start Wandering Squares.
- -Centennial Dance held in September 1967 where Alberta Federation was decided on.

- -Charter Members of Extra Dance Club
- -on the executive of the 1st Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention held in Edmonton in 1978.
- -served on EDSDA executive 1970 - 1974 as dance directors and 1974 - 1975 as representatives for Alberta Square Dance Institute held in Banff.
- -Alberta Provincial magazine "Square-ing A Round Alberta".

They are most gracious hosts making everyone feel welcome in their home and have hosted many social events for square dancers.

Parkallen honored Lil and Jerry on April 29, 1995 with Life Member scroll badges for their contribution in promoting square dancing at the club, EDSDA and National levels. Many thanks for your devotion to square and round dancing.





Lil Dreger

NOVEMBER 12, 1918 – MARCH 20, 2017



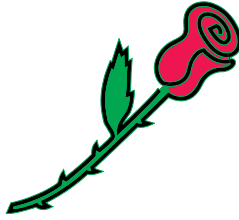
Dreger, Lily Dorothy (née Angus), late of Riverbend Lifestyles, passed away after a brief illness on March 20th, 2017, at the remarkable age of 98. Born November 12, 1918, she is predeceased by her husband Jerry; her parents, Norman and Ada; her brothers, Kenneth and Stanley; and her son, Ken and his wife Linda. She is survived by her children, Dianne McFadyen (Don) and Keith Dreger (Donna); her grandchildren, Trevor (Loretta), Darryl (Tammy), Colin (Angie), Kent (Nicole), Kyle (Michelle), Breeanne (Riley) and Keia; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lily began her long life by surviving the Spanish flu and enjoying trips to the family peony gardens (Brander Gardens, now at Fort Edmonton Park). She lived through the Great Depression, crossing the High Level Bridge by tram in a lightning storm, World War II, and an emergency winter flight into Yellowknife when Jerry had a ruptured appendix. After studying at McDougall Commercial College, she and Jerry married making a life at Pinchi Lake and Rossland, BC while starting their family.

The family returned to Edmonton in the late 40's, and in 1956 founded Dreger's Kitchen Corner in the family-owned Douglas Block in the heart of Old Strathcona. She had fond memories of hosting skating parties at the Whitemud cabin, being involved in many Square Dance organizations, criss-crossing the continent in the Airstream, whale-watching from the condo on Kihei Beach, Maui, helped organize the first National Square Dance Convention, travelling to Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, and Australia, square dancing on the Great Wall of China, welcoming seven grand-children, passing warm winters in Mesa, Arizona, immersing herself in genealogy research, enjoying a loving fifty-nine-year marriage, and relishing her "great-grans".

IN MEMORIAM

Ken Dreger



May 21, 1944 - August 3, 2012

Ken Dreger passed away following a long journey with prostate cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda, of forty-three years; his sons Darryl (Tammy) and Colin (Angie); and seven grandchildren. Ken is also survived by his mother Lily Dreger; sister, Dianne (Don); and brother, Keith (Donna) all of Edmonton. In his early years Ken was very active with Scouts and was a square dance caller for many years with the group known as "Teen 8 ers". This group continues to meet every two years to dance and reunite with long time friends. Ken graduated with a BComm from the U of A and worked in the family business, moving to Calgary in 1978 to open the Calgary branch of Dreger's Kitchen Corner. In 1994 Ken completed a computer science certificate and in February of 1994 joined Smart Technologies where he worked until retirement in January 2012. His area of expertise was in technical services and customer support. Over the past eleven years Ken worked diligently to keep up to date with treatments and adjunctive therapies for prostate cancer. He shared his knowledge with many through his association with the Prostate Cancer Canada Network Calgary. In living memory of Ken Dreger, a tree will be planted at Big Hill Springs Park Cochrane.



Stephen Dufresne

September 1946 --- Dec 22, 2022

***A Friend that will
be missed by all***



Stephen Dufresne died on December 22, 2022, at the age of 76. Stephen was born in Huddersfield, England. He and his mother, Irene, immigrated to Canada when he was 2 ½ years old. His father, Leo, joined them a year later when his war duty ended in Europe and the family moved to Edmonton.

Stephen trained as a design draftsman and later transitioned into computer aided design and drafting. In 1995 Stephen and his second wife, Carman, moved to Bangkok Thailand where they taught English as a second language for 4 years.

Stephen started square dancing in September of 2004. By the time he had completed his second year of dancing, he and his wife became President Couple. He served for a few years at that time and agreed to be President again (often) whenever the position was open. He was an “idea” person always looking for new and better ways to meet the purposes of the Country Sunshiners and other organizations he served. His computer skills were greatly appreciated by other executive members. He had a great sense of humour and loved to joke with people. He enjoyed dancing with the new dancers and was very sad when the cancer journey forced him to give that up.

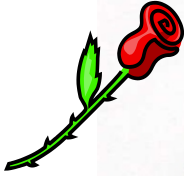
Stephen also supported the umbrella association of square dancing. It was called ESDSA when he first agreed to be on the executive and later CDCDA. He served that organization as the first Administrative Assistant and worked in the office above Big Red Accounting.

Stephen has always been an active volunteer, much of it through his church. He served as President of Edmonton Central Council – the administrative body for Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP). He went on missions to Jamaica and also to Kenya to work with less fortunate folks and was passionate about the food hampers SSVP provided locally.

Stephen leaves to mourn his death, his wife Carman (nee McGhan), her children Kirsty MacGregor, Robin (Rob) McFadyen and Rosalie(Gordon) Hardcastle, his brothers Lance Dufresne and Keith (Delberta) Dufresne, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his many friends, especially those in the square dance world, the Knights of Columbus, and the SSVP organization. He will be missed by many. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Leo and Irene Dufresne, his sister-in-law, Deana Dufresne, and his first wife, Darlene (nee Puetz).

A Celebration of Life Service was held at the Duggan Community League on January 18, 2023.

Dick & Flo Dutka



Dick & Flo Dutka

1996

DUTKA, Richard Robert

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016 Richard Dutka of Sherwood Park passed away at the age of 85 years.

Richard is survived by his wife Florence; three children: Cathy, David, Lori; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a niece.

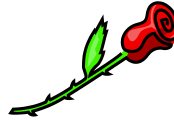
DUTKA, Florence

On Monday, September 7, 2020, Florence Dutka (nee Hill) of Edmonton passed away at the age of 88 years. Flo was born and grew up in Saskatoon, SK, where she met Dick in high school. They married and moved to Winnipeg weaving together a family of five. Over the years they spent many summer holidays camping in various provinces and eventually they also lived in Montreal and then Edmonton. Many lasting friendships were developed in each place; some of them growing out of her time in the various United Church communities she was part of and some from within the Square Dancers in Edmonton. Whether they were friends or family, everyone knew how much she loved to laugh, and create fun even out of nothing in particular. Music played a significant role in their household, with records playing, and songs being sung in harmony even as they all travelled together in the car each summer. Flo loved to create and grow her gardens, especially the one spread all through their acreage in Ardrossan. Gardens were for her a piece of heaven. But her artistic and creative gifts flourished most fully in her work as a Fibre Artist. Flo co-founded Lakeshore Creative Stitchery Guild (Montreal) and the Edmonton Needlecraft Guild. Her liturgical work hangs magnificently in many churches and is or has been worn by proud clergy (some within the family). Other works of hers are displayed in homes across Canada and the US. Florence is survived by her three children: Cathy, David, Lori; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a niece.



Katherine “Kathy” Marie Dyck

November 12, 1946 - April 6, 2023



Peter and Kathy Dyck joined the Mill Woods Country Sunshiners in the 1987-88 dance year. They were vice president couple the following year in 1988-1989 and president couple in 1989-1990. They were the first Vice President Couple to become President Couple: a trend setter for subsequent years. They were the past president couple the following year. Peter was asked to start a history book of the Club, a small request but a large undertaking. A rough draft was finished in 1991 which was later put into a binder still referred to. Peter and Kathy were involved in making the first Barn Dance in June 1987 a huge success at Arthur and Margaret Ziegler’s farm near Vegreville. The club had its first New Year’s Eve Dance with Jerry Pierce and Barry Sjolín at Leefield Hall on December 31, 1990. Kathy designed the logo for the “club” sweatshirt as well as a new T-shirt and an apron featuring a barn and sunset designed for the Barn Dance.

Kathy was born November 12, 1946 and was raised on a small farm near Creelman, Saskatchewan. She attended the Sequin one-room country schoolhouse for the first 8 years of her education, then bussed 10 miles to Creelman to complete high school. She attended the University of Regina, pursuing a degree in Education and Art. Upon graduation, she became a teacher. Over the span of her 30 year career, Kathy taught junior high art and French, as well as general studies for Kindergarten to grade 4 students. Following her retirement, Kathy taught in a part-time capacity at the Centre for Literacy in Edmonton.

Kathy Dyck

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Kathy was always creating. She was introduced to art at an early age and went on to study art in both formal and informal settings throughout her life. In particular, she was attracted to watercolours which allowed her to experiment with many subjects and styles.

Kathy also enjoyed writing. As a young girl, she would make up poetry as she walked to school, even designing booklets of her poems accompanied by illustrations. She won several Remembrance Day essay contests in Saskatchewan - the prize money allowing her to purchase clothes for school. As an adult, Kathy contributed at least 10 articles to Lendrum Grace Notes, include a Christmas story based on her real life experiences in a one-room schoolhouse entitled, "The Joy of Christmases Past".

In 1986, Kathy married Peter Dyck at Strawberry Creek Lodge with Pastor Peter Remple officiating. In 1996, they adopted their daughter Angelina. Becoming a mother had been a life-long dream for Kathy and so Angelina's presence in their lives was a special gift.

About 2009, Kathy was diagnosed with Parkinsons. This challenging disease impacted Kathy's life, making it difficult to stay active and connected to all the many causes and communities that were close to her heart. However, she remained an engaged member of Lendrum Mennonite Church - especially during the season of online church services in 2020-2022! She was a faithful participant in the Tuesday morning Coffee & Conversation group, touching the lives of many people in so many ways.

Kathy died on April 6, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Peter, her daughter Angelina, her stepdaughter Cecile, her three brothers, Jim, Mitch and Doug and her 3 nephews and a niece: Jesse, Ben, Anna, Lyle. Kathy also leaves behind many friends. Kathy was an intelligent, curious and creative person who sought to bring light and love to those around her. She will be missed.

IN MEMORIAM



MARGARET LUNDGREN (ELIASSON) 1914 - 2011

Margaret Yvonne Lundgren was born on October 27th, 1914 in Meeting Creek, Alberta to the parents of Karl (Charlie) and Gerda (Svenson) Melin. She moved to Sweden with her parents when she was four and returned to the Meeting Creek area when she was eleven. At the age of fourteen she moved to Edmonton to support herself. She worked for various families (some were doctors and lawyers), cleaning and doing other housekeeping duties which had to be done just so. They were very particular. One task was ironing the newspaper before her employers read it to prevent the ink from rubbing off on their hands or clothes. Her salary was less than ten dollars a month.

Margaret Lundgren (Eliasson) - page 2

She married Mons Eliasson, a railroader, when she was nineteen and had two sons, Leonard and Glen. Margaret's heritage was very important to her. She shared her knowledge and musical ability teaching Swedish songs and folk dancing. The folk dance group she led was performed at the official opening of the Jubilee Auditorium.

She joined the **Vasa Order of America** in 1931 and held various positions in local lodge, provincial and international lodge. In 1965 she was presented with a **Jewel** from the Swedish District Lodges #19 and 20 recognizing her work with the Children's' Clubs in North America. Up until then it was the only one presented in Canada.

Margaret and her husband Mons served on the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association's first board of directors. Positions they held until Mons retired in 1968, when they moved to Vernon, B.C. Mons drowned in the Shuswap River in September, 1968 and a year later Margaret moved back to Edmonton.

In her travels she met a potato farmer from Pemberton, B.C. and on February 4th, 1972 she married Bert Lundgren. What a way to get a daughter she had wished for! They enjoyed music, dancing and travelling; camping throughout B.C. and Alberta. They spent many evenings with Margaret playing the piano and singing, and Bert playing the accordion. And there was always time for a game or two of Crib.

Margaret loved to entertain and was a fabulous cook. Her pastry was second to none. To have thirty or more over for a meal was not unheard. Margaret was a compassionate and caring individual. Her family was very important to her and she was very proud of them. Her caring for the less fortunate was demonstrated in many ways: 1.) her support of the E4C, the Edmonton City Church Corporation. Margaret along with Pastor Lindquist and other members of Augustana Lutheran Church were instrumental in the formation of the E4C. Some of the E4C projects are: Kids in the Hall, School lunch Program, and WEAC to name a few. 2.) Since she had breast cancer in 2001 she logged in 1500 hours of volunteer time for the Cross Cancer Institute.

Whether referred to as MARGARET, OR, FARMOR, OR GRANDMA,
OR MOM: YOU LIVED LIFE WELL AND FOND MEMORIES OF
YOU WILL BE CHERISHED FOREVER.
REST IN PEACE.

Margaret participated in many hobbies and activities, social dancing, curling, bowling, knitting, crocheting, copper tooling and always enjoyed playing a game of cards.

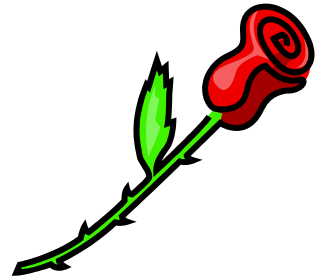
When her second husband passed away she moved back to Edmonton, and her son Glen had the opportunity to teach her round dancing and square dancing. She danced with the Kensington Strollers and the Whirlaways, and served on the E.D.S.D.A as president couple with Bob Johnson in the early 1990's.

Since moving to Edmonton in 1919, Margaret has lived in Vernon, Pemberton for a very short time, White Rock, Abbotsford, New Westminster, and five different locations here in Edmonton. In each place she has fostered friendships that have lasted through her life.

JUST AS THE SUN WILL SET THEN RISE WITH EACH AND
EVERY DAWN, THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO LIVE LIFE WELL
ETERNALLY LIVE ON



Harold Elliott



In Memory Harold William Elliott

September 25, 1934 December 1, 2014

Harold was born and raised in Ontario, the second son in a family of four boys. As a young man Harold moved to Saskatchewan for work. There he met and married the love of his life, Myrna.

After raising their sons, Dan (Laverna), Lee (Ronaye) and David, and on Harold's retirement from Mobil Oil Canada, Harold & Myrna moved to St Albert, where he was kept busy with renovating their house, yard work and of course dancing.

Harold started square dance calling while still working and living in Whitecourt where he called for several years (I heard the stories where Harold would get in from work, change into his dance attire, pack the car and drive for miles to get to the hall all the time while eating his dinner). While Harold did not carry on with square dance calling, they did go on to instructing and cueing Round Dancing. Harold along with his wife, Myrna went on to cue & teach Round Dancers for over 30 years, from beginners to Phase VI. When they moved to St. Albert, they also started the Fun Steps Round Dance Club where they cued/taught from 1992 to 2010 when they officially retired as cuers/instructors. For the past four years they continued dancing with the club they started and provided support and mentorship to the new Cueur couple. Throughout the years, Harold & Myrna have met many people and made wonderful friendships.

Harold will be remembered for his infectious laughter and his loving dedication to his family. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Cuer Profile

Harold & Myrna Elliott

Harold was born and raised in eastern Ontario. He came west for harvest and then hired on with Mobil Canada. He worked in various positions in exploration, production and maintenance, ending as a Master Instrument Mechanic 37 years later.

Myrna was born and raised in southwestern Saskatchewan. After a secretarial course she worked as a legal secretary.

We met - got married and raised a family of boys. We lived in various areas in rural Saskatchewan and transferred to Whitecourt, Alberta. When the boys were in school, Myrna worked in the Public Library for many years.

Bill and Kay Coulter started a square/round dance club in Whitecourt in the '70's and the but bit us hard. We danced in Edson with Paul and Shirley Bush and in Gardenview with Ivan Sheppy. Harold taught basic square dancing for a year and really enjoyed it. But the pressure of a 24 hour on call job made getting to class really exciting at times, so he decided to give it up. I started cueing a few rounds at this time.

Ivan Sheppy retired and the gang at Gardenview asked me to cue rounds for them. For several years we drove 60 miles one way to Gardenview to teach and 110 miles one way to Edmonton to

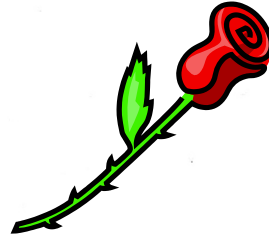
dance with John and Dorothy Barton, Derek and Jean Tonks and Jack and Marie Balfour. We also tried to keep up our square dancing - which meant more driving - for years we lived in our car.

At Harold's retirement we moved to St. Albert. We were asked to teach a year of basics at Parkcourt near Entwistle. We have started up two clubs called the Fun Steps, teaching Phase 3 to 6. We round dance with Maury and Dawn Christiansen and square dance with Murray and Barb Few. We take in as many round dance workshops as we can - to become confused at a higher level - and to learn more about the craft of cueing and teaching.

Retirement is busy - our children make appointments to visit. Our eldest son, Dan and LaVerna live in Lethbridge with grandkids Tiffany and Clark. Our youngest son Lee and Ronaye live in Whitecourt with grandkids Koty and Jamie.

We enjoy dancing and teaching and have made wonderful friends in the square and round dance world. We try to make our clubs have the attitude of a group of friends having a good time and learning some Fun Steps.

Harold & Myrna Elliott

IN MEMORIAM**Dorothy
Ellis****DOROTHY ELLIS**

(June 5, 1930 – December 18, 2005)

On December 18, 2005, Dorothy Ellis of Sherwood Park passed away at the age of 75 years, a victim of Alzheimers.

Dorothy along with husband Stan were long time square dancers who danced for over 20 years with the St. Peter's 2x4's. They functioned as the Club's President Couple in 1994-1995.

Dorothy is survived by Stan her loving husband of 48 years, four children, Shirley of Sherwood Park, Roger of Edmonton, Terry (Vanessa) of Wetaskiwin and Bonnie (Dan) Johnson of Sherwood Park, three grandchildren Taylor, Emily and Melissa, and one brother Roy Austin of Paradise Valley.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at the Glenwood Funeral Home with inurnment in the Glenwood Memorial Gardens, Sherwood Park. She will be sorely missed.

Allan Engelman

IN MEMORIAM

Allan Adolph Engelman was born April 2, 1930, in the former mining town of Mountain Park, Alberta. He began his life there on the family operated dairy farm and later growing up on a farm near Onoway.

Allan eventually took over the reins of the Onoway family farm. Farm life and his animals became his life long passion. He took great pride in raising Short Horn cattle and he was proud to show his best animals at the Edmonton Farm Fair. Allan enjoyed travels to New Zealand, South Africa, Australia and the USA participating at Short Horn Association Congresses. The horse was a big part of his farm life. For many years he rode to & from school on horseback. The highlight of his equine hobby was when he participated in the historic cattle drive, "Hooves of History". This was the true experience of a cowboy and took place in Southern Alberta quite recently. As an adult, Allan saw a learn-to-ski Ad. A difficult challenge but manageable; this became an activity he enjoyed with his children right up to this year.

Anybody who knew Allan knew he loved to dance. At any social function where there was dancing to be done he was often the first on the dance floor and last to leave. If you didn't see him on the dance floor it was a dessert table enticing him. Allan took up square dancing in the early 1990's and has taken every opportunity to be a regular participant in this friendly activity. Most recently a member of the West Edmonton Promenaders; he attended this club regularly and loved to help with the sport of stealing mascots from other clubs. Even when he was struggling with the cancer treatments he showed up regularly at the WEP Tuesday night dances with a great big smile. He usually had enough strength to make it through one or two tips just to prove that he could and to show that his illness could not keep him from something he loved. Allan was sure to attend the EDSA summer dances and as recent as late July prior to his passing away. Square dancing was an activity he enjoyed with a special friend Helen Raboud since New Years Eve 1996. They enjoyed many conventions, festivals and bus trips together.

Allan passed away with complications of Cancer on August 21, 2006. He is missed by fellow square dancers and his children Malcolm, Moira, and Murray and their families.



Allan Engelman
April 2, 1930 - August 21, 2006



IN MEMORIAM



Wally Ewen July 22, 1922 - January 20, 2011

Wally, and Iris learned to square dance at Parkallen Buttons and Bows. Bill and Kay Coulter were the caller couple. When Wally showed an interest in calling, Bill encouraged and guided him along the way. He called for the New Dancers at the Edmonton Singles for a time while Ernie Power called for the Mainstream dancers. After retirement, they moved to the coast where Wally continued to call for a while.

Wally held a wide variety of jobs from an army Trade Qualified Linesman, journeyman bricklayer, milkman, school custodian, licensed Amateur Radio operator, and square dance caller.

While in the army he served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Once on a short leave, he captured an enemy soldier while only armed with a stick!

Wally built the family home near Sherwood Park with a ductless under floor heating system of his own design. Everyone said it would not work, but it heated their home beautifully for several decades. He loved music and played several instruments by ear.

Dancers from the 1970's and 1980's will remember him fondly.

Some members of the Edmonton Singles share their memories of Wally:

I remember Wally very well. He was the original caller at the Edmonton Singles and he called here for over ten years.

John Wowk

I learned to square dance from Wally in 1984. Wally was a fine caller and a lot of fun.

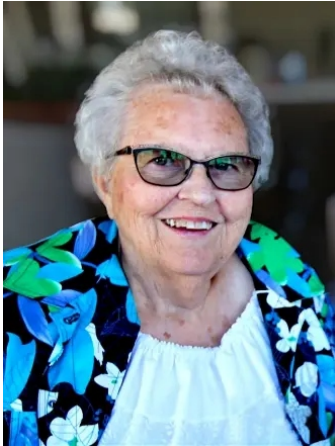
David Boyd

The Edmonton Single Squares, as it was called then, was founded in 1976 and Wally and Iris Ewen were the caller couple until 1979. Wally returned to teach new dancers from 1981-87. In those days there were about 30 members on the beginners list so they were taught on a separate night - those were the days !

Marion Schuster

I remember Wally from the time he called square dances for the Edmonton Singles and in particular for a letter he wrote to EDSDA in response to, and rebuking, a married dancer who had written to EDSDA advocating that singles should be barred from square dancing. In my estimation, Wally was a hero to single, divorced and widowed square dancers.

Dave Dixon



Margaret
Faas



Margaret Rose Faas Obituary
On Thursday, April 4, 2024 Mrs.

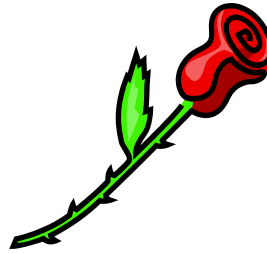


Margaret & Ron Faas
dancing at Battle River Lodge

Margaret Faas of Wainwright, Alberta passed away at the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta at the age of 87 years.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband, Ronald of Wainwright; three children, David (Connie) Faas of Wainwright, Allan (Cheryl) Faas of Wainwright, Gary (Sherrie) Faas of Vegreville, Alberta; grandchildren, Jessica (Justin) Dance, Kelley (Clint) Poliakiwski, Mark (Briana) Faas, Jamie (Charlotte) Faas, Kevin (Uly) Faas, Chelsea (Austin) Pyrah, Greg (Kristen) Faas; great grandchildren, Quinn Dance, Payson Dance, Charlee Dance, Logan Faas-Poliakiwski, Shelby Faas-Poliakiwski, Eva Faas, Thea Faas, Gabe Faas, Jack Faas; sisters, Donna (John) Ness, Jean (Ed) Dupuis. Margaret was predeceased by her sister Joyce (Bill) Tyler; brother John Scott; parents, Donald and Norma Scott; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Otto and Amelia Faas; numerous aunts and uncles.

Margaret & her husband Ron were past Presidents of the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation.



Ada Faulkner

November 9th, 2021

Ada Faulkner passed away at the impressive age of 105 years and 7 months.

Ada and her late husband, Fred Faulkner, were an active part of the square Dance community in Edmonton for 59 years and even after Fred's death in 2003, she still went to the occasional dance and was still included in special events, thanks to her wonderful square dance friends.

Ada Gerrie was born and raised in Edmonton, the third of five children. Her family lived on 90th St and 119th Avenue. Ada and then Fred continued to live in this area their whole life until Fred passed away in 2003. Ada moved into the Lions Village Castledowns in 2004.

Growing up, Ada enjoyed socializing with friends, she especially enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, and bike riding. Ada played basketball with the Bissell Bees. Many times she would ride her bike or roller skate to her job at the University Hospital. Ada was teaching a friend to ice skate at the Eastwood skating rink, when a young Fred Faulkner asked her to skate and that was the start of 60 wonderful years together. They were married at Erskine United Church on June 5, 1943.

Ada Faulkner - page 2

As a young couple, Fred and Ada, spent many enjoyable weekends with Fred's family at North Cooking Lake. Eventually they had three children, Pat, Gerrie and Brian, as a family there were many camping trips, picnics, and swimming outings at the lake. She had 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

When a neighbour's son-in-law started a square dance club in the Alberta Avenue Hall, Fred and Ada joined and that is how their love affair with Square Dancing began. They danced with the Avenue Alamos, Circle 8 and the Whirlaways, plus, they round danced with Tait's Twirlers Club. They enjoyed visiting other clubs, entertaining at Klondike Days and Nursing homes, if you needed to make up a square they were always happy to oblige. Fred was also a caller for 10 years and Ada was always there making everyone feel welcome. You could often find Ada in the kitchen helping out. Fred called for Lukes and Lucys, NAIT Set Squares, Wesley Squares and Forest Heights to name a few. Both Fred and Ada loved to entertain, she loved to cook and especially bake, they had many fun evenings with friends playing darts, cards or "the marble game" and enjoying a wonderful home cooked meal.

Ada was always trying out new square and dessert recipes and sharing them with both new and old friends. After moving to the Lions Village, she was still keeping up via the phone with extended family and all her friends. In her later years, there was the morning coffee party, books to read, word searches to do, and always smiles and hugs to dispense to everyone! She was always keeping busy.

Ada's family credits square dancing and her many square dance friends with her longevity, living life with both a fit body and mind.



Ada & Fred
Faulkner

1961

Dancer Profile - Ada & Fred Faulkner

In 1926 the Faulkner family came to Canada from Sheffield, England. There was Mom and Dad, Fred and three brothers. They settled in east Edmonton and attended Eastwood School.

For awhile they lived in the westend and attended Westmount school, then back to the east end and Eastwood School, and Technical School where Fred studied general shop and sheet metal work. Out of school Fred got a job at Aircraft Repair.

Ada Gerrie was born and raised in east Edmonton along with one sister and three brothers on the same property she lives on today. She attended Eastwood school and Technical School and worked at the University Hospital. She enjoyed basketball and knew several of the Edmonton Grads. She also played some basketball on a community team..

One sunny winter afternoon in 1939, Ada was at Eastwood skating rink with her neighbour Francis. Ada was teaching Francis how to skate. After sometime Ada pleaded to Francis she just had to sit for awhile as her feet were so-o-o sore. They just sat down when Fred came over and asked Ada if she would skate with him. Sore feet forgotten, they left Francis sitting there while they went around and around and around, Francis says "twenty two times ". So they glided into a romance that is still going strong over fifty years later.

After a four year courtship they were married on June 5, 1943. Ada and Fred have three children and five grandchildren of which they are very devoted to and proud of.

Fred joined the Navy and was called up for duty in 1943. He worked as a stoker on the ship HMS Crescent. While in service he saw such places as Jamaica, Panama Canal, South and Central America and England.

When Fred returned from overseas he worked for Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co. LTD, Robert Morse Appliances, Associate Commercial Appliances, and Alberta Laundry Equipment, from which he retired at age 69.

In 1954 they heard that Jack Thoms was teaching square dancing at Alberta Avenue, so they joined the Avenue Alamos. The second year Fred was club president. While dancing they met George and Elsie Mayhew, and through the years the four of them have become good friends and have gone many places together.

After square dancing for awhile Fred became interested in calling and on October 24, 1958 Fred called for his first club at Forest Heights. One of his most frequent requested calls was "Lovely Bunch of Coconuts" and "Wheels", but the one he did best was "Goodnight Sweetheart". Fred has also called for Wesley Squares, Lukes and Lucy's, St. Davids Satelites, Alberta Hospital Hoe Downers, N.A.I.T. Set Squares, a seniors club

Dancer Profile Ada & Fred Faulkner *continued from previous page*

called Boots and Calicos, and the Unwed Mothers, and shared calling with two other callers for the Circle Eights. While dancing with the Wesley Squares they met George and Elsie Mayhew, and through the years the four of them have become good friends and have gone many places together.

Ada and Fred were introduced to round dancing with the encouragement from Bob and Peg Arnott and joined Tait's Twirlers.

Fred served on many committees, and was vice president for the E.D.S.D.A. (dancers association) and president of the Edmonton and District Callers and Instructors Association. After calling for about 10 years Fred decided to give it up and just dance. Today Fred would never even think of confusing a caller.

After the Circle Eights folded, Fred and Ada joined the Whirlaways on October 17, 1975.

Fred at one time sang in the church choir. Today he spends his time on his stamp collection, some woodworking, crib, square and round dancing and enjoys the company of his many friends. He is a loving, devoted and caring husband and a father who takes great pride in his family.

Ada's greatest joy is her family and is always available to help or be with them. She enjoys sewing, loves to make great deserts and write letters to family and friends far away. She has a great passion for her fellow man and always puts others first. Every winter she shovels snow for her neighbour. She still bakes, walks, and loves to shop.

Ada and Fred want to thank their many friends for their support over the years and feel blessed having them.

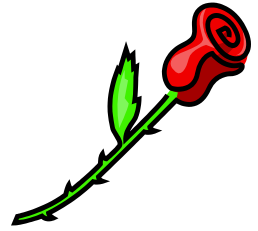


**Ada & Fred
dancing at
Tait Twirlers**

Memoriam

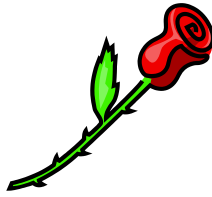


Irwin Few



FEW, Ernest Irwin

February 18, 1925 - May 2, 2016 At dawn on Monday May 2, 2016 Ernest IRWIN Few died at RAH. He was blessed with a long life. His life journey included homes in Oak River, MN., Moosomin, SK., Montreal, PQ, Guelph, ON, Calgary and Edmonton. He lived for 15 years at the Churchill Retirement home and in his last year he was a resident of the Saskatchewan Wing of the Kipnes Centre for Veterans. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret Aileen (Ginger) in 2004. We will miss them both and cherish their touch in our lives. Remembered with love by children, Sharon (Ray) McGaughey, Murray (Barb) Few, Robbi (Gerald) Olson, Peggy (George) Lemke, 10 grandchildren and 10 great- grandchildren. Irwin was very proud of his Service in the RCAF during WWII. He remained fascinated by planes all his life. He worked as an electrician, moved west and worked for CPA and then 29 years with the Govt. of Alberta Apprenticeship Board. He delighted in family and friends, building and operating his ham radio station VE6WI, camping, square dancing, travelling and flashlights .He is also survived by two brothers, Sherry (Dorothy) Few and Murray Few, both of Ontario and many nieces and nephews.



**Pauline
Fedorek**



January 24, 1929 - November 11, 2014

On November 11, 2014 Pauline Fedorek of Edmonton passed away at the age of 85 years. She is survived by her loving family son, Edward; sisters, Annie, Stella and numerous grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, George. She was born in Sec 13, Tp 35, Rge 8, W2nd, Saskatchewan.

Pauline started square dancing in September of 1997 with 4 different clubs in order to learn more quickly. Those clubs were the Western Stars with Al Deby, Singles Squares, West Edmonton Promenaders with Henry Unrau and Star Lighters with Bob Weller.

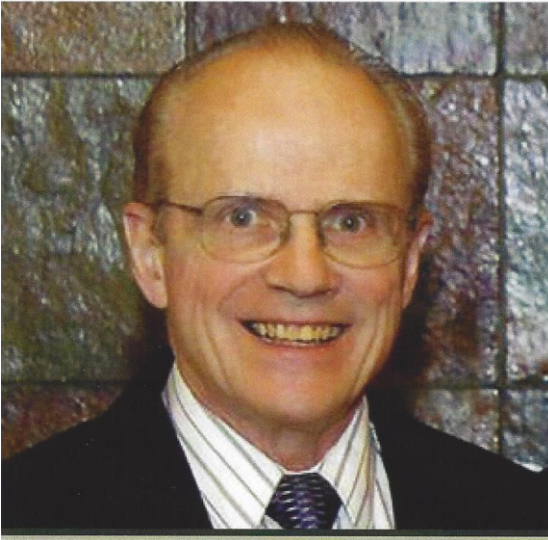
She also danced Plus, A1, A2, and rounds Phase 2, 3, 4, & 5 with her former partner Wally Wychopen.

Sometimes when she did round dancing, she did the dance without a partner.

At the time of her death, she was a member of the West Edmonton Promenaders.

She encouraged her sister Anne to start square dancing after Anne's husband passed away.

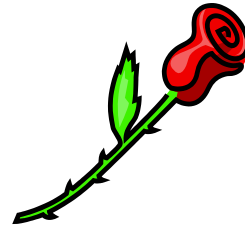
She will be missed by her many friends.



In Loving Memory

Donald Grant Fisher

June 23, 1934 - July 25, 2015



**Grant
Fisher**

On July 25, 2015 Grant passed away peacefully at the age of 81 years. Grant will be lovingly remembered by his wife (LaRie) daughter Lynn(Frank), son Doug(Beth), grandchildren; Kelsey, Megan & Justin, sister Barbara(Jim) and brother Larry(Karen) Predeceased by his parents Don and Ruth. Grant was a professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Alberta for 31 years, pioneer, and world renowned researcher in the area of Process Control. He was also an ordained minister of the Baptist Church. Grant enjoyed square, round and ballroom dancing. He travelled extensively around the world often to visit his many graduate students.

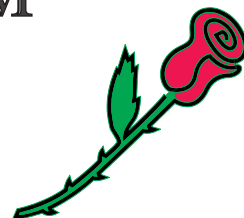




IN MEMORIAM

Torof Fjalestad

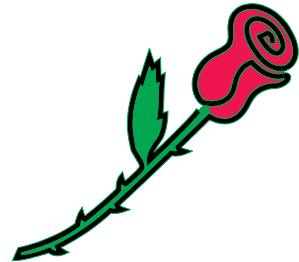
1932 -2011



Torof grew up on the family farm near Bawlf, Alberta. As a young boy he enjoyed playing ball, skating, riding his bike and playing with friends. He had a special love for animals, and in retirement, their dog Mindy became his best friend. Torof's work career began at the age of 16, working as a construction labourer on government building projects. He didn't have a vehicle, so hitch hiked to the many Alberta government jobs he worked at in the province. At the age of 18 he was hired by the provincial government Public Works, Supply and Services, and became a project foreman, remaining there for 37 years, working out of various locations. His job eventually required much travelling by car or plane. He retired at age 55 as Superintendent in Property Management, working out of the southside Edmonton Office, and was responsible for all government buildings north of Edmonton.

He married Gloria in August 1969. In 1971 they moved to Edmonton and in 1972 they built their home. He was a talented carpenter and enjoyed raising their daughter Karina, teaching her the names of all his tools, so she could bring them as needed. Camping, fishing, watching sports and travelling with his family were very special to him. It was Torof's idea that he and Gloria volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels, and they continued doing that for thirteen years. He also loved to golf and square dance with Gloria. They were members of the Starliters and Double Diamonds Clubs, and danced with Extra Dance. His friendly, happy, gentle personality endeared him to many life long friends. He is sadly missed by his loving wife Gloria, their daughter Karina, his relatives and all his square dance friends.

IN MEMORIAM



FRAMINGHAM, Murray David **June 24, 1943 - September 2, 2012**

A loving husband and father, proud grandfather, devoted brother, and loving uncle to many family and friends alike. Murray was loved and will be sadly missed and forever remembered by his wife of nearly 45 years, Dorothy; daughter Belinda (Darren) Miller of Stony Plain and son Trent (Michelle) Framingham of Stony Plain; as well as grandchildren Cole, Brynna, Justing, Chasity, and Bellarose; brothers Chuck (Karen) of Winnipeg, Bill (Marlene) of Fort Saskatchewan, and sister Noel (Hans) of Stony Plain.

Murray was predeceased by father Frederick (1982) and mother Phyllis (2010).

Murray Framingham - page 2

Murray was born in the The Pas, Manitoba to Frederick & Phyllis (nee Burrell) Framingham on June 24, 1943. As a very young child, Murray moved to San Clara, Manitoba where his parents farmed for many years. Murray grew up on the farm and moved to Kitimat, BC in 1966 at age 23 where he met and married Dorothy (Agren). Murray worked for Alcan Industries until 1969 when he and Dorothy moved to Edmonton. Murray attended NAIT technical college where he obtained his certificate as an office machines technician and then went to work for Fred Jenkins Limited in 1970. Murray and Dorothy bought a house and took up residence in Spruce Grove, Alberta in 1974. Murray went on to purchase the business with his partner Eamon Murphy and they ran Fred Jenkins Limited together until 1992. During this time daughter Belinda (1969) and son Trent (1973) were born. The business was sold in 1992 and Murray began work for Accurate Info Systems. He retired at age 63.

Murray was very active throughout his life with his many passions... the Lutheran church and school as an elder and board member, the Agricultural Society of Spruce Grove, the Groovy Grovers square dance club (both as dancer and President of the Square Dancers Association), travelling with family in their motor home, golfing, mentoring his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

God took Murray home, with his wife Dorothy and loving family at his side, on September 2, 2012 from Ward 32 of the Royal Alexander Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta.

It is said that the “dash” between date of birth and date of death means more than the dates themselves. Murray packed a lot of life and love in the dash and will be sorely missed by all whose life he touched. His was a life well-lived.



Memoriam



Joyce Victoria Francis

Nov 12, 1929—Aug 26, 2018

Joyce Victoria Hill was born on the family homestead near Pickardville, Alberta on November 19, 1929, to parents Robert and Victoria Hill and little sister to Doris.

Throughout her life, Joyce was always proud of her rural roots. Whether horseback riding, raising turkeys, driving tractor or gardening, she recognized the value of making use of what you have and being prepared for the unexpected.

In May, 1945 the family sold the farm and moved to Edmonton where Joyce attended Commercial High School. In 1949 Joyce enrolled in a training program at Naramata Christian Leadership Training Center. It was here that she established so many cherished life-long friendships. The summer of 1950 saw her working at a United Church's summer hospital at Rivers Inlet and a hostel in Bella Bella, BC.

Upon returning to Edmonton, Joyce took a job at the U of A Hospital Payroll Office. Shortly thereafter she met Jack at an Interdenominational Young People's event. They married on June 8, 1953 at McDougall United Church and honey-mooned in Ontario visiting relatives on both sides.

They took up residence on the University Farm where they lived until Jack's retirement in 1992. Joyce worked at the Payroll Office until starting their family. Dale was born in 1955 and Ila in 1957. She managed a well-organized but welcoming home, always with more food in the garden or pantry.



Clarence Frank



Clarence Frank was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven on October 12, 2024, in Edmonton at the age of 87.

Clarence was born on June 7, 1937, in Brandon, Manitoba and was the fourth child of Susanna and Gustav Frank. He was baptized into faith at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brandon, Manitoba and reaffirmed his faith in confirmation in 1942.

Clarence started working at Eastern Smallwares. Shortly after, he started working for Siemens Electric. This position took him to Wynyard, SK where he met Sylvia. Clarence married Sylvia (Johnson) on August 24, 1958. They were blessed with two daughters, Kim McGill and Candace (Albert) Rivet. Clarence took great joy in his two grandchildren Landice (Steve) Babe and Brandon (Sierra) Rivet. He was blessed with 5 great grandchildren, Nashville, Decia, Bodhi, Ottis and Emerson.

Clarence Frank - page 2

Clarence and Sylvia traveled Canada for the first 6 years of their marriage having 17 different addresses from Salmon Arm, BC to Halifax, Nova Scotia. They decided that travelling wasn't going to work once Kim started school, so Clarence took a job at AGT, and they made Edmonton their home.

In 1976 Clarence and Sylvia decided to move to a farm near Waskatenau, with Pauline and Glen Hemminger, where they lived for 35 years.

Clarence retired from Telus (AGT) on January 31, 1992. He then started his own handyman business. He did many repairs and cut miles and miles of grass over the years. He took great pride in his own yard and spent countless hours trimming trees, cutting grass and cleaning flower beds.

Clarence loved to keep busy, he spent many vacations at family members' homes, fixing leaking faucets, cleaning out eave's troughs, painting and doing many tasks to make things easier for them. Other vacations were spent camping with many families and friends.

Clarence Frank - page 3

Clarence and Sylvia square danced for many years and danced in Honolulu, Hawaii, Mesa, Arizona and on a Pacific Western airplane flying to Yellowknife, NWT. He showed his love for his Lord and volunteered at his churches (Bethlehem Lutheran, Edmonton and Golgotha Lutheran, Ellscott), from, treasurer, changing light bulbs, building additions and even holding the Sunday Service. He also volunteered for Lamp (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots), and for his square dance club, as president and treasurer and even a caller many years ago. He also, enjoyed bowling and belonged to a league at Bonnie Doon Lanes.

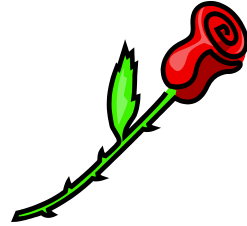
Clarence is survived by his brother Wilfred and was predeceased by his parents, Gustav and Susanna Frank, brothers, Fred and Gerald, sisters Alwina and Phyllis and son-in-law Mike McGill.

Clarence was a kind and gentle man of great faith, a loving husband, father, Papa and Big Papa. He will be sadly missed by all.

Dance History

Clarence joined the Ellscott/Boyle Twilight Twirlers in 1980, he attended the EDSDA New Dancers Ball in 1981 and graduated in 1983. He was a member of the Meridian Zone 2 or Northeast Alberta with 12 clubs and 10 callers in the early 1980's-1990's. Clarence enjoyed meeting new people, dancing, calling, volunteering and campouts, etc. He began dancing again with the Double Diamonds after moving to Edmonton in 2011.

Sylvia Frank



Sylvia Joy Frank (nee Johnson) was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven on May 21, 2015 in Edmonton at the age of 75.

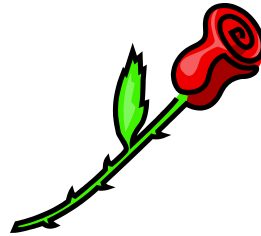
Sylvia was born to Esther and Benedict Johnson on June 26, 1939 in Grandy (Wynyard) Saskatchewan. She was the third of four sisters, Shirley Ann (Grant) Laxdal, Sheila Mae (Lauren) Carlson and Edna Johnson. Sylvia married Clarence Frank on August 24, 1958 and they were blessed with two loving daughters Kim (Mike) McGill and Candace (Albert) Rivet. Sylvia took great joy in her two grandchildren Landice (Steve) and Brandon (Sierra) and she loved her great grandchildren Nashville, Decia and Bodhi. Sylvia and Clarence traveled Canada for the first 6 years of their marriage having 17 different addresses from Salmon Arm, BC to Halifax, Nova Scotia. They moved to their farm in Waskatenau in 1976, with Pauline and Glen Hemminger where they lived for 35 years. Sylvia had many talents and enjoyed gardening and flowers. She was a fabulous cook, baker, and chocolate maker (well known for her Icelandic vinarterta and brown bread as well as heavenly tarts) and she won several prizes at the Waskatenau Fair for her culinary skills. She loved to sew and made beautiful clothing for her daughters and many, many square dance outfits for herself, Clarence and others. She loved to dance and was involved with square dancing for over 25 years.

Sylvia was always very involved and volunteered in her church, and her love for the Lord shone through her in many ways. She was a woman of great faith, a special wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend and her smile and laughter will be missed by all who loved her.



Bob Fyfe

Caller



On April 2nd, 2023, Bob Fyfe of Boyle passed away at the age of 85.

Bob was one of the longest serving callers with almost sixty years of experience mentoring many callers and teaching square dancing to many. In 2015, they received the CSRDS long service award. In 2023, they were awarded with the Alberta Rose Award for their lifetime contribution to square dancing. Their contributions included being instrumental in the startup of many clubs in various locations, attending and calling at numerous Provincial and Canadian conventions. In the latter years, Bob and Ethel called and cued for free, travelling over 2 hours each day for five years to prevent a club from folding.

As you can see, Bob and Ethel Fyfe have gone over and beyond what is normally expected of square dancers. their greatest accomplishments were their ability to share their love of square dancing revitalizing and inspiring others to try it.

Fifty Years of Square Dancing



Bob and Ethel Fyfe

Bob and Ethel started dancing in the fall of 1963 at Nipawin Saskatchewan. The Caller Couple was Eddie and Irene Lindman with the Nipawin Swing”n Gingham. In the spring of 1964 the club was having what they called a Goffers Night. Eddie encouraged Bob to take a record and learn it. So he did learn “Alabama Jubilee”. In the fall of 1964 Bob found a group of young people interested in learning to Square dance. We also attended the New dancer group to help his learning. In January 1965 the club at Choiceland, Saskatchewan had their caller move away and they came to Bob and asked him to call for them. The Club had a number of years of dancing and he was a new caller but he took it on. It was a real experience for him but they were satisfied. In the spring of 1966 the 4H Light Horse Club became interested in doing Square Dancing on horse back. Another new experience for everyone. In the Summer of 1967 we took 50 kids and 52 horses into Saskatoon Pioneer Days to do 3 afternoon matinees and 3 evening shows. A great time was had. Over the first years of Square dancing we travelled mostly with three other couples. At that time we could go up to seven nights a week with in a short distance. The young people had a good number of Dancers; some joined in with the Adult group.

In the fall of 1967 we made our move to Yellowknife, NWT, a whole new experience. We arrived only to find a small group of dancers dancing to singing calls so we offered to teach the basics. Next we knew we had started the Ptarmigan Twirlers, a great way to meet people when you move to a new community. Our fourteen years in the north saw many things go on. We saw three more clubs start in the NWT, Hay River, Pine Point and Fort Smith. We made many visits to them all and lots of great times was had. We attended Banff School of fine Arts starting in 1969 which was a great weeklong Square and Round Dance education. Thanks to Irene and Mickey Donnelly for being our guardians and setting us up with Dot and Wilf Willadall who transported us to Banff and back to Calgary our first year. Some other very special things to us was when we brought in the Charters from Edmonton to attend our NWT Square Dance Conventions. We also made a couple of trips to Whitehorse Yukon by plane loaded with dancers from the NWT for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. Bob also had a half hour Square Dance program for 11 years at CBC North, another great experience. Many trips were made to Edmonton for Parkallen Frosty Frolic, Calgary Stampede, and a great opportunity to call with the late Jim Hopkins at Holiday Ranch and many years for Rocky Whirlaways summer campout.

In the spring of 1981 we moved from Yellowknife to take up our dream of farming. We called for many clubs throughout Alberta. We are still dancing with the Boyle Twilight Twirlers and teach Rounds and help with the dance program. We had the privilege to work with the late Bob McMillian for a Callers School and at many Conventions. This season ends our 50 Years of dancing and we are still able to have a Great Time.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Ethel of 63 years, 2 daughters: Gail (Peter) McQueen and Kathy Meszaros of Yellowknife, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by son Cyril, 2 brothers Bill and Albert, and sister Peggy McGonigle.





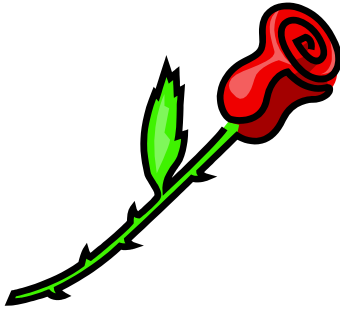
Memoriam



Jozsef GALFFY

April 21, 1927 – January 31, 2018

Jozsef Galffy was born on April 21, 1927 in Hungary and came to Canada in 1953. He started to square dance with the Edmonton Singles Square Dance Club in 1989 and was a long time member. Jozsef danced rounds with the Tait's Twirlers and the Red's Rounders since 1988 for many years up to level IV. He was also a member of the Starlighters in 1996. He as well danced "plus" with Murray Few at "Extra Dance" and also at the Northgate Lions Centre with Chester MacKey and Eric Jackson. Jozsef also social danced. He loved to go dancing. Jozsef passed away on January 31, 2018 and will be deeply missed by family and dance friends.



Joseph Gerdun

Joseph was born September the 2nd, 1929 in Grdunt, Slovenija into a family of four boys and four girls. He passed away in Edmonton February 18, 2014.

In 1951 the family immigrated to the U.S. and then to Quebec and came to Alberta in 1958. He is survived by two daughters and two sons, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After 32 years of employment at Swift's he took early retirement to enjoy his yard, flower gardens and spending time with his family. Joe's greatest passion was dancing. He started round dancing in the mid 1990's with Tait's Twirlers and then Kensington Strollers and several other clubs. He also square danced with Sherbrook Shuffling Eights and Whirlaways. He loved ballroom and social dancing and was a familiar face at the various social dance clubs and venues.

As his family stated *“he will be missed by many here as he dances with the angels”*.



In Loving Memory Of
Pearl Gibson



Memoriam

Pearl Gibson (nee Corrigan)
January 1, 1936—June 3, 2019

It is with great sadness that we
announce the passing of our
fellow dancer and great friend
Pearl Gibson.

Pearl was born on January 1, 1936, the second of five girls born to her parents and raised in a small French town called St Louis Saskatchewan. Pearl moved to Calgary at the age of 18, where she met and married Wayne Gibson. Pearl and Wayne later settled on a farm east and north of Legal, Alberta. Together they raised six children.

After her husband passed away in September of 2004, Pearl at the age of 69, started Square dancing with the Kick-A- Poo Kids at Bon Accord. In 2006 Pearl took Round dance lessons at the Kensington Strollers with Glen & Audrey Eliasson and soon after also joined the Wild Rose Cloggers with Joanne Tharme.

Square dancing became a very important part of Pearl's life as did the Round dancing and Clogging. Pearl was also a marvelous social dancer.

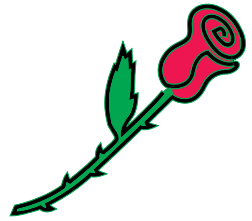
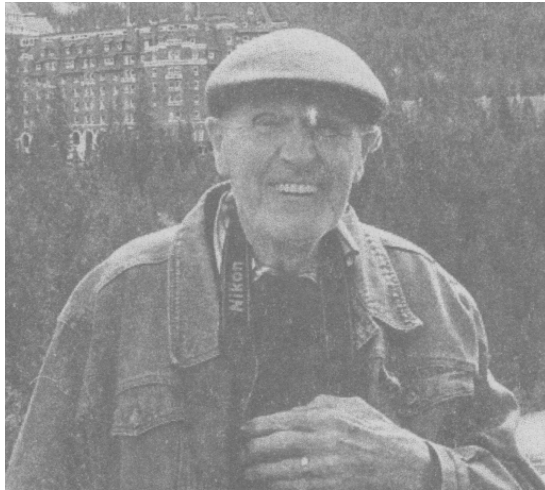
Once she started square dancing, Pearl attended most all of the annual Provincial Conventions and two National Conventions in Ottawa and Regina, as well as numerous campouts and Zone dances. Pearl was the Club visitation coordinator for the Kick-A-Poo Kids for 12 years.

Pearl will be lovingly remembered by her children, Sheila, Greg (Christine), Lori (Ken), Sandra (Dean), Karen (Gary), Randy (Jolene); grandchildren, Robin, Graham, Kathaleen, Steven, Michael, Beau, Blaine, Stephanie, Clinton, Colton, Serena, Hannah and Leah as well as her sisters Fern and Lenore . Also numerous great grandchildren, family and friends.

Pearl will also be forever missed by all her dancing associates.
Rest in peace our dear friend.

Submitted by Gary & Lois Wood for the Kick-A-Poo Kids

IN MEMORIAM



Ralph Gibson

September 27, 1927 – April 18, 2012

On April 28, 2012, Ralph passed away quickly while vacationing in Victoria.

Ralph will be lovingly remembered by Gloria Miller, his partner of 21 years, his brother, his children and his grandchildren.

He was born at the family home in Rossdale and lived his life in Edmonton and Sherwood Park but his heart was always in the mountains. He enjoyed his time at the family cabin in Cadomin and hiking in Jasper and Banff – Mount Assiniboine being one of his favourite destinations. He was seldom far from a piano and never without his camera.

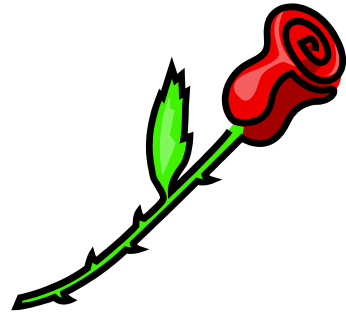
Ralph and Gloria square danced with the St. Peter's 2x4's and Country Cousins.

Ralph approached each day as an adventure saying “let's do something exciting today”. He always made us laugh.



Memoriam

Marian Gilchrist



Marian Jean Gilchrist passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at the age of 45 years. She will be dearly missed by her husband and six children.

Marian and Kim along with two of their children joined the Rose City Swingers Square Dance Club in 2005. Marian became a very active member of the club and she and Kim travelled to many other clubs to dance as well as attending conventions. Her smile and friendship will be missed by all who knew her.



Thelma Grace Gilchrist

1928 - 2020



Thelma Grace Gilchrist September 29, 1928 – September 23, 2020 It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear mom, Thelma Grace Gilchrist at Clearwater Center on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the age of 91 years. In her early years, Thelma was an industrious, hard-working farm wife willing to

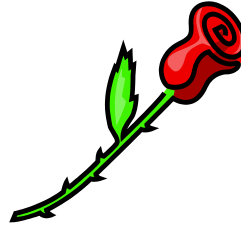
take on any challenge from feeding chickens to pitching bales. Later in life she discovered her creative side taking up sewing, crafts and gardening. Thelma developed a love for shopping **and especially loved square dancing**, sewing all of her own and her dance partner's costumes. She will always be loved and remembered by her special partner, **Don Soderquist**; her children, Bill (Rose) Gilchrist, Alan Gilchrist, Mary (Cliff) Kohlman, Thelma "Babe" Gilchrist, Roy (Eleanor) Gilchrist, Mark (Colleen) Gilchrist and Kim (Maryann) Gilchrist. She was so proud to have 21 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. She will also be remembered by her many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Thelma is predeceased by her husband, Russell; her grandson, Chris Gilchrist and daughter-in-law, Marion Gilchrist as well as by her siblings, Walter Joneson, Louelle Berry, Doris (Laughlin) Bannister, Evelyn Haight, Herman Berry, and her parents, Ruth and Norman Berry. For those wishing to pay their respects to Thelma, an outdoor viewing will be held at the Berrymoor Community Centre grounds on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. with Graveside Service to follow at the Berrymoor Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. The Gilchrist family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers at Drayton Valley Serenity House and Rocky Mountain House Good Samaritan Society Clearwater Centre for their loving care. For those who so desire, memorial donations in Thelma's name may be made directly to STARS, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570 Calgary, Alberta T2E 8M7.

Club: Sandholm Crossroads Dancers



Memoriam Vern Gill

1950 - 2023



On Friday, November 3, 2023 Vern William Gill of Forestburg, Alberta passed away in hospital after a lengthy battle with kidney disease and multiple myeloma.

He is survived by his wife Karen; two sons Murray (Sheila) and Trevor (Denise); four grandchildren Thane Tingley, Kourtney Chrystian (Tim Liske), Kevin Gill, Anakin Gill; three siblings Gloria (Bill) Marchak, Joanne Gill, Randy (Joanne) Gill as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Vern was predeceased by his parents Bill and Hilda (nee Bomersback).

Dance History

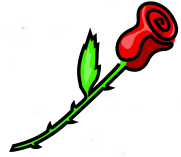
Vern and Karen round danced with Bill & Pat Tait, Norm & Doris Simons and Glen & Audrey Eliason. They also square danced with the Country Sunshiners.



Karen & Vern Gill
2005

Charles Greenough

IN MEMORIAM



Charles Lloyd GREENOUGH
January 16, 2004 at the age of 88 years

Lloyd and May retired to Parksville in 1980 after a long time commercial building career in Edmonton. Lloyd was an Air Force Veteran of WW11 and a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Lloyd was a great lover of square and round dance from 1953 onward. He was Chairman of the first Canadian National Square Dancing Convention in 1978 held in Edmonton, AB. Lloyd and May were life members and also president couple of the St. Peter's 2x4's from 1971 to 1972 and again between 1975 to 1977. Lloyd and May attended every National Convention in Canada from 1978 onward.

Lloyd and May were married for 65 years. They have two Daughters; Gayle in Qualicum Beach and Marlene of Morinville. Also five grand-children and three great-grandchildren. Lloyd also has two sisters Mary Munro of Vancouver and Lois Harms of Spruce Grove.

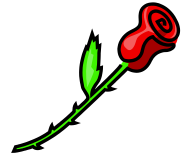
He was an active speed skater for his entire life and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #49 of Parksville in B.C.

Lloyd and May Greenough lived in the Inglewood community for many years before moving to Parksville.

He will be missed by his 2x4 square dancing friends and family.



IN MEMORIAM



May Greenough

Although May had been unable to dance for many years, she was a tireless promoter of our great recreation. She and her husband Lloyd were the chaircouple of the highly successful first Canadian National Square and Round dance Convention which was held in 1978 in Edmonton. They always attended each of the following Conventions, a tradition that May continued even after Lloyd passed away. In fact, May was honored at the London, Ontario convention in 2008 for having attended all 16 Conventions. She was registered for this year's Convention in Halifax, but unfortunately, she

passed away this spring at the age of 96



Lloyd & May Greenough

1996



Jerry Haggith



May 12, 1943 - December 14, 2021

*In Loving
Memory*

On Dec 14, 2021 Jerry Haggith passed away peacefully at the age of 78 in his home. He will be lovingly remembered by Vicky, his wife of 49.463 years, children Andy and Jim (Andrée-Anne Bouchard-Desbiens), grandchildren Tristan Rosario, Theodore James and Indiana Rose as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Jerry was born and raised in Edmonton where his father worked for Swift Meats as well as at the local Drive-in theatre. As a child he would watch movies at the drive-in and enjoy the left-over French fries from the concession stand. He grew up on the family land that is now the Edmonton neighbourhoods of York, Casselman, McLeod and Miller. He would also spend lots of time at his uncle's farm which is now Kildare and Kilkenny. He loved to tell stories of how as a kid he would skate on the rink his family would clear every year where Londonderry mall currently sits.

In high school he was student union treasurer and he loved to tell the story of how he beat the future Reform party leader Preston Manning in the election for the position. He would always add as a side note that he thought Preston got his friends to vote for Jerry because he didn't really want the position.

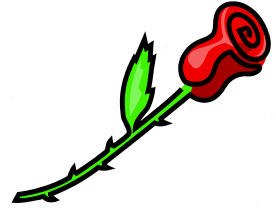
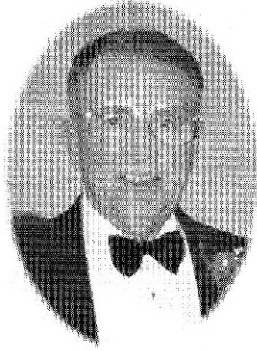
The University of Alberta is where Jerry received his bachelor's degree in engineering and became a Structural Engineer. A career that he enjoyed for over 40 years. One of his dreams growing up was to build his own home which he was able to do.

Jerry enjoyed dancing with his wife and friends at the County Sunshiners, West End Seniors and Kensington Strollers. He also spent his time practicing Tai Chi, enjoying family camping trips in the summer, playing cards (especially bridge and whist) and watching the Edmonton hockey and football teams play.

A private celebration of life was held for Jerry.

IN MEMORIAM

Matti Halowski



Matti Halowski

July 12, 1924 - December 10, 2006

Matti was born July 12, 1924 near Ruthenia, Manitoba. He passed away December 10, 2006 in Edmonton after battling Parkinson's Disease for several years.

Matti and Norma were avid square dancers having started their dancing with the Lukes and Lucys. When a new group was being formed in the Westend of the city they became founding members of the West Edmonton Promenaders and remained with this club until Matti's illness.

Matti and Norma were "snow birds" for 12 years taking their dancing skills to Arizona where they danced two or three times a week. It was there that they enjoyed their years of retirement and made many friends. In the Spring they would return to their home club, the West Edmonton Promenaders.

Matti leaves his loving wife, Norma, two sons, Allan and Dan and one daughter Susan, as well as, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Matti also leaves many friends and acquaintances which he acquired through his church and his square dance family. He will be missed.

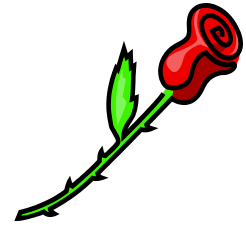




Memoriam

Norma

Halowski



March 14, 1927 – November 25, 2017

HALOWSKI, Norma Jean (nee: Toppazzini)

On November 25, 2017, Norma passed away peacefully in the hospice unit of the Edmonton General Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Mathew Peter Halowski; her parents, Peter and Gina Toppazzini; and brothers Zellio and Jerry. She will remain lovingly in the hearts of her brother Teddy (Shirley), sister Delfy (Earl), her children Allan (Donna), Susan (Dan) and Danny (Edie), as well as her animal companion Dolly whom she adored; along with her extended family of in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and many dear friends. Norma was an active volunteer at the Misericordia Hospital for over 40 years. She spent many years working in the retail sector which suited her well, as she was definitely a social butterfly.

Along with her husband Matti started square dancing with the Luke's and Lucy's in the early 1980s. When a new group was being formed in the west end of the city, Norma and Matti became founding members of the West Edmonton Promenaders. The first caller couple of this new group was Norm and Loretta Demeule. Since Norma and Matti had previous experience with square dancing they were welcome "angels" with all beginners of this club.

Since Norma and Matti were "Snowbirds" for many years, they had the opportunity to dance several times a week and thereby progressed through several levels of dancing up to the level of A2. Every Spring they would return to their home club, the West Edmonton Promenaders.

Ron Hamilton



IN MEMORIAM

Ron Hamilton
1932-2001



Ron was born on November 19, 1932 in Viking, Alberta and was raised in the Strome area. He married Cecile Dockendorf on Sept 23, 1955. He worked for Texaco/Esso in the oilfield in the Bonnie Glen area for 38 years, retiring in 1990.

On retirement he continued to work on his farm while beginning to travel. Some of their travels included a Caribbean cruise, a tour of Australia and New Zealand, trips to Las Vegas, Reno, Yuma & San Diego, accordion festivals in Kimberly, etc. He enjoyed camping with his family and friends.

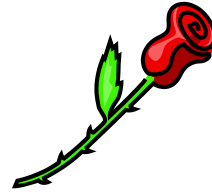
Over the years Ron was very active in his community through curling, baseball and his time as Cub leader. During his retirement Ron continued to be active with walks around Leduc, square dancing, curling, cycling and he loved to play cards.

Ron and Cecile started square dancing with the Peace Hill Hoppers in Wetaskiwin in 1988 and they were very active in the club. They were on the executive for many years and traveled many miles, stealing and retrieving banners. In 1998 they moved to Leduc and danced with the Leduc Happy Homesteaders.

Ron is survived by his wife Cecile, two daughters; Julie [Barry] and Shelley, two sons; Greg [Karen] and Pat [Dana], twelve grandchildren, Thomas, Glenn, Sam, Brook, Blake, Brodie, Quinn, Jessica, Jarret, Mara, Evan, and Mackenzie, his sister, Milly and sister-in-law Mary, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Thomas, mother Addie, three sisters; Evelyn, Helen and Viola and one brother Roy.

Ron will be remembered for his great love and devotion to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Marilyn Hansen



Marilyn Hansen



Clogging suffered a severe shock with the passing of Marilyn Hansen on March 8, 1999. She has been a major influence upon the development of clogging in Alberta. Many of us have attended her workshops in Edmonton, Calgary and Banff annually and sometimes twice a year since the mid 1980's. Following is a brief account of her clogging history from an article written by Maureen and Tom Dakers for their clogging workshop Syllabus in 1997.

“Marilyn started clogging in 1979 and caught the teaching bug shortly thereafter. Marilyn taught in Southern California at all levels from Beginners through Advanced. She has taught at numerous local, State and National Conventions and was a prolific choreographer of clogging routines. Clogging took Marilyn on many trips around the United States and Canada. As well she and her husband, Lee Schmidt led numerous trips and cruises with square dancers and cloggers. She judged competitive clogging and was involved in preparing dancers for clogging competitions. Marilyn produced her own line of clogging video tapes for home instruction. She also taught line dancing in Southern California”

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Lee Schmidt, a well-known square dance caller, one son, two daughters and a long line of hundreds of happy cloggers.

IN MEMORIAM



Phil Hansen

It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely passing (July 26, 2009) of our beloved Phil Hansen; husband, son, brother, and friend. Phil was born in Edmonton on May 21, 1955. He graduated from Bonnie Doon High School in 1973, and took Telecommunications Technology at N.A.I.T., graduating in 1976. Phil was always very athletic and played basketball both at Bonnie Doon and N.A.I.T. He started his career with AGT in 1975 in Red Deer and worked until his retirement from Telus in May of 2008. He earned recognition for his achievements, commitment, and contributions throughout his career. Phil and Bev were notable square and round dance instructors who worked at the international level. He was a passionate snowmobiler and outdoors enthusiast. Phil loved life and the people around him. He had many talents, which he gave of freely, earning a reputation as a tireless Good Samaritan, who was always there when needed. Phil was a kind, loving, and generous person who helped everyone he could, without ever asking for anything in return. Phil was predeceased by his father, Peder in October, 2007. He is survived by wife, Beverly; mother, Ellen; brothers; Kenneth (Cynthia), Michael (Annie), and Paul (Laurie), and numerous nieces and nephews.

IN MEMORIAM

**Kevan
Hardie**



Kevan Hardie
1931 - 2008



Kevan Hardie
May 20.1931 - March 2008

Kevan & Roslin started square dancing in 1978, over the years they danced with the Linseeds, Whirlaways, Western Stars and Groovy Grovers

IN MEMORIAM

Cornelius “Cor” Harmeyer

July 26, 1927 – Feb. 18, 2009



Cor was born in Holland in 1927 and grew up during World War II. Times were hard in Holland but Cor and his brother as young teens found ways to fool the German soldiers and get food and supplies for their family. After the war with barely a Grade 8 education he took courses in Carpentry and Electrical before being called into the army where he advanced to Sergeant Major and survived the war in Indonesia - a Dutch colony. After 2 years service he returned to Holland and worked for a few months in an electrical plant near his home. He soon decided to immigrate to Canada where his younger brother had gone while he was away in Indonesia. He arrived in Calgary with \$200.00 in his pocket and no English. He worked several small jobs in southern Alberta and then came to Edmonton and was hired on as a laborer to help build the CIL plant. On completion of the plant he was hired on as an Electrician as he had shown his skills while working on the building. He spent 35 years with CIL rising to Maintenance Foreman and Union Steward. On retirement in 1988 he found time heavy on his hands and took up early morning swimming. Soon Frank Rusconi, a friend from swimming “dragged him” (his words) to Whirlaways' Square Dance Club beginners in 1989, where he was paired up with another new dancer, Marjorie Ferguson. They were soon a couple and finally married in 2005. He always said that Square Dancers were the friendliest people he had ever met. Cor had never traveled much before he met Marjorie (to B.C. and 2 trips to Holland) but that soon changed as the pair traveled all over the world. Some of his favorite trips were tours of China and Australia & New Zealand, as well as Cruises to the Baltic, the Black Sea and from Japan through the Aleutians to Alaska and finally to Vancouver. They took many trips on their own. Hawaii was his favorite place and he was hoping to get back there again but it was not to be. Cor will be remembered as a good sport and a willing worker.

Marie Hayley

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Genevieve (Curley) Hayley

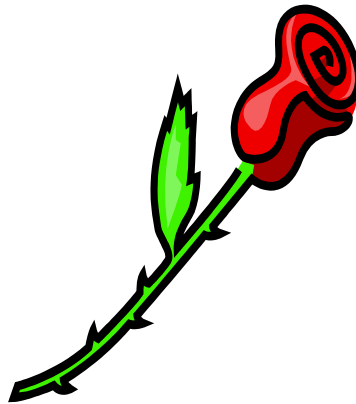
1915 - 2002



Marie passed away November 29, 2002. She was born in Vernon River, P.E.I., the eldest of five children.

For a number of years after she graduated from Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, Marie was a teacher. During that period she married Hoe Haley and in the next 15 years four boys were raised. In 1956 the family moved to Edmonton where a girl was added to the family. She and Joe lived an active community life in which church and Square dancing took a large part. Marie and Joe Hayley were members and served on the Executive of Parkallen Buttons and Bows as well as on E.D..S.D.A. Executive.

While at Buttons and Bows Joe, under the guidance of Bill Coulter, became an active Square Caller in and around Edmonton until his death in 1992. Marie continued square dancing and was often seen on the floor until about a year ago. Her presence will surely be missed.





Remembering
our friend
Louise Hellyer

Oct. 29, 1957—April 12, 2020

On April 12, 2020 Louise passed away at the Grey Nuns Hospital at the age of 62.

Louise will be fondly remembered by her family and friends from the many different communities she whole-heartily participated in.

She loved swimming, dancing and connecting with people.

As a member of the Edmonton Singles Square Club she will be remembered for all her contributions to the club and will be missed by all.



Let's Remember

Beryl Hergott

October 4, 1934 - March 12 , 2022

It is with deep sorrow and much love that the family of Beryl Tremayne Hergott (nee: Jeffrey) announce her peaceful passing on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the age of 87.

She will be lovingly remembered by all her family including her husband of 10 years, Peter Guzak; children: Dale Hergott (Michele), Laurie Titiryn (Ray); grandchildren: Luke (Alysha), Abel, Mervyl; four great-grandchildren: Kira, Zaiden, Kali, Jackson; and step-daughters: Pam (Stan), Trish (Stewart), Paula (Dennis).

Beryl was born in Drumheller, Alberta spending her early years on their family farm near Munson. She eventually moved to Peace River, Dawson Creek (BC) and then Edmonton where she raised her two children and worked at the Alberta Public Trustee office. She loved to ride horses, sing and play music on her lap guitar (Dobro) and spent many years enjoying dancing.

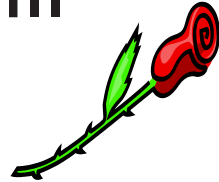
Beryl made friends easily and dancing was a wonderful way to socialize and meet people. In about the year 2000 she was on the dance floor 4-5 times a week either square dancing (Country Sunshiners), round dancing (Kensington Strollers) or at social dances.

In 2008, while playing music at a jam session, she met Peter Guzak. They were married in 2011 and together, they continued to play music with friends and family which always brought her great joy.

A celebration of life took place on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Memorial donations in Beryl's name may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.



Erma Mable Hill

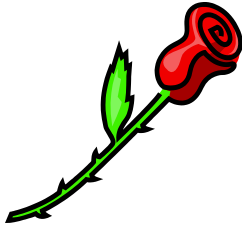


18 OCTOBER, 1914 – 11 DECEMBER, 2015

Born near Czar, Alberta October 18, 1914 – Dec 11, 2015.
Erma (grandma) passed away peacefully at age 101.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Marshall Ernest Hill, 1997; her daughters Daphne Chiles, 1999 and Marilyn Sterling, 2009; and her brothers Neale and Dale Charlton. Her sister Velma Landvatter passed away Dec. 14, 2015.

Grandma is survived by her sister Margaret Loiselle of Edmonton; daughter Donna (Don) Duperon, and son Gary (Donna) Hill, sons-in law Harvey (Marilyn) Sterling and Bill (Daphne) Chiles. Grandma also enjoyed 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.



Michael Hocko

On Friday, April 24, 2015, Michael Hocko of Lac La Biche, AB passed away at the age of 92 years. He was considered a 'Jack of All Trades' as his life's work consisted of farming, working on Northern Alberta oil rigs, commercial fishing, driving school bus, etc. You name it, he tried it. He was a very cheerful man and was always teasing.

Mike was very active all his life and met his wife of 60 years, Alma, at a local community dance. Together they raised 5 girls and both are extremely proud of all of them, their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

They soon found themselves to be empty-nesters and needed something to fill their emptiness and passion for active living. Fortunately, there was Square Dancing (Lac La Biche Silhouettes) in Lac La Biche; and it was just what they needed! After learning the basics they learned rounds, contras, mixers, drills & line dancing. Very soon they found themselves travelling to neighboring square dance clubs, stealing mascots, and attending special dances. Many weekends were spent packing their motorhome for camping with family or attending square dance camp-outs. They also attended numerous Alberta and Canadian Conventions, and have square danced in every Province in Canada from Vancouver to St John's as well as several states in USA and were the official entertainment on one of the stages in Opry Land.

Square dancing has brought them many wonderful memories and lasting friendships throughout the years.



Louise Hodgkinson



*YOU WILL
BE MISSED*

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my treasured wife of 53 years Louise on November 28, 2022 from a four year battle with cancer.

Louise was predeceased by her parents Cy and Theresa Albert.

She is survived by husband David; son Wade, daughter-in-law Tracy, grandchildren Dakota and Madison.

She is also survived by four siblings; Jeanne (Greg), Claire (David), Norman (Kelly), and Donald (Maryanne); along with nieces and nephews Shelia (Kelly), Joanne (Raymond), Anna (Jack), Sara (Charlotte), Christopher, Michael, and Alexander. Great-nieces and nephews Payton, Morgan, Ryan, Lillian, Leona and Conner.

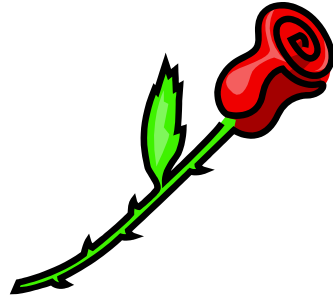
She is survived by sister-in-law Glynis (Jim).

Everywhere that Louise showed up was guaranteed of fun and much laughter. She always had such a positive outlook on life. She will be greatly missed by her golf buddies, by her card/board game friends, by her AZ snowbird buddies, and by her square/round dancing friends.

As per Louise's wishes, there is to be no funeral nor memorial service.



IN MEMORIAM



Lars Holm

April 18, 1936 - Dec 13, 2012

Lars was born in Standard, Alberta. Then grew up on the family farm at Hussar where he took his schooling. After school he went to S.A.I.T. in Calgary for training in radio & electronics. He started work at Suffield Experimental Station. Later he and many of the engineers moved to the University of Alberta, where he worked for over 50 years in the subatomic research area. His work with the Van de Graaf generator earned him the Dr Nat Rutter Award for the outstanding technician of the year in 1997. His work also allowed him to travel to many places such as France, Boston, Saudi Arabia and Geneva, Switzerland where he worked with the world's most powerful particle accelerator. [You may have heard this summer that physicists found the “Higgs Bosom” or “God particle” which is one of the missing links to explain the “Big Bang”. This huge accelerator helped make this possible.]

Lars was a passionate husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. The family consists of his wife Gail, children Debbie, Darlene, Darren, Derrick, Russell and Randy, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. [One son, Darrell died at the age of 3.] The family remembers many great holidays when they traveled with the trailer. They often went to the States when it was warm and dry. Gail said, “when you have this many kids in a trailer, you don't want rainy holidays !”

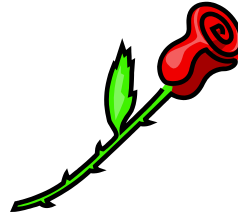
Lars was an avid gardener. His yard and garden illustrated his careful, tidy, patient and precise work ethic. He and Gail were a great team. He dug, she preserved. Produce from the garden and yard were put away each year for good eating in the winter. The family always had “competitions” to see who could grow the biggest squash.

Lars and Gail started their Square Dancing with the Country Cousins in 1982. They Round Danced with Bartonairs and Tait's Twirlers. They went on to learn Plus and A1 – A2. In the last number of years they have danced mainly with Extra Dance. We were always happy to be in their square as they were great dancers and were cheerful and gentle to all. We miss them in the square. We especially miss Lars' smile and his quiet conversation. He was truly a gentle gentleman





IN MEMORIAM



Allan Holts

June 18, 1928 – Oct. 22, 2012

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 63yrs, Viola, three children, five granddaughters, four great grandsons and many other family members and friends. Al was born in Edmonton, at 11344-93St and grew up as the youngest in a family of 3 boys. Allan first attended a small two room school called Sherbrooke. He then attended Alec Taylor, Richie, and King Edward Schools. In later years, it is unique how Al & Vi were members of a square dance club called Sherbrooke Shuffling 8's.

Allan started an apprenticeship program in sheet metal business at Barry Sheet Metal Co. In September 1946 he joined the RCAF as a radio technician then started training that November at Centralia Air Base -here he met Vi. This training was finished at Clinton Air Base in 1948. Al's career was in telecommunications for fighter planes.

Al's stationing included an early but short posting at Calgary, then St Hubert, Que; Odham, England; Chatham, N.B.; Hamilton, Ont.; Cold Lake, AB., Baden Baden, Germany and for a second time to Cold Lake. While stationed for last time in Cold Lake, he was also a radio announcer for a while.

In 1980, Vi & Al were introduced to the Square D world and started square dancing with the "Whirlaways" with caller couple Dick and Kay Nicol. They also danced with "Sherbrooke Shufflin' 8's" with the Nicols, then Ivan Sheppy, and then Ernie and Charlotte Power. Most recently they have been members of the West Edmonton Promenaders with Gary and Trish Winter. They learned to round dance at the "Dance-a-lot" club with Clem and Doris Nadon.

They held President and Treasurer positions at Sherbrooke Shufflin' 8's" more than once through the years and also served as Treasurer couple for E.D.S.D.A. Al and Vi enjoyed visiting other clubs frequently through the years. In 1994, when the Provincial Square Dance was held in Spruce Grove Al was Vice Chair of the Convention while Norm Demeule was Chairman of the Convention. In 1997 Al & Vi were presented with the Alberta Rose Award. They were on the EDSDA EXECUTIVE when the very successful National Convention was held at the Shaw Centre downtown Edmonton in 1996. They were also on Provincial Convention Executive when EDSDA zone hosted at Leduc Black Gold Centre in 2001. Al & Vi were dedicated to assisting at the Swinging Spokes Club over the years and loved participating in EDSDA Publicity events such as the Santa Claus parade and Klondike Days parade.

Dancer Profile

Vi and Al Holts

It is a pleasure to recognize Vi and Al Holts, two friendly, enthusiastic and devoted people, that have been dancing in the ESDSA for more than 16 years.

Al started square dancing when he was a teenager and he and Vi started their dancing career together with the Whirlaways Club in 1980. They attended the same church as Dick Nicols sister and were encouraged to join in the fun. They took their lessons from Dick and supported the club as members of the decorating committee.

The Holts began dancing at Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights for extra practise and joined that club in 1981. Once again they became committed volunteers and held almost continuous executive positions from then until now to support the growth of the club. Vi and Al were treasurer couple from 1983 to 1985. They became vice president couple in 1986 and they were the president couple in 1987, followed by a term as past presidents in 1988. They served as treasurer couple for the third time in 1991 and once again followed suit by becoming vice presidents in 1992, president couple in 1993 and past presidents in 1994. In 1995, they were elected to the ESDSA executive as treasurers, a position they will hold until 1997. While on the ESDSA executive, they continue to support their home club.

Vi and Al have attended every Provincial Convention since 1982 (12 in all). They went to the National in 1988 and in 1996. They attended 4 International Conventions in Regina (1988), Aberdeen, South Dakota (1989), Rapid City, South Dakota (1991) and Regina once again in 1996.

The Holts received recognition from their club for their outstanding commitment to the club through the presentation of Old Faithful Badges (meaning they missed NO dances at all throughout the season). They were awarded Old Faithful badges in 1983, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '91, '92, and 1993. When they did not receive the badge, it was because they missed only one dance.

Vi and Al have been outstanding supporters of new dancers, acting as angel couples every year new dancers have joined the club. They continue to support club promotion through visitations to other clubs, often twice a week and sometimes three times a week over and above the regular dance schedule. They look at the sign-up sheets and always add their name to ensure their club has a full square going out on visitation. Having served as president couple twice, they know the importance of visitations to ensure a club is able to have return dancers especially throughout the winter season.

The 1994 Provincial Convention saw Vi and Al working with Stan and Del Turner to promote the Convention all over the entire province (at their own expense). They worked long hours prior to, during and after the Convention to ensure registrations were handled with expertise and attended to any additional jobs that were necessary throughout the duration of the convention. The success of that Convention was a tribute to the dedication and commitment of people like Vi and Al.

As the 1996 Convention approached, they threw their support behind it and began out of town visits and in town visits promoting the Conven-

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Vi and Al Holts

tion, all the while visiting 1 and 2 nights a week for their own Sherbrooke Club as well. They were instrumental in the logistical planning of the Trail-In Dance at the Convention and like many other of the EDSDA executive, they worked instead of danced the night away. They can always be seen at other EDSDA sponsored dances like the Spring Festival doing more than their share of the duties. During the summer dances held by EDSDA, their attendance can always be counted on by the dance directors to ensure funds are collected and distributed as required. We have all seen them sitting at the registrations table, spending more time looking after business than dancing. Their friendliness has always welcomed visitors from near and far and their reliability has always been an example for other volunteers.

Vi and Al dance mainstream and plus levels and have been round dancing for approximately seven years. They belong to the Northgate Rounders Round Dance Club. They never wait to be contacted to work on a committee for any of the clubs they belong to. They look for where they may be needed and pitch in and help, working turns in the kitchen, assisting on numerous committees while heading up others or holding executive positions. They are often the last people to leave the hall at night, leaving no one to do the work of clean up alone.

Their Motto: You get out of Square Dancing what you put into it.

They're enjoyment of square dancing comes from the fact that it is an open, not closed, community. There is no class distinction. You can be a Doctor, Lawyer, or a Tribal Chief and in square dancing, you are just couple number 1, 2, 3 or 4.

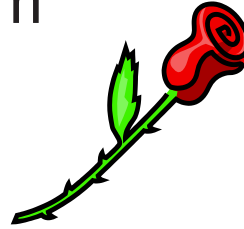
On April 14th, Vi and Al Holts were married for 47 year. They volunteer for meals on wheels twice a week and have worked at the Grey Nuns Hospital as volunteers. They provide transportation for people at their church who would otherwise not be able to attend services and they serve on the Church's Communion Committee. They raised three children, a daughter who lives in Ardrossan, a daughter in Cardston and one son who lives in Edson. They are grandparents to five granddaughters.

Vi and Al Holts- an ordinary couple who do extra-ordinary things. May they continue to enjoy many years of good dancing and good health.

Thank you for all you've done for the square dance community!



Memoriam



Barbara June
Horricks

June 1, 1933 - July 20, 2016

Barbara (Barb) was born in Edmonton and raised on a farm near Namao. She went to school in a one room school in the Excelsior district north of Namao. Barb met the love of her life and partner Bud at a skating party in Namao & they married in November 1955. Barb took nurses training at the U of A hospital and remained in nursing both officially and in the community all her life. Barb was very active in the Namao UCW and community. In addition to skiing, golfing, berry picking, dancing and spending time at their lake cabin Barb especially enjoyed gardening. Her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren were a huge focus in her life. Barb & Bud started square dancing in 1953 at Namao & Sunnyside prior to becoming members of the Saints & Sinners club. They became members of the Kick-A-Poo Kids at Bon Accord in the early 80's and visited many clubs throughout Alberta. When Bud passed away in September of 2011, Barb continued dancing with the Kick-A-Poo Kids. Barb will be forever missed by her family, her square dance friends & all who knew her. Rest in peace our dear & faithful friend

IN MEMORIAM

**Milton
Douglas
Horricks**

1929 - 2011



Milton Douglas was known to all of you as Bud. His two year old brother wanted a baby buddy and soon had everyone calling him Buddy.

Bud went to school at Turnip Lake, North of Edmonton. Until he was old enough to handle a horse Bud walked three miles to school. Bud then completed his high school diploma at Victoria Composite High School.

He stayed on the farm as he was needed to help with the dairy operation. Milk was delivered by horse and buggy to homes and restaurants in the city. The milk drivers were helped on weekends by a young teenager named Ernie Power.

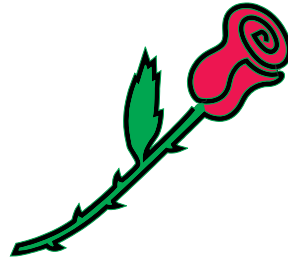
Bud was persuaded to take square dance lessons at the Saints and Sinners club, he consented to go but only once and the rest is history. Soon he was dancing at the Kick-a Poo Kids, Merry Mixers, Golden Slippers, Yellow Rockers and visiting many other clubs and conventions where he made many wonderful friends.

In addition to farming Bud kept busy with, gardening, golf, restoring older cars, delivering meals on wheels, and enjoyed many years at the lake with boating, water skiing, and fishing. Bud's loves were his family and square dance family. He always made time for them and left his mark with his quite and elegant demeanor.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Bud passed away peacefully after attending his niece's birthday party the night before. Left to mourn is his wife Barbara, son Ross and Melanie, daughter Laurel and Peter, five grandchildren, one great grand daughter and his many dance friends.



Memoriam



Margaret Howey

HOWEY, Margaret

September 23, 1922 – February 25, 2017

Margaret passed away peacefully surrounded by family. She is lovingly remembered by 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren along with numerous friends and other family.

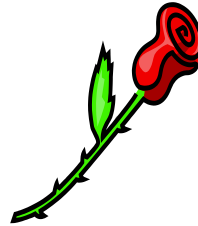
She began dancing tap from age 6 to 8. In 1969 she moved to Edmonton and began tap dancing at the Y, then at Lecky's Dance Studio.

She began clogging with the Wild Rose Country Dancers under the auspices of the Westend Seniors Activity Centre in 2008-9, joining a **SECOND** year group of cloggers. She's danced into the 90s with the experienced cloggers. She dabbled in belly dancing and is currently enjoying fit for life classes. When she's not dancing she likes to read (belonging to two book clubs), plays bridge and does lots of crossword puzzles.



Al Hrdlicka

Dec 23, 1928 - Sept 19, 2021



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dad, grandfather, and uncle, Alfred Frank Hrdlicka. Born December 23, 1928 in Evergreen, Alberta and died September 19, 2021 in St. Albert, Alberta

Al was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Ann and his 5 brothers , Tom, (Betty), Paul (Jean), Bill() Walter, Adolph(Evelyn) one sister Madeline and his son-in-law Spike Zvaniga.

Devoted husband of Barbara Ann, proud father of his three children, Janet,(Spike)Clifford and Leslie(Karen).

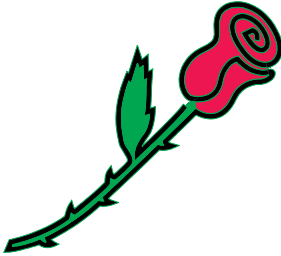
He was the grandfather to Eric,(Margaret)Colin(Brandy)and Jennifer (Curry)as well great grandfather to Cassandra, Mikaela, Emily, Kelson, Delanie, Thomas and Nicholas.

Special Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Al served 30 years with the RCAF until his retirement in 1978. His expertise led him to working for Northwest industries and the original Sturgeon General Hospital .

Al and Barb spent many years of their retirement in Mesa, Arizona . He will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

IN MEMORIAM



HILDA HRYHORAK

Hilda Mae Lemon was born June 9, 1941 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

She married Charles Height in 1962 and together had 3 children. In 1968 they moved to BC. In 1972 Hilda and the children moved to Edmonton where she married Bill Hryhorak. In 1997 tragedy struck Hilda's family when her youngest son and husband Bill died. In January 2004 Hilda moved to the Edson area to help her daughter and grandchildren.

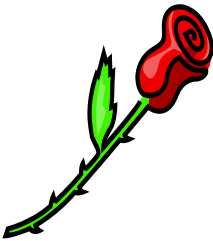
Hilda joined the Pioneer Cabin and the Pinedale Community Club and enjoyed bowling and knitting. At the cabin she helped out with the soup and sandwich Tuesdays, and floor curled twice a week. She even played cards there, but most of all enjoyed the Jamboree dances. She loved to dance and went to as many jamborees as possible. It wasn't strange to see her dancing with the children. Two years ago she started square dancing with the Yellowhead Square Dancing Club. She was hooked. She sewed many outfits for herself and others. Even when she moved to Wildwood, Hilda continued to come to Edson to dance. She also travelled to other clubs whenever possible.

She leaves behind to miss her greatly, her family, many friends and neighbors.

Submitted by: Linda Klaver

Memoriam

Paul Humbert



Peggy & Paul Humbert

1923 - 2008

Paul, a Past President of St. Peter's 2x4's, passed away May 9, 2008 after a years struggle with ill health.

Paul was born in Regina into a farming family. He served in the Army in WW11 and then graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a degree in Commerce.

Paul worked for Imperial Oil for thirty four years in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta and spent many interesting years in the Arctic.

Paul is survived by his wife Peggy, of 58 years. He is also survived by 2 sons, 4 daughters and 6 granddaughters.

Paul and Peggy lived in St. Albert and started dancing there in 1991 with the St. Albert Saints and Sinners. They then joined St. Peter's 2x4's when they had the opportunity to join in with a refresher course under Andy and Hope Pennock.

Paul and Peggy were Club Presidents in 1995 - 1996.

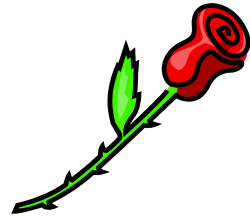
St. Peter's 2x4 Club celebrated their 30th Anniversary in 1995 and the club executive arranged a catered dinner at the Baldwin Community Hall followed by a square dance called by some of the original Callers.

Paul enjoyed the good fellowship of his square dance years and was disappointed when he had to retire because of his hearing problems. He considered his dancing years as a wonderful part of his life.

Don Humphrey



Memoriam



“Donald Sydney Humphrey”
September 14, 1936 - April 26, 2005

Having grown up on the farm near High River, Alberta, the country dance in the community was a big part of Don’s life, and square dancing was in his blood.

Modern square dancing became a lifestyle for Don and Myrna and they made many valuable lasting friendships in Edmonton and in other square dance communities.

Don was a “shaker and mover” and therefore always involved in organizing. One infamous task was the campsite for the First National Convention, held in Edmonton in 1978. The campsite was in Briggs field in the northeast part of Edmonton. Since it rained for four days straight it turned into quite the mud hole!

Don and Myrna started dancing in 1976 and served on the ESDSA as President for two years. They were long term members of NAIT Set Squares and St. Peter’s 2x4’s. They also travelled to many places for National and Provincial Conventions. The adventures began with “head ‘em out” and “circle the wagons”. The caravans were certainly memorable.

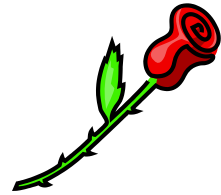
Don spent twenty seven years as a NAIT instructor. Christian Youth Camps, Senior Slo-Pitch League and the McClure United Church were some of his interests. Being a handyman and working with wood were two keen hobbies.

Don will be sadly missed by Myrna, his wife of 45 years, three sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

“We were born to live, to break down the walls, and to know that life is to taste it all.”



Alice Hunka



May 10, 1922 - November 29, 2014

Mom and Dad both loved square dancing and more importantly the community of friends that they made in the process. When we went through Mom's stuff after her passing we found a full box of pins and ribbons from many years of participation. It was a nice trove, for sure. We also found her favourite square dancing dress carefully and neatly folded away in storage.

Mom was born in Edmonton and grew up in the house where she was born in the Delton area of Northeast Edmonton. She went to H.A. Grey for elementary and junior high school (the school is still there) and Eastwood High School. That school, which was replaced by Eastglen Composite High School, recently closed as a Junior High School.

She studied bookkeeping at Alberta College and spent the majority of her working years at McGavin's Bakery and then in the Credit Department of Simpson Sears.

Dad (Fred) was born in Skaro, Alberta. He was raised on a farm near there (and Lamont) and after spending a few years in the coal mines outside of Edmonton he landed a job as a Salesman at Swift Canadian. He was VERY good and successful at it and it is the job from which he retired back in the late 1970's.

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After they were married in 1945, they moved three blocks from where Mom grew up and lived in that same neighbourhood until Dad passed away in 2002. After Dad died, Mom moved to a condo on the southside and lived there until almost the end.

My parents were married for 57 years. They loved to cook and entertain and were very good at both. They travelled widely and often (many times to visit me and my family in Los Angeles) but they were Edmontonians to-the-core.

Bob Hunka

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Murray Few taught Mainstream Square dancing to Fred and Alice and they pursue this passion for over a decade dancing with the Lamplighters.

Ernie Power has fond memories of working with his long-time friend Fred at Swifts and agrees he was an excellent salesman.

Fred and Alice, along with two other Lamplighter couples, were once guests of Dolly Parton at her vacation home in Hawaii.

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Alice Anne Hunka reluctantly passed away on November 29, 2014 at Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton Alberta at the age of 92. Predeceased by her loving husband Fred, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bob Hunka and Franny Parrish and granddaughter Marlee Anna Hunka; immediate family Audrey Tomick and Bill Sheppit, Gary Tomick; extended family Christie Bren; Beth Holland, Ron Holland and Susan Hepburn, Helen Belous, Bill and Barb Belous, Gloria and Barry Duncan and their families; and many greatly appreciated supportive nieces, nephews and friends. We are all thankful and blessed to have had Alice in our lives. She fought a tenacious battle to the very end and will be profoundly missed.

From the Edmonton Journal

Eric Jackson

IN MEMORIAM



Eric Jackson 1925 - 2004

Square Dancer 1960 - 2004

Eric Jackson was born in England and came to Canada in the 50's. This past summer he made a trip to England and saw relatives and friends he had not seen for years. Eric was predeceased by his loving wife Norma. He is survived by his children; Richard, Darrel (Donna), Donald (Sharon), Sue, and Dave, also five grandchildren; Jennifer, Andrew, Sabrina, Katelyn and Shanelle.

Eric started Square Dancing during the 1960's in Hudson Hope, BC. and called at some of the clubs.

Eric and family moved to Edmonton in late 70's and he continued to square dance.

Stan & I first met Eric at Spinning Sets 1996, when we started square dancing and he was one of our Angels.

Eric also Round Danced, and Clogged. He was president of Spinning Sets and he resigned to be a caller.

Eric was also an active singing member of Silver & Gold and Chorales Choir's.

Eric and Bill Coulter called alternate weeks for the plus club Swinging Stars Friday mornings at Northgate Lions Center.

Eric was the caller for the Wetaskasin club, Calahoo Night Owls club, and the Singles club.

He was a very active person. Stan and I attended many dances with him and also travelled with him.

Stan & Eric spent many enjoyable hours discussing, practicing square dancing moves etc.

We miss him as I know all of you who knew him will, he was always a classy gentleman.

His memory will always be with us.

Thank you for the friendship you gave us
Stan & Cecile Rishman



IN MEMORIAM



REMEMBERING

FRANK JAKSITZ

June 1, 1925 – November 16, 2009

Frank was born in Yugoslavia and was a little boy -3yrs old maybe? when the family moved to Canada. He was the oldest of seven children.

His working years were spent truck driving.

When of retirement age he decided to join a group that appeared to be having fun. He started square dance with Wayne Russell about 25 years ago. In the square dance world there was also a lovely lady who came along to learn square dance; her name being Madeline Romanchuck. The two loved to visit many clubs when they were learning square dance. They joined the Buttons & Bows Club with Andy Pennock as instructor and most recently were members of the West Edmonton Promenaders with Gary Winter.

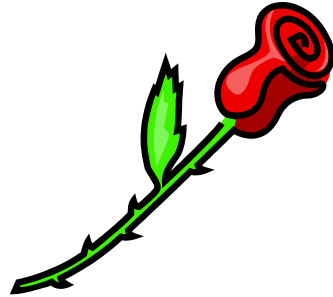
They have been partners in life for nearly 25 years. Frank loved dancing with Madeline as she always looks so beautiful in the many square dance outfits she sewed. The two were very supportive in visiting other clubs over the years. They were sure to attend the ESDSA special dances, summer dances and were often there for beginners.

It wasn't long before they were traveling in Frank's Motorhome to enjoy the circuit of summer campouts and conventions in Alberta and B.C. Frank always had a smile when he was on the dance floor having a good time! He was sure good with hugs for the ladies and had that twinkle in his eye which was his classic indication of a fun time. Frank was known to the gents as having the signature Foresters' hand shake.

Besides square dance, Frank had a love for musical stringinstruments; self learning the fiddle. He became a member of the Swamp Ratts – Andy, Hank & Frank. Hank (Henry Unrau) says Frank was his mentor to join the musical group. Andy Penock, Henry Unrau, and Frank Jaksitz were frequent entertainers at Seniors Residences.



IN MEMORIAM



Raymond Bernard Jean

March 5, 1941 - January 29, 2013

Country Cousins were saddened at the sudden loss of a dancer on January 29, 2013. Ray began dancing with the Country Cousins in 2009. His presence was eagerly awaited by the single girls in the club. He was a steady partner for those who needed one.

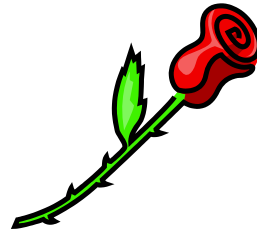
Ray was a quiet and private man who enjoyed dancing. He regularly attended social dances in Sherwood Park and Edmonton, as well as the square dances with the Cousins in Sherwood Park.

He was also a busy, giving and caring man. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels, volunteered in his church and helped out his daughter with a lot of babysitting.

Ray will be lovingly remembered by his children, Claudette, Monique and Allen; his six grandchildren; brother Aurele, sister Annette; a large extended family and friends as well as all his Country Cousins.



IN MEMORIAM



Patricia "Pat" Jenkins

April 3, 1925 - March 25, 2013

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved Patricia Jenkins March 24, 2013 at the age of 87 years.

Pat Jenkins starts Dancing and other stories

What will we do about mom? When dad died in 1972 mom was lost. She wanted to do nothing. The family didn't know how to help. We hit on a plan. Marian and I started square dancing in St Albert. We told mom she had to come too. Marian was pregnant and she would probably stop dancing before the lessons were over so I needed another partner. It turned out that Mom loved square dancing. Everything is directed so you don't need to make decisions and everyone is friendly. Marian and I moved to Grande Cache and Mom joined 4 different clubs (Saints & Sinners, Buttons and Bows, 2X4's, Country Sunshiners) and helped start the Edmonton Single Squares where she met Fergie Mahood. She never missed an Alberta Convention or a Canadian National Convention for 30 years.

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80 years young. Most people think you should sit back and enjoy the sunset at 80. My mom wanted to rise up and enjoy the sunset. Hot air balloons fly at dawn and dusk to avoid the winds. She wanted to fly in a balloon and an afternoon flight is warmer. We set a record in that they called us on 7 occasions and had to cancel all but the last. It was 2 hours and she didn't stop grinning for the whole flight.

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81 years and still capable. We wanted to go to Las Vegas as she thought it might be the last time she would be up to travelling. With Marian and I to help every step of the way she thought she could manage it. When we got to the airport the world had changed. This was 2006 and nine eleven was 2001. They wouldn't let mom fly without a birth certificate or a passport. So we made sure she had cab fare and flew off without her. While we flew she moved her flight to the next day, taxied all over town and talked many people into helping to get a Birth Certificate in one day. She got to the airport, caught the flight and found us at the Circus Circus and we had a great holiday together. All through her life she always did what needed doing with no fuss. I hope we can do as well.

Thank you Dwayne and Marian Jenkins



Pat Jenkins - 20 Yr. Charter Member of Edmonton Singles Club



With the special gleam which many of us have seen in Pat's eyes, she tells the story of how she became a square dancer over 20 years ago. "My son, Dwayne, and her daughter-in-law convinced me to start square dancing in 1972 after I lost my husband." At that time she took beginner lessons with the Saints & Sinners and the 2 X 4's.

Pat began her life in New Brigiden, Alberta (near Oyen). She then lived in Turner Valley from 5 years of age until she was 21 and following her marriage. She moved with the oil fields to Edmonton at the time of the Leduc strike. Following 19 years of employment in Woodward's groceries at Westmount, the first shopping centre in Edmonton, she was not able to continue working due to illness.

Travelling has been a favorite pastime for Pat as evidenced by trips over the years to places like Australia/New Zealand when she and 3 square dance friends rented an RV and toured for 2 months (much cheaper to travel that way). The Philippines, Japan, England/Wales, and the Caribbean Cruise with Jerry Pierce are also part of calls known to Pat. She has attended all national conventions except Halifax, as well as 22 Alberta conventions. "Being active" in square dancing is an understatement for Pat. There will be very few of us who do not know her through square dancing in which she has aspired to levels AI, AII and "is trying" CI. Being a member of the Millwoods Country Sunshiners, Park-allen Buttons & Bows, Trach II, Swinging Stars, and The Singles shows just how dedicated Pat is to square dancing at Mainstream and Plus levels. She also round dances but is not a member of a club. Her contributions to the social/lunch requirements for square dance clubs have not gone by unnoticed!

When Pat is not square dancing, she finds time to help the elderly disabled with their grocery shopping and driving to appointments. She also knits and loves music. Pat attributes square dancing as a means of getting her out of the house,

Pat Jenkins continued

great exercise, and meeting a lot of people in an environment with no drinking and almost smoke-free. And the conventions are great everywhere!

When Pat was asked to describe how square dancing is different from when she commenced dancing in 1972, she exclaimed, "Singles are accepted!" Pat was instrumental in assisting Don Mittelstadt in the 'push' for singles' recognition resulting in a club in 1975. She says, "There has been a lot of growth in the Singles' Club, which gives a great deal of support to other clubs and in demonstration dancing. Pat has also seen the era of 'shorter' square dance dresses and now a bit longer, and she observes fewer men wearing towels. People who have left an impact on Pat in square dancing are: Betty and Dave Kendall of Parkallen, Melanie Nelson and Wally and Iris Ewan.

Pat recalls the first Singles' Caller, Wally Ewan doing 'all position' dancing at a time when other callers did not. This really helped the Singles and was very beneficial for moving on to Plus dancing. "Square dancing is faster than walking and ballroom dancing requires a partner" are two good reasons for square dancing, according to Pat.

At this time of her life, Pat is looking forward to a change in life style to a seniors' apartment. In accomplishing this, she will face the dreaded "scaling-down" process in her 45-year home collection. Perhaps Pat will keep us all informed about the auction sale she anticipates in the near future - she has a wonderful collection of records, tapes, books and collector plates, just to name a few items.

During this special year when the Edmonton Singles are celebrating its 20th Anniversary, treasures like Pat as the only Charter Member of their Club are really appreciated and recognized. She carries with her a wealth of experience to share in direction of the Club, as well as her expertise as a dancer who can also 'lead' and give opportunities for dancing to other ladies. Pat has one recommendation - it would be beneficial for ladies to dance Mainstream ladies' position for a couple of years before dancing lead on a regular basis.

We all look forward to many more years of enjoyable dancing with Pat and wish her continuing health and happiness.

Lorna Radke

ROBERT (BOB) JENKINS



JENKINS, ROBERT (BOB) - January 3, 1928 - April 3, 2008. The Family wishes to announce the passing of Bob on April 3, 2008. Son of the late Kenneth and Myrtle (Fowler) Jenkins. Survived by his wife Molly (Johnson) Jenkins, four sons, David, Peter John and Andrew, three grandchildren, one brother Gordon W. Jenkins of Saint John. We remember him with great gratitude for our time together. The laughter, guidance, generosity and kindness he has shared with us will always be remembered.



Molly & Bob
Jenkins



*In Loving
memory of
Noreen Jensen*

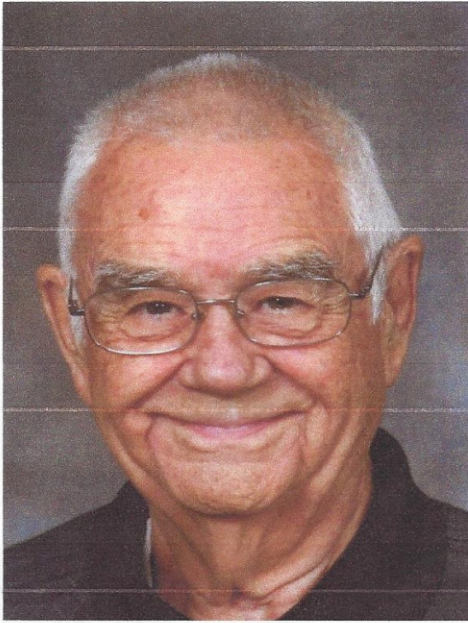
Oct. 3, 1945—Sept. 29, 2019

Dance Dance Dance

Noreen loved to dance and will be sadly missed by her many friends from the Edmonton Singles and West Edmonton Promenaders. Noreen started square dancing in 2013 and she used to say dancing night was one of the best evenings of the week. Noreen was also very involved with her Faith Community Church group. She had many great friends there. We are all very blessed to have known Noreen and able to call her our friend.

Born in Montreal on October 31, 1945, she passed away in Edmonton at the Grey Nuns Hospital on September 29, 2019 with friends by her side. Her ashes will be buried beside her mother in the Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal.





Memorium



Al Johannesson

Al was born on August 30, 1931 in Winnipeg.

He spent his entire career working in the printing industry, initially as a typesetter and later as a paper and printing equipment salesman.

Al and Audrey met on a blind date with his roommate. They started dating and were married on June 29, 1963. In March 1967 they were transferred to Edmonton where they've lived since , raising two daughters Lisa and Deanne.

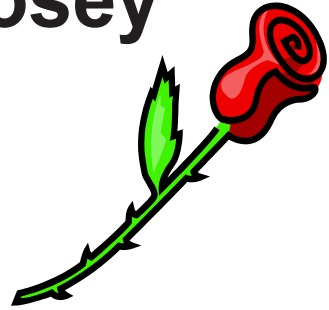
Al enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren Kristin and Ryan. He enjoyed his family and friends, camping, travelling, reading, working with computers, square dancing and watching NHL hockey and CFL football (but who to root for when Edmonton and Winnipeg were playing each other?).

Al and Audrey joined the Double Diamonds in 2002 with square dancing becoming an activity they both enjoyed. Al and Audrey were always available to participate in demos, visitations or any of the other club activities. They branched out to Plus dancing with Luke's & Lucy's and Extra dance. However, as Al's illness progressed he was able to dance less and less, dancing his last tip last spring. Al passed away on September 16, 2016 and is deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow square dancers.



Memoriam

**Gerald
Josey**



IN MEMORIAM

December 10, 1925 - August 14, 2008

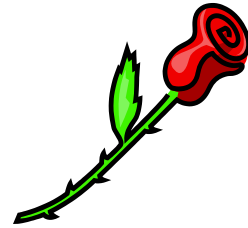
Gerry will be remembered by the many loves he had in life, entertaining, golf, singing, volunteering, and overall "joie de vivre". He also enjoyed square dancing, round dancing and clogging until just a few years ago.

Gerry and his wife Hertha attended many of the clubs in the Edmonton area. They also spent years as snowbirds in Arizona, where they enjoyed dancing, and golf.

Gerry had a great sense of humour and always looked for the positive in everything.



Gerald Josey



Shirley Junk

Shirley Joan Junk (nee Virtue)
August 27, 1934 to May 21, 2015

Shirley was born in Torquay, Saskatchewan to her parents Ruth and Del Virtue. Her infant sister Elaine died in 1936. Two younger brothers, Bill and Allan, joined the family later. Her father joined the air force as a navigation instructor in 1941 and the family moved a number of times in the following five years as he was moved from one base to another in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Finally the family settled in Moosomin, Saskatchewan in 1946 where Shirley made some lifelong friends.

Shirley graduated from High School in 1952 and then attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where she met Don. In 1956, she graduated with a Bachelor of Education. Shirley taught school in Redvers, Saskatchewan.

She married Don Junk (from Oxbow, Saskatchewan) in 1957 and moved to Regina where they started square dancing and have been square dancing ever since! She continued to teach until she had to leave her job when they were expecting their first child, Elaine.

Shirley Junk - page 2

Shirley and Don spent a year in Ottawa, where Debbie was born. They returned to Regina and added another daughter, Darlene, to the family. The family move to Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1968; this is where Maureen and Laurel were born.

In Fredericton, Shirley became involved in La Leche League (LLL) and she remained actively involved throughout the 70's and 80's. She was a group leader and later Shirley became coordinator of LLL groups for Eastern Canada. She then became the Executive Director/President of LLL Canada. During that period it became incorporated in Canada and signed an affiliation agreement with La Leche League International. As part of her role she made many trips to meetings and conferences across Canada and the U.S. in which she gave speeches and workshops on many aspects of parenting.

In 1977, the family moved to Edmonton. Shortly after arriving in Edmonton, they became involved in Steinhauer United Church. Shirley worked at St. Stephen's College organizing study tours from 1988 to 1995. With no email, this involved many late night and early morning phone calls to places like Israel, Korea and India. Shirley has had lifelong involvement in the United Church of Canada participating in many programs and groups, serving on numerous committees, teaching Sunday school, and even serving as treasurer of her congregation. She also served as a volunteer driver and board member with Lifestyle Helping Hands.

Shirley loved to travel and enjoyed many special trips with Don and friends travelling to different countries: Trinidad, U.S.A., Greece, Britain, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy, Israel, Egypt, Cost Rica, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Spain, Portugal, China, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Turkey, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Shirley continued to enjoy visiting and playing games with friends and family even in the final weeks of her life.

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50 YEARS OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING

Imagine a 50 year love affair that started from a chance encounter. This year we celebrate 50 years of marriage but we also celebrate our 50 year love affair with square and round dancing. It all started when we were invited to a square dance in Regina and discovered there was more to square dancing than "Dip and Dive". This was a special dance with a caller from California.

We 'broke down' every square we went into that evening but we were hooked. Those friendly people invited us to come back the next week to their club. Thus we began our square dancing with a half hour lesson before the regular dancing and lots of help. There was round dancing too and, in particular, we remember learning the 'happy polka' - a new type of polka for us and a challenge as well. Thankfully it never became a classic.



Don & Shirley Junk

Except for short breaks for five pregnancies, we have been square and round dancing ever since. In Regina in those years there were a lot of clubs and we made many friends. When we moved to Fredericton, N.B. in 1968 we were surprised and happy to find a large number of enthusiastic square dancers all in one large club! It was a great way to meet people and make friends in a short time.

It was not long before Fredericton had more clubs and a number of good callers. It also had access to some very talented callers from north east U.S. We particularly recall Ed Foote, Ron Libby, Dave (Hash) Hass, and Johnny LeClair calling for dances in Fredericton. As well large conventions held in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire were within easy driving distance.

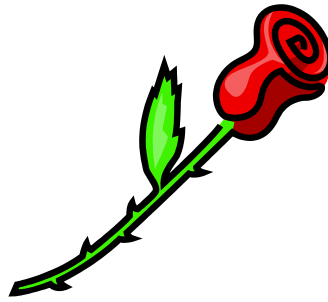
Nine years later we were on the move to another provincial capital. We settled in Edmonton just in time for the 1978 National Convention. It was marvelous with all dances in one building (no searching for a location), great sound and calling and an impressive finale.

Murray Few was calling at the first square dance we attended in Edmonton. He and Barb offered to take us to more advanced dancing. It was Extra Dance with Jerry Jestin calling. Extra Dance, now with Murray calling, has been our square dance home ever since.

At some point, in Fredericton, round dancing was no longer a part of the square dance evening and separate clubs were formed. With five children and busy schedules we felt that one night a week was all we could fit in - it generally went to square dancing. Our attention to round dancing was, at best, sporadic. However, in the past few years we've enjoyed round dancing on a more regular basis with Glen and Audrey Eliasson at the Kensington Strollers.

Fifty years of square and round dancing has passed very quickly. We are so glad we discovered it so soon after we were married. It's a love affair we hope will continue for many more years.

Foot note! Shirley and Don celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 6, 2007. Their five daughters and their families joined them in Moosomin Lake, SK for the celebration.



Nina Kalinowski

July 6, 1938 - November 30, 2013

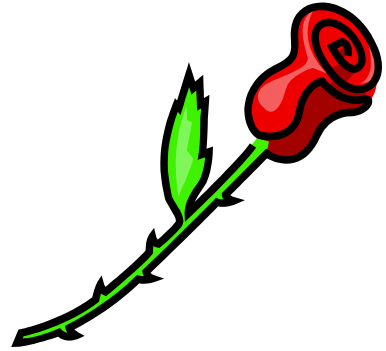
Nina was born in RedWater, AB, the second of four children. She was an energetic and capable lady who enjoyed a variety of work experiences throughout her life. She was a nanny, a casino dealer, and worked for a greenhouse business. She loved to garden and to cook. Ukrainian recipes were part of her heritage, specializing in perogies and homemade bread which she freely gave to others.

Nina had two daughters and a son, three grandsons, and two great-granddaughters. She attended all of their Ukrainian dance shows and sporting activities – soccer, hockey and football.

She loved to social dance and was a member of the “Clean Air Club”, the “Aerobics Non-Smokers Club” where she served on the executive, and the “Calder Seniors Dance” group. She took round dance lessons at “Reds Rounders” with Dave and Evelyn Patterson, then some years later, she joined Joan Tharmes’ “Wild Rose Country Dancers” round dance class, and the “Edmonton Single Squares” with Lorne Anderson and Stan Rishman. This past fall, she was too ill to dance, but she made sure the lunch she had committed to, was delivered to the dance club!

This past year, Nina knit neck warmers for family and friends and was still knitting till shortly before her passing.

Another lovely, smiling lady will be greatly missed.



Marion E. Kandt

May 6, 1930- October 16, 2015

Marion Kandt passed away peacefully on Friday, October 16, 2015. She is lovingly remembered by her long-time companion, Ed Clish and Family; her children, Sharon (Mel) and family, Judy, Barry (Jill), Neil (Gina); grandchildren Joel, Sean (Amy), Graham (Sherry), Devin (Sarah) Brent (Thai); great-grandchildren, Ryder and Alexis and many relatives and friends.

One of Marion's pleasures in life was square dancing. Marion's dancing started with the Golden Slippers' in Fort Saskatchewan. Due to lack of membership, the Golden Slippers' closed down and Marion and her long-time companion, Ed Clish, joined the Kick-a-Poo Kids in Bon Accord. They enjoyed many evenings of dancing. Marion often spoke of the many wonderful friendships she had made through her square dancing. Dancing always put a smile on Marion's face.



Let's Remember

Heather Kariel

Jan 23, 1954—Jan 3, 2021



Heather was born in Weston, Ontario on 23 January 1954, and died unexpectedly FROM CANCER COMPLICATIONS 3 January 2021 in Athabasca. She leaves behind her husband, Doug, of 37years and daughters, Allison (Will) and Marilyn.

Heather started square dancing at the age of 13 in rural Alberta in Cold Lake and actually met Doug the first night they both attended the Swinging Singles in Calgary in 1982 and together they have enjoyed dancing ever since. The last 10 years they were dancing at Boyle Twilight Twirlers and the newly formed Athabasca River Ramblers. They also learnt Plus dancing and attended the Luke's and Lucy's and Extra Dance in Edmonton. Most years they would go south to the USAWest convention which is held in different parts of the western US. They loved to travel to dances in Canada, as well. Our Convention had them both involved helping them with Church services and Banner Parades when it was in Edmonton.

Heather was very active in the community: she ran her own business as an independent demonstrator with Stampin' Up and made beautiful cards etc. She volunteered in many organizations. I will name a few: Athabasca United Church, Athabasca Chamber of Commerce, and earlier, served as a Guide Leader, helped with the Athabasca Ukrainian Folk Dance Club, and the Athabasca Ballet Society.

Heather will be greatly missed by the square dance communities, her Church community, many, many friends and of course family.

Brian Robert Kaye

WESTMANCOAT

1932-2002

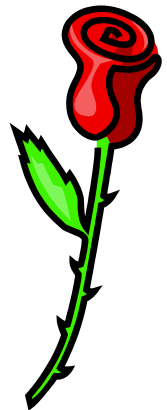
Brian was born April 30, 1932 in Edmonton and passed away on January 22, 2002 at the Peter Loughheed Centre in Calgary at the age of 69 years after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Brian was an active member of the community of Ryley. He enjoyed square dancing with the Swinging Beavers and the Rose City Swingers as well as singing in the Toefield Men's Chorus. He was also an active member of the Ryley Legion and as a young man, he was very active in the Ryley 4-H Dairy Club.

Brian proved that the human spirit can endure incredible hardships with valour and dignity and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his three sons, Barry (Eden) of Ryley; Mark of Drayton Valley; Philip (Tanya) of Ryley; five cherished grandchildren, Natasha and Myles, Sara, Joni and Johnathan; one great grandchild, Faith; one sister, Barbara (John) Bragg of Calgary; a niece, Michelle (Scott) Finlayson of Bryan, Texas and his wife of 41 years, Marie.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Marjorie and an infant brother, Barry. Blessed be his memory.





Neil Kelly



KELLY, Neil Crawford

Neil was born on December 28, 1931 in Edmonton, Alberta and passed away on November 12, 2012 in Vernon, BC at the age of 80. Neil will be lovingly remembered by his wife Anne, to whom he was married for 40 years; one brother Jim (Carolyn) Kelly; two daughters, Janet (Ernie) Byl and Susan (Keith) Talbot; six stepchildren, Steve (Christine) Dick, Michael (Shelley) Dick, David (deceased) Hannifer Dick, Paul Dick, Susan Dick, and Sheila (David) Leadbetter; fifteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Neil attended school in Edmonton, moved to St. Albert, AB in late 1960, and to Parker Cove near Vernon, BC in 1991 when he and Anne retired. Neil spent his final months at Polson Special where he was loved for his gentle manner and spontaneous smile. Following a

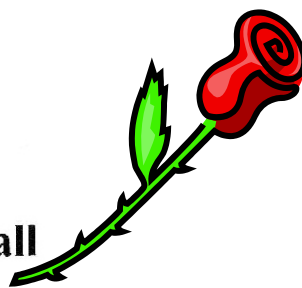


**Neil & Anne
Kelly**

Bette Kendall

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Elizabeth (Bette) Kendall
1924 - 1998



Mary Elizabeth (Bette) Kendall of Edmonton , was born at North Battleford, Saskatchewan on October 8, 1924 and passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 8, 1998 at the age of 74 years. Bette will be remembered for her lively entertainment, especially as "Klondike Kate", and her years of promoting square dancing.

Bette will be lovingly missed by her husband, Dave; her two daughters, Bonnie (Larry) Brynlund of Calgary, Alberta, Vicki (Dave) Lawrence of South Cooking Lake, Alberta; two grandchildren, Lori and David Brynlund of Calgary; three sisters, Ella McInnis, Nancy Kightley, Jean Bodner as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Jack Rutherford and Bob Lyon-Rutherford.

A Celebration of Bette's Life was held on Monday, December 14, 1998 at Pleasantview United Church, Edmonton with Reverend Jerry deVries officiating.

Bette will be sadly missed by all her square and round dance friends and others who knew her.



Dancer Profile

Featuring Bette and Dave Kendall



On May 14, 1994, at Parkallen Buttons and Bows windup supper dance, Ken and Elinor Glover (Past

Presidents of the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation) presented the first Alberta Rose award to Bette and Dave for "their exemplary service as active Goodwill Ambassadors for our movement at the local, provincial, national and international level". The plaque in the shape of the province of Alberta has the Alberta Rose on it. Other guests present were Wyatt and Margaret Grant (Federation Representatives on EDSDA), Vicki Lawrence (daughter) and many former long time members of the club.

This couple have been most active in the square dance movement since 1956 when they were in Bill Coulter's first beginner classes at Parkallen. They have spent countless hours giving of their time to promote square dancing not only in Edmonton and Alberta, but across Canada and the USA, as well as the North West Territories.

In 1974 they helped get the first North West Territories Jamboree off the

ground by promoting the first Charter flight with dancers.

In 1978 they were asked to be the Goodwill Ambassadors for the three prairie provinces, and for the B.C. Square Dance Jamboree in Penticton.

In 1983 they were made Goodwill Ambassadors of Yellowknife, and also they accepted the invitation to be trustees of Legacy.

In 1989 they were made "Honorary Members" of Parkallen Buttons and Bows.

In 1992, Parkallen Buttons and Bows held an "Appreciation Night" to honor them.

Over the years Bette and Dave were deep into church, community, and especially family activities. They loved trailering and are long time members of the Wandering Squares.

They have two daughters Vicki and Dave Lawrence, Cooking Lake, Alberta, and Bonnie and Larry Ambrose of Calgary, Alberta, as well as two grandchildren, David and Lori Ambrose.

All square dancers are saddened to learn of Bette's failing health. Dave continues to contribute his time and efforts and is the club treasurer for the 1994/95 season.

Evelyn Small

Memoriam



On Friday, December 29, 2023 Laurene Kiel (nee Stebner) of Fort Saskatchewan, AB passed away peacefully at the Sturgeon Community Hospital in St. Albert, AB, at the age of 87 years. She was born in Leduc, Alberta and was the first child of William (Bill) and Alma Stebner. She is survived by her son, Gary; her daughters, Sylvia and Lynda; Sylvia's fiancé, Shane; her grandson, Christopher; his wife, Lauren; and her great-granddaughter, Finley. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, Rudolf (Rudy), her parents and her brother Ervin.

From Her 80th Birthday Article

Laurene Kiel (nee Stebner) was born 80 years ago December 8, 1936 at Leduc, Alberta on the farm, the oldest of 3 children to Bill & Alma Stebner. Her mom and dad only spoke German as it was a German community area. So when Laurene started school she was in grade 1, for 1 1/2 years having to learn English. She went to Leduc school with the neighbors kids in a buggy with a horse and a sleigh in the winter for 2 1/2 miles. It was always fun when we would get out of the sleigh and walk on the hard snow banks higher than the fence lines. A large garden was planted in May, so some of the vegetables were canned in quart ceilers and the rest was stored in a cold room in the basement. Various fresh fruits were also canned up to 200 ceilers. Meats were canned but mostly chicken pieces as her mom raised chickens. Heating the house in the winter, was cutting wood in the summer and Laurene carried it in the house and piled it in the furnace room. In fall, her dad would buy coal from a mine, to use in the kitchen stove and furnace. With no electricity or running water, Laurene carried many, many pails of water for household use. In the fall during harvest, she missed days of school to help her mom with the chores while her dad was out working with the crew threshing in the area. She went to school until grade 10 and an opportunity came to get a job at the local Post Office where she worked 3 1/2 years. She met Rudy February 1956 through a girlfriend at a dance at the Rainbow Ballroom on Whyte Avenue, Edmonton, she got married October the same year and moved to Edmonton. They have 3 children Gary, Sylvia and Lynda. They were very involved in the community, kids activities and the church they attended. They started square dancing 1988 with Park Allen Buttons & Bows club with caller Danny & Susan Lemoine. They lived in Edmonton 21 years then built their 2nd home 1977 on an acreage near Fort Saskatchewan where they still reside.



Laurene

Kiel

1936 - 2023



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Rudy Kiel



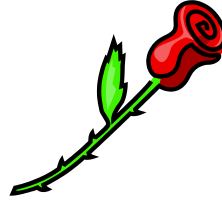
April 24, 1935 - June 18, 2018

On Monday, June 18, 2018, Rudolf (Rudy) Kiel of Fort Saskatchewan, AB passed away peacefully at home at the age of 83 years. He was born on April 24, 1935 in Bogdanka, Poland and was the second child of Julius and Wanda Kiel. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Laurene, his son Gary, his daughters Sylvia and Lynda and his grandson Christopher. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Heinz (Henry).

The family lived on a farm. He was 10 years when the family went through the 2nd World War. In the summer of 1944, a representative from the German Military came and ordered his father to join the army. His mother did not know where he was. Six months later, a soldier came and told his mother to get out of Poland and go to Germany. She packed up a wagon and then a 2nd one with horses and took necessary belongings and left the rest behind. She along with 4 children left on their journey in a caravan to Germany in the cold winter of 1944-1945. It took 2 1/2 months to get to Hertzschprung near Wittslock Germany where she decided to stay. They lived there 1 1/2 years. One day she went into the village with 2 children. She happened to see a man sitting on a bench, went up to him and to her surprise, was her husband (Rudy's father)! What miracle reunion! He managed to leave the German Army and went from town to town looking for his family. After 2 weeks however, he was captured by the Russians and taken prisoner to a war camp in Poland. He was released after 1 year and went back to his family in Hertzschprung. They left to West Berlin on the west side of Germany. There he began to prepare papers, etc for the family to immigrate. They came to Canada August 1948. Rudy had an uncle living in Barrhead, Alberta and this is where the family settled on a farm. Rudy went to school starting in grade 4, learned the language and worked on the farm. After a couple of years, he left home to the big city of Edmonton and worked on a farm near Edmonton for a while and then worked at Canada Packers for 20 years. It was an easy job but he needed a challenge. He quit the plant in 1972 and was in various successful businesses through the years from trucking to the sand business, scrap metal to warehousing and in 2000 a new project got started building mini storage units, with RV parking which he has today. This has been the most successful and a place he can go to meet people and communicate.



IN MEMORIAM



Lee Kraft

1939 - 2013

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Lee Kraft on February 5, 2013. Lee is survived by her husband, soul mate Ray, two daughters, one son and three grandchildren. She was raised in Macklin Saskatchewan, was one of fourteen children. Attended university in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Married Ray Kraft, moved to Edmonton in 1962, raised three children and taught grades one, two and three for many years. Lee loved art and was good at it. She also helped with Community service, Meals on Wheels.

She attended Annunciation Catholic Church, was a member of CWL.

Lee square danced with Western Stars for a few years and with the West Edmonton Promenaders for the last six years where she made many new friends who all loved her interesting stories and was a great dancing partner.

It was a privilege to know Lee.
She will be missed by all.



Joyce Kurney

IN MEMORIAM

**Joyce Harriette Kurney (nee Algar)
September 1, 1940 – April 15, 2009**

On April 15, 2009 Joyce Kurney of Millet, Alberta, went home to her Heavenly Father after a courageous battle with cancer.

Joyce started square dancing in 1988 with the Happy Homesteaders and the Peace Hills Hoppers. The following year her & Dave took Plus Dancing with Murray & Barb Few. After five years of dancing, she became a Caller's wife when her husband Dave started teaching and calling for the Leduc Happy Homesteaders. Together, they started and operated the Sandholm Crossroads Dancers as a caller-run club for the past 12 years. During that time, they were also caller couple for Buttons & Bows and Sherbrooke Shuffling Eights for several years. Joyce, along with her husband, were very actively involved in many provincial conventions and the 1996 National Convention in Edmonton. They were acting chair-couple for the 2001 Provincial Convention in Leduc.

She is survived by her loving husband David of 51 ½ years, and her children Sandra (James) McKerrall, Philip (Jeanette), Allister (Lori) and Barbara (Darrell) Wolter along with nine grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother Phyllis Lovig, two sisters, three brothers and many friends. Joyce was predeceased by her father Harry Algar in 1965 and both maternal and paternal grandparents.

Joyce was a dedicated mother, grandmother, wife and homemaker. She felt blessed to have been able to stay at home and raise her children and welcome each grandchild as they arrived. She enjoyed working on the farm, helping Dave with construction, gardening and flowers, baking, sewing and crafts, which she taught for several years as a 4-H leader.

We know that Joyce is resting in peace and will be dearly missed by her family and the many friends she met through 4-H, Square Dancing, Church, Community and other activities.

Submitted by Dave Kurney & Family



Agnes Kushnerick

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes Doreen Kushnerick



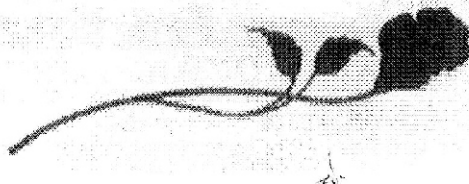
Agnes Doreen Kushnerick was born October 4, 1930 at Ryley, Alberta to Alex and Mary Dragon, along with two sisters and one brother. Agnes passed away on June 8, 1999 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

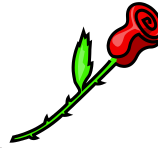
In 1953 she married Raymond Kushnerick at Ryley, AB. they lived at Swan Hills where Agnes worked at the Post Office for fourteen years and after they moved to Edson she worked as a teller for the CIBC.

Agnes and Ray first square danced at Estevan, Sask. in 1956. However, with moving around they did not return to square dancing until 1979 when they joined the Edson Twirlers. In 1986 they moved to Leduc, AB. here they joined the Happy Homesteaders and have been active dancers and supported the club in all its activities.

Agnes is survived by her loving husband Raymond of 46 years; one daughter, Deborah (Peter Pullishy) and their children, Amanda and Lesley, all of Wetaskiwin; Douglas (Marylou) and their children Michelle, Roichelle, Michael and John John, all of Edmonton; two sisters, Irene (Jim) Bieta and Alice (Louis) Gusta, both of Edmonton and also by numerous relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her parents and one brother, Clayton.

Agnes will be sadly missed by her family and all her square dance friends.





Jules Lacoursiere

December 12th, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jules Albert Lacoursiere on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Jules is lovingly remembered and missed by his life companion and best friend of 61 years, Carol; daughter, Michelle; son, Marc (Margo); and precious grandchildren: Jacques, Anique, Gabrielle, Luc, and Isaac. Jules also leaves to mourn his sister, Beatrice (Michel) Jarry; brothers: Denis (Irene), Leon (Jean), Omer (Norma); sister-in-law, Lina, numerous close relatives and many lifelong friends.

He is predeceased by his parents, Philip and Blanche; brother, Robert; sisters: Aline, Sister Eveline SAPS, Sister Marguerite SASV, Claire, Jeanne, Rita and Marie-Therese.

Jules was born in North Battleford Saskatchewan to Philip Lacoursiere and Blanche Blais in April of 1933. He was the fifth in a family of thirteen children. Jules was raised on a farm in Delmas, SK, where he attended elementary school. He then attended secondary school at College St. Jean in Edmonton, and graduated from St. Thomas College in North Battleford, SK.

Jules met Carol when he attended the University of Alberta, while they were both enrolled in their Bachelor of Education programs. They married in August of 1960. Jules began his 35-year career as a teacher, then principal, with Edmonton Catholic Schools. Ever musical, a highlight for Jules was travelling around the country with his school choir, bringing joy to appreciative audiences. The practice of the Catholic faith was important to Jules. This was especially true in his dedication to helping his students understand and live their faith through music and action. His passion for music was continued with his and Carol's participation in the Les Chantamis Choir for many years.

Jules Lacoursiere - page 2

Coming from a French family, Jules spoke the language fluently and taught in many bilingual schools. In later years, he was especially proud of sharing the Francophone culture and speaking in French with his children and grandchildren.

Jules had a love of sports, especially the Edmonton Oilers and Edmonton Eskimos. For many years, he held season tickets and enjoyed watching the games with friends while cheering on his favourite teams.

Jules was an avid golfer and longtime member of Devon Golf and Country Club. Over the years, he proudly obtained three holes-in-one. Golf is a very social game and Jules met many new friends and excellent golfers who shared his passion for the game.

Jules joined the Knights of Columbus in 1954. With his excellent people skills and perseverance, he rose through the ranks of the provincial executive to become State Deputy in 1989-1991, and President of the Canadian Association in 1991, as well as Supreme Director from 1992-1995. One of the highlights of 1994 was to have a private audience with Pope John Paull II in Rome. Together with Carol, they exchanged memorable words and shook hands warmly, definitely a moment to savour.

For 12 years, Jules held the position of Supreme Council Ceremonial Coordinator and Chairman of the Father McGivney Guild. During his numerous years of service within the Knights of Columbus, Jules and Carol travelled to many parts of the world for conventions where they renewed ties with old and new friends. With his active participation and his love of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, Jules has influenced, mentored and supported the efforts of his fellow knights as they strive to improve the lives of people worldwide.

After retiring, Jules and Carol spent 24 winters in Yuma, Arizona as snowbirds. Together they enjoyed golfing, square dancing, and socializing in the Arizona sun. They travelled and cruised extensively through Asia, Australia, Europe and South America. Travel was an experience that opened up the world to Jules. He loved travelling with family and friends. Trying new foods, special cocktails and enjoying the diverse cultures made him very happy.

Jules fully embraced life and loved people. Having an optimistic outlook, he lived life to the fullest on the golf course, at church, at meetings and at the coffee shop. Jules was always ready to entertain his friends with a quote, a story or a poem.

Square Dance History

Jules Lacoursiere - page 3

Carol and Jules started square dancing in 1988 with Lindseeds Square Dance Club. The calling couple were Clem and Doris Nadon. They were the President Couple for Lindseeds when they amalgamated with the Spinning Set Squares to become the Double Diamond Dancers.

As long-time snowbirds, Carol and Jules regularly squared danced while in Yuma, Arizona.

They very much enjoyed going on a square dance cruise where Gary Winter was the caller.

In 2018, the CDCDA honoured the couple for their thirty years of square dancing at NESAs.

Carol still square dances when she can in Edmonton and Yuma.



Jules & Carol
Lacoursiere



May 19th, 2011



October 6, 2022



Camille and Priscilla Lajeunesse

Camille passed away at home at the age of 83. Survived by his wife Priscilla (Bellhumeur); sons: Mark, Gerald (son Mikhail), David, Kevin, Francis (Carolynn) and their children, Nathan, Jacob, Kira and Tia; sisters: Terry and Julie; brothers: Jean Louis and Larry

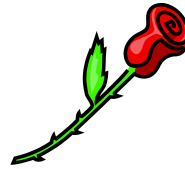
Priscilla Lajeunesse (Belhumeur) joined Camille on October 6, 2022, at the age of 91. Priscilla was a homemaker (Tourtierre and pate), school bus driver, avid square dancer, 5 pin bowler, and active in her church. She leaves her five boys: Mark, Gerald, David, Kevin, and Francis; her daughter-in-law Carolynn; 5 grandchildren: Mikhail, Nathan, Jacob, Kira, Tia; and her brother Joe (Mona). She was predeceased by Camille (2011) and her sister Clara (2019).

Dance History

Camille & Priscilla moved to Edmonton in 1956 with their family of 2 young boys, and in 1978 we were invited to join square dancing by one of Camille's work friends. They belonged to the "Lindseeds Square Dance Club" and the club caller couple were Clem & Doris Nadon. They started the beginner classes in 1979 with the Lindseeds and after one year of weekly classes and the wonderful instructions from Clem and the knowledge of Etiquettes of Square Dancing and Round dancing from Doris, they made it and graduated in 1980 and joined the Lindseeds. Right from the start they held many positions with the club throughout the years and in 1997 when the club amalgamated with Spinning Set Squares and became known as the Double Diamond Dancers we continued as members of this newly formed club. In 1982, they started their Round Dancing also with Clem & Doris as the cue couple, by joining the Dance A Lots Round Dance Club which they belonged to for ten years until it folded in 1992. They enjoyed both clubs very very much in all of those years but for lack of time & days, only carried on with Square Dancing.



IN MEMORIAM



Mary Lake

June 11, 1931 – December 9, 2012

A life beautifully lived.

Mary was born on June 11, 1931 in Edmonton. She attended Parkdale and Eastwood schools. While working at National Music, she met George Lake. They married on August 16, 1952. They have three children and two grandchildren. Mary leaves behind many extended family and friends, all of whom will remember her gorgeous smile and heart of gold.

Mary was an accomplished musician, playing piano in her early years and later learning ukulele. She always enthusiastically supported her family in their musical activities.

Mary loved to dance. She and George learned to square dance with the “Whirlaways” under the direction of Dick & Kay Nicol and to round dance with “Tait's Twirlers” with Norm and Doris Simons. Mary was an enthusiastic member of the “Alberta Rhythm Cloggers”. In later years she learned the hula. Everyone can recall her big smile as she danced with the “Hula Honeys” to George's band the “Hawaiian Dreamers”. They were popular entertainment throughout Edmonton.

Mary's life was anchored in her love of family, music, and her enduring support of George. Their 60-year relationship was one of true partnership.

With dignity and grace, Mary bid “Aloha” to her family surrounding her side and departed for her next dance in heaven.



George & Mary
Lake
dancing at
Tait Twirlers.



IN MEMORIAM

Keith Lambert



Sept 1, 1936 - January 22, 2010

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Keith Lambert; husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother & friend.

Keith started square dancing in the 60's, wherever his work took him a square dance club was to be found. From Ontario to BC, Arizona to Texas Keith was there to complete a square. The Edmonton clubs included: the Edmonton Linseeds, Edmonton Singles, Kensington Strollers, Luke's & Lucy's, Extra Dance, Crossfire, and for the past 15 years the St. Peter's 2x4's. With his wife Marjory he enjoyed many National conventions, Provincial conventions, campouts, workshops at Holiday Ranch, and square dance cruises. Keith really enjoyed square and round dancing and was often heard to say, "Dancers are the friendliest people he ever met." Outside of dancing Keith was a very competitive trap shooter and sporting clays shooter and won many trophies and medals all across Canada. An avid hunter as well, first for birds with his faithful dogs Boy & Tracy, and then for big game, Keith seldom came home empty handed. When he wasn't shooting or hunting Keith could be found fishing year round as he was a member of the Old Timer's Fishing Club. Keith will be sadly missed by many, including his wife Marjory, daughters Kathy (Troy), Barb (Russel), 3 grandchildren, 3 stepchildren, and 5 step grandsons.

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Larsen



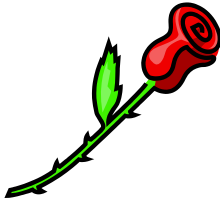
Alice Irene Larsen was born the 21st of September, 1921 in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta and passed away peacefully at the age of 86.

Alice Fleming grew up around Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. She attended Yorkville School, four miles south of Fort Saskatchewan. At the age of 16, Alice went to work at Swifts Packing Plant in Edmonton. She married Lars Larsen on July 20, 1946. They moved to a Norwegian community north of Veteran, Alberta and settled on the family farm. Mom loved the farm often mentioning, “Those were the best years of my life!” Mom and Dad moved to Veteran for one year and then to Edmonton in 1963, where she has since lived.

Alice and Lars started square dancing at the Nose Hills Community north of Veteran, Ab. for several years. They started square dancing by their home in Sherbrooke, Edmonton when they moved in 1963. Alice resumed square dancing a year after Lars passed away in 1977. Mom danced at Singles, and Sherbrooke Shufflin'Eights. Square dancing was a big part of her life. She enjoyed the social interaction with the people and did a lot of travelling to different functions and conventions. She met a lot of great people through square dancing and always felt it was “good for her mind”. She stopped square dancing about 8 years ago. She donated her collection of dresses and skirts to an Edmonton Square Dance Club in 2010, one year before she went home to be with Jesus. Mom had several dozen badges which we will probably make into a display case.

As a family, we will remember her steady strength, gentle spirit, sincere laugh and generous gift of love given to us her family. Mom will be dearly missed. Submitted by her daughter Shirley Christen

IN MEMORIAM



Ken Larsen

Oct 10, 1921 - Feb 5, 2013



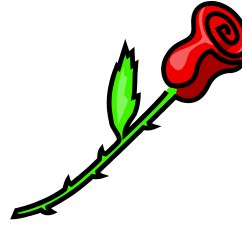
Kae & Ken Larsen

Ken served in the Canadian Army for five years during WWII. Then his career was in the Oil Industry. He and his wife Kae celebrated 64 years of marriage. They had six children, 18 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. They were a close-knit family yet always welcoming others to join in their good times together. In his final days, he got his wish to be at home and with his family. His favourite saying for his family was “Love you. Always have. Always will.”

Ken and Kae square danced with “Saints and Sinners”, “St. Peter's 2x4's”, and Jerry Pierce's Challenge club. They round danced with “Tait's Twirlers”, “Reds Rounders”, Jack and Dorothy Balfour, Norm and Doris Simons, and several other clubs to some of the Phase 6 level. They were tireless supporters of our square dance community and were always ready and willing to help and lead where needed. They were secretary couple for the Edmonton 1994 Provincial Convention and for the Edmonton 1996 Canadian National Convention. They chose the colours and outfits for the 1996 Convention and the jackets for the 1996 committee. They suggested the “Duck Slough Ballet” as part of the closing ceremonies entertainment in 1996. Ken was one of the many “ducks” (all men, each dressed in a tutu) who kept us laughing at the time and delighting in the memory seventeen years later.

Ken enjoyed camping both with family and at square dance events. He was one of those “Jack of all Trades”. He built their home, enjoyed their big garden, meal preparation, entertaining and on and on. A busy, happy life.

Ken was certainly a true gentleman. All dancers past and present thank you for your years of support and promotion for our great recreation. A big “YellowRock” from all of us.



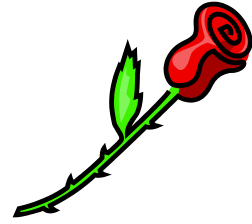
Sylvia Lazaruik

October 19th, 2019

LAZARUIK, Sylvia Maxine (nee Billey)

On October 19, 2019, Sylvia Lazaruik passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 80 years. Lovingly remembered by her husband Peter; two sons: Bradley, Bryan (Sherri); three grandchildren: Courtney, Samantha and Brandan; siblings Deloris Lee, Melvin (Lucille) Billey and sister Jeanette (Patrick) Segin; nieces: Lisa, Michelle and Wendy, as well as many friends and relatives. Predeceased by her parents Helen (1995) and Nick Billey (1976).

Sylvia was a member of Double Diamonds Square Dance Club from 2005 - 2019..



Louise Lemoine

April 1st, 2023

Louise and her husband Rick, throughout their life, their major social highlight was square dancing. They started square dancing in 1974 when Rick's brother, Al persuaded them to learn with him and his wife, Jackie. They enjoyed square dancing so much that they wanted more – so they started round dancing in 1975 and clogging in 1979. They traveled throughout Alberta to square dance, and outside Alberta to Hawaii, Penticton Jamboree every year with the kids, Winnipeg and Yuma. Danny (son) and Therese (daughter) started square dancing in 1975 and Elizabeth (daughter) and Adrien (son) started a few years later.



Louise and Rick Lemoine
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Louise made her family's square dance outfits.

They danced as a family for several years, pulling their holiday trailer to many square dance campouts. I remember often having "after parties" – parties after the dance in our basement to the wee hours of the morning. This consisted of more dancing, SOME drinking, laughing and was a ton of fun.

When all six of them started square dancing, they took yearly trips to Penticton for the Square Dance Jamboree held there every August. This was a lot of fun for the entire family!



They collected a numerous array of badges over their dancing years. The one they got for being the only couple to attend 40 consecutive years of the Western Workshop with Jerry and Janice Jestin was among their favourite. Page 2 of 2



Donna Lewis

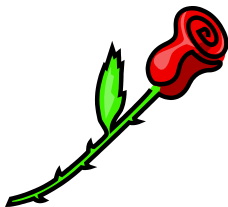
Donna Lewis, beloved wife, mother, and daughter, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2024, at the age of 83.

Donna's greatest joy in life was her family. She is survived by her partner Ed Radke, her four children, Cindy (Peter), Corry, Ceri (Chris) and David (Julie), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She always wanted more for all her children and tended to push them to always strive to become better. Mom took great pride in her children's accomplishments and those of her grandchildren.

Donna will be deeply missed by her loving family and friends. Her legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Donna was a square dancer that that visited various clubs (Singles, Country Sunshiners, etc.) with her partner Ed Radke.



Enid Liddell

September 1, 1924
– January 5, 2014



Enid passed away suddenly January 5, 2014, at the age of 89. She is deeply missed by her three children and their families: Cathy Hogle (husband Steve; Kirsten (Dustin), Zachary (Ava)), Gary (wife Edie; Heather, Graham) and Brian (wife Heidi; Theresa, Mitchell). Her husband of 47 years, Len, passed away in 1995. She is also mourned by her special friend, George Custance. Enid made such an impression wherever she went, with her enthusiasm for

life, love of people and penchant for mischief! She was born in Plunkett, Saskatchewan, where she was raised and lived through the depression. She left home at 18 and went to Halifax where she joined the WRCNS ("Wrens") and served our country through WWII. She returned home, went to Normal school and then taught in a one room school house. She met and married Len and started married life on the farm. The two of them went on to life in the big city, first Richmond and then Edmonton, where Enid had a profound impact on countless school children as well as the adults she encountered. She also played bridge, read and walked, and volunteered with various groups.

She loved music and dancing. From a dance perspective Enid learned a bit of tap at school at age 13 to 14 from older classmates at recess. She and her husband learned how to square dance in the early 1960s at St. Peter's 2x4's with Bill Tait. She and her husband were President Couple of the ESDA for 2 – 3 years. She learned how to clog with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers and clogged too with Footwerx and, until two years ago with the Wild Rose Country Dancers.

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John and Jackie started Square Dancing in Kingston Ont. in the 1960s with the Kingston Promenaders and their, caller Sandy Sanderson. When they moved to Fort McMurray, they joined the Ptarmigan square dance club, then later danced to records and tapes in their basement. When Andy Pennock, a travelling salesman, was in Fort McMurray he would call for the club in the Stables basement. Also in Fort Mac, John joined and was very active in the cross country ski club. He groomed some of the trails and raced with them.

John and Jackie were volunteers for the first Canadian National Convention held in Edmonton in 1978.

John and Jackie moved to Edmonton in 1980 and continued dancing with the St. Peters 2X4's. John and Jackie were editors of the Promenader, and once a month would have a group of square dancers to their house to collate and staple the promenader and distribute it to the clubs. This was the time when everyone would walk around a large table, and pick up the pages of the Promenader, stack them, and hand them to the person with the stapler. Doris Nadon was the typist and printer of the Promenader at that time.

Jackie passed away Jan. 1, 1990.

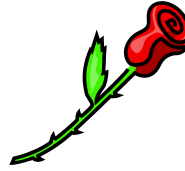
In May 1994, John married Enid. June of 1994, John and Enid were married a second time at the home of Dick and Flo Dutka, with Bill Tait officiating. Edna Trach was the best man, and Andy Pennock was the bridesmaid. Julie and Percy Ford were the parents of the bride, and Iola and Chuck McLaren were parents of the groom.

In 1995 John and Enid moved to Gainford. They danced occasionally with the Seba Beach Swingers, and in 1996 they became president couple of the club. When the Seba Swingers closed down, John and Enid joined the Parkcourt Promenaders. John was able to dance until October of 2009. Alzheimer's Disease slowed him down, and in November of 2009, John and Enid moved back to Edmonton. John spent his remaining years in the wonderful care of Kipnes Centre for Veterans.

During John's years in Gainford, he joined and was active in the Evansburg Royal Canadian Legion as membership chairman, and ran a few meat draws. He was also a member of the Youth Justice Committee and Crime Watch in Evansburg. John and Enid cleaned highway 16 for 2 mi. east of SH 757 for several years.



Memoriam



Gordon Liske

December 26, 1931 ~ August 29, 2022

Gordon Elmer Liske

Gordon Elmer Liske was born on December 26, 1931 in Wetaskiwin, Alberta to William and Emily Liske, and passed away on August 29, 2022 in Wetaskiwin, Alberta at the age of 90 years. Gordon was predeceased by his parents, William and Emily Liske, his brother Ken Liske, and his sister Erna Frieman. He leaves to mourn his wife Alene Liske, daughters Jody Liske, Laurie Schroder and Cindy Hinkey, his sister Ruby Warnke, and his brother Wilbert Liske. Also his grandchildren Chris Liske, Justin Schroder, Sarah Page, Aaron Hinkey, Joanna Hinkey and Elizabeth Kiely, and their children.

Gordon attended school at the Lone Ridge School, followed by continuing to help his Dad at the farm, and then starting road construction work. He met Alene Riley at a boarding house in Ponoka, while they were both working in that area, and they got married on Dec 17, 1957.

Gordon continued to do construction and seismic work during their first year of marriage, followed by farming for the rest of his life on the farm where he grew up, which he and his wife Alene bought from Gordon's parents over time. Gordon also participated in their travel agency of 33 years, Liske Travel Ltd, which also afforded him and his wife Alene the opportunity to travel the world. Gordon and Alene loved to dance, with square and round dancing being their specialty as part of the Wetaskiwin Square Dance Club.

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Gordon was known as a very honest, wise, soft spoken, and fair man, always considering the needs of others before himself, and giving of himself freely, expecting nothing in return. Over the years Gordon served as Chairman on many boards in the community, and he also served as Executor for many estates in the Wetaskiwin area. Gordon loved being outside with his cattle and in the field, and he continued to dream about that daily until the day he passed. His most favourite places to be were at the farm, as well as at his church home, originally Emmaus Lutheran Church in Brightview, Alberta, then Zion Lutheran Church in Wetaskiwin, followed by St. Peters Lutheran Church in Leduc.

Gordon had 8 amazing certified home health care workers who cared for him on shifts at the farm over the past 2 ½ years. All of these people became an important part of Gordon's family, and the love between him and them was strong. Gordon had a great sense of humour till the last few days before he passed, and every day was filled with joy, love, and fun. During the last 2 years of Gordon's life his most favourite thing to do was to go for drives in the countryside with his best buddy and care giver Abdullah, followed by them picking up hot chocolate for the road from Tim's. Abdullah was like a son to Gordon, and Gordon was like a father to Abdullah.

Gordon was a one-of-a-kind man that we all dearly loved, and we will all greatly miss. Life won't be the same without Gordon, but we do know we will be with him again when we are all with Jesus in Heaven.

Gordon started square dancing in 1952 at the Lone Ridge Hall with Rene Beguin as caller. Gordon and his wife Alene took basic and round dance lessons in 1977 at the Wetaskiwin Peace Hill Hoppers Club and maintained membership and served as club President for many years. Gordon and Alene learned Plus dancing at the Central Squares Club in Red Deer, and round dancing up to phase 4+ level at the Lacombe Round Dance Club. Since the Wetaskiwin Club closed in 2011, Gordon and Alene have become members at Sandholm. He says that they have met friendly and caring people (that's who square dancers are) and have so much fun dancing. Even though age creeps in, the challenge of square dancing is the absolute best activity to be involved in and they plan to participate as long as their legs hold them up – God Willing!

Dennis Lowe

IN MEMORIAM

Dennis Arthur Lowe
1927 - 2001

Dennis was born in Lakeview, Ont. on Sept. 26, 1927 and passed away on May 29, 2001 at Killam, Alberta at the age of 73 years. He and Marie joined an Olde Tyme Square Dance Club where Dennis eventually became a caller. In 1970, they danced in the square that won first place in the Olde Tyme Square Dance Festival at Dundalk, Ont. They also were in the square that made a movie for the opening of Ontario Place.

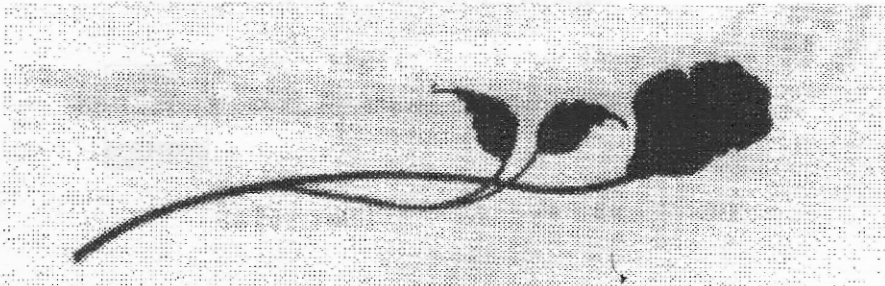
The Lowes moved to ALberta in 1975 and were soon back square dancing. Dennis called for clubs in Killam and Belles Hill and did many parades as well as calling at Clagary Stampede dances. He was MC at one Stampede dance. In 1988, he was asked to be a judge for the square dances at the 60th Royal Ag. Winter Fair in Toronto.

Dennis taught square dancing to students in Killam and Forestburg and also for the Crossroads Day Program in Camrose. As well, Dennis and Marie taught social dancing. Over the years, many dancers joined the Lowes in entertaining at Seniors' Lodges and nursing homes under Dennis' leadership.

Dennis and Marie participated in most of the Alberta Square Dance Conventions since 1981 as caller and dancers. They also attended three National Conventions.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marie; five children, Gary, Cheryle (Marvin), Marlene (Bill), Kim (Randy) and Jenny (Sonny); six grandchildren, one great granddaughter and numerous neices and nephews.

We will miss him. Blessed be his memory.



IN MEMORIUM

Joyce Lowther

1934-1997

Joyce Russell was born in Lacombe on June 1, 1934 and grew up in the Joffre area until her marriage to Wayne Lowther April 5, 1956. They lived in various communities until the family moved to Camrose in 1966. Joyce worked at the Camrose Stationary for 26 years retiring in 1995.

Joyce was a member of the United Church and supported it in many different ways such as teaching Sunday School for many years.

Joyce and Wayne learned to square dance in Camrose with the Rose City Twirlers in the late 1960's. Then they were members of the Wetaskiwin Peace Hills Hoppers and in 1980 helped form the Rose City Swingers in Camrose. During the last 17 years they have held numerous positions on the executive, locally, CASRDA and in 1990 were President Couple for the Alberta Convention. They have also attended the

Alberta Callers meetings for many years. The along with George & Betty Baum and Ron & Helen Bailey, took round dance lessons in Lacombe with Neil & Mae McKnight teaching and have remained a close friendship with Neil & Mae ever since.

Wayne and Joyce were very dedicated square and round dancers, travelling to dances in many provinces including Nova Scotia. Also in Washington, Montana and North and South Dakota. Even Joyce's struggle with cancer did not stop her from dancing. In January of this year, they drove 3888 km. to dance at various places in the area.

She is lovingly missed by her husband Wayne, daughter Lynne (Brent) Stang, Daughter Susan (Wolf) Hess and three grandchildren. Joyce will also be sadly missed by all her square and round dance friends and others who knew her.





Wayne Lowther



Leslie "Wayne" Lowther
(April 16, 1934 - March 24, 2024)

Wayne was born in Nanton Alberta in 1934. He moved to the Ponoka area with his parents and brother Alan. Wayne married Joyce in 1956 and had two daughters Lynne (Brent) and Susan (Wolf), ultimately giving him three grandchildren Jennifer, Amy and Nolan, and eight great-grandchildren. Joyce passed away in 1997. Wayne married Helen in 1999 and inherited three more girls Verlie (Andy), Vickie, and Vivian (Dwayne), and three more grandchildren Brandon, Adam, and Colby.

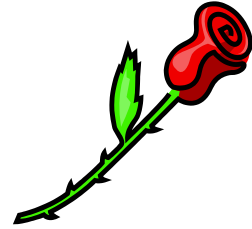
Wayne was a banker in the early years, and when he moved to Camrose in 1966, he worked for Manpower and Employment. Upon retiring, Wayne volunteered with Victim Services for ten-plus years, as well as many other organizations. Wayne was also very active with the United Church and sat on many of the boards.

Wayne and Helen enjoyed travelling, square dancing, camping, and spending time with friends and family. Wayne served as the President of Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation for many years.

Wayne was predeceased by his first wife Joyce; his parents Leslie and Alta Lowther; and his brother Alan Lowther.



Memoriam



Agnes MacCallum

MacCALLUM, Agnes Isabel

It is with great sadness the family announces that on April 26, 2016, Agnes MacCallum of Edmonton passed away at the age of 96 years. Left to cherish her memory are her three sons, Bruce, Brian and Blair; 8 grandchildren, Shawn, Shelley, Bradley, Christopher, Nathan, Adrian, Daniel and Graham; 9 great- grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. Agnes was predeceased by her husband, Danny; two sisters, Jean and Roberta; and a brother, David. Agnes was born in Chatham, NB on March 8, 1920 to John and Edith McLean. She met and married Danny on June 8, 1950. Danny was in the Air Force stationed throughout Canada in their early years and consequently their three sons were born across Canada in Toronto, ON, Kamloops, BC and Goose Bay, NL, before settling in Edmonton, AB in 1961. With a nursing degree she earned early in life, she followed the profession part-time while raising her sons and full-time in later years until she retired.

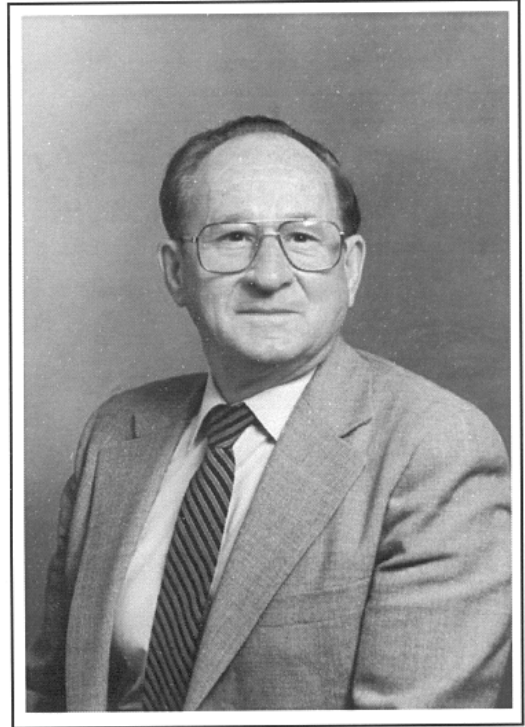
Her son Blair told us she started square dancing in the late 1970s, a few years later she started round dancing before retiring from dancing in the early 2000s. She collected over 2 dozen badges, made many friends and acquaintances, attended conventions, travelled as a dancer to USA and Holland. She was once the president of the Singles Square Dance Club.

IN MEMORIAM

Chester "Ches" MacKay

March 21, 1922 -

January 11, 2009



Chester Sellars MacKay was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, but as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he lived in many places including Germany, Cold Lake, and several locations in Eastern Canada.

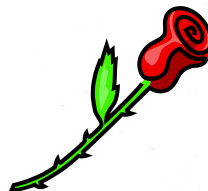
Ches was a square dance caller for over 40 years until he retired from calling due to health reasons. He called and contributed to square dancing in many locations as he moved from one posting to another. In 1988 he and his wife Irene moved to Spruce Grove, Alberta. They called for several Edmonton district clubs over the years, including the Spruce Grove Groovy Grovers, the Edmonton Single Squares, the Swinging Stars (plus club), and the Park Court Promenaders. Ches called at many National and Provincial Conventions. He continued to call after Irene's passing.

Ches held various executive positions over the years with the Edmonton and District Callers and Instructors Association and was a member of the Square and Round Dance Instructors Association of Alberta. He received the Award of Excellence from the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society in 2002.

IN MEMORIUM

Irene Dorothy MacKay

May 14, 1918 - September 19, 1995



Irene Dorothy MacKay was born in Moncton, N.B. on the 14th of May, 1918. She was a member of the Steeves Mountain United Baptist Church, Moncton, N.B.

Irene met her husband Chester when she was employed in a war factory job in Malton, Ont. in 1941 and they were married in Weston, Ont. October 30th, 1942. Chester joined the RCAF in January 1943 and served at many locations in Ontario and Prince Edward Island. On his release after the war, they moved to Moncton, N.B. where their son Gary was born in 1945. It was at this time that they first became acquainted with square dancing. Five years later a sister for Gary arrived - Marie.

After nine years with the C.N.R. in Moncton, Chester rejoined the peace time RCAF and in 1954 was

transferred to Rockcliffe, Ont. In 1958 the family was transferred overseas to Zwelbrucken, Germany where Chester served four years with the N.A.T.O. forces. In 1962 the family was transferred to Cold Lake, Alberta. While in Germany, Chester learned to call square dances and square dancing became a way of life for the MacKays.

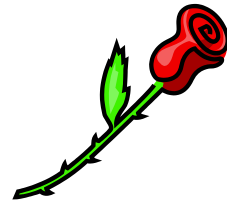
After ten years in Cold Lake, the MacKays retired to Moncton, N.B. leaving both Gary and Marie in Alberta, and after 18 years in Moncton, finally moved back to Alberta in 1988 where both children were nearby. Irene was very active as a square dance caller's wife until her passing on September 19th, 1995.

Irene will be greatly missed by all those who knew her through square dancing. Her warm smile and welcoming hug as well as her friendly, gentle manner will long be remembered.

IN MEMORIAM

Ferguson Milne “Chuck” MacLaren

July 23, 1917 – January 13, 2013



Chuck and wife Iola were long time members of the St. Peter's 2x4 Square Dance Club. They were strong supporters of the club, assisting in all projects and activities the club undertook. Their investment of time and contributions were recognized with a special award, “The Backbone of the Club Award”, created specifically to honor the MacLarens. While the award was eventually used to recognize contributions of other club members, it remains a lasting tribute to Chuck and Iola.

Chuck worked at the Municipal Airport from 1939 to 1981 repairing and maintaining aircraft for several organizations. When he retired, he volunteered at the Alberta Aviation Museum until after his 95th birthday. His superior skills of welding, fabricating and repairing benefited the 2x4's in many ways. If something needed to be repaired, made or assembled, Chuck was the one to ask. He made a unique club mascot and built props for many special dances.

Chuck was always cheerful and upbeat no matter the situation. With a twinkle in his eye and a smile, he was always a positive influence.

Iola predeceased Chuck in 2004. In the following years, he continued to be included in many gatherings and activities of club members, both current and past. His sense of humor was always present. In a gathering where Chuck's 95th birthday was recognized, he maintained that he planned to draw Canada Pension until he was 100 to “get even with the Federal Government”. Unfortunately, it was not to be.



Jeff & Florence Magman

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Jeff and Florence Magman became members of the Mill Woods Country Sunshiners in 1987-88 and were Social Convenors the following year 1988-1989. They were active members until 2001 attending the Barn Dances at The Ziegler Farm and at the Hoedowns as well as the special dances including the 1990 New Year's Eve Dance at Leefield Hall. They were a wonderful couple who were very popular with all the members.

Florence Eugenie (Vallee) Magman March 15, 1931 - November 17, 2018

Florence grew up in Beaumont where she met her soulmate and husband of 70 years, Jeff (Joffre). They settled in Edmonton where they raised their family.

Florence was a loving, supportive matriarch, who generously shared her skills and talents with family and friends. She was an exceptional cook, potter, clothes designer and seamstress. Until her stroke a few years ago, Florence kept fit by square and round dancing, swimming and cross-country skiing.

She was survived by her husband, Jeff and their sons Dan (Bonnie) and Wil (Laurie); their grandchildren, Michelle (Cam) Mclvor, Brent, Leah and Renee Magman and great grandchildren, Hudson and Marlowe Mclvor; her sister Marie-Anne (Jean) Lafrance and many nieces nephews and godchildren.

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Joffre (Jeff) George Magnan

October 10, 1925 - April 28, 2020

Jeff passed away peacefully at the age of 94. He was good-natured, loving and warm hearted and was a multi-talented master craftsman who was always willing to lend a hand. He was predeceased by his wife, Florence. He was survived by his sons Dan (Bonnie) and Wil (Laurie); their grandchildren, Michelle (Cam) McIvor, Brent, Leah and Renee Magnan and great grandchildren, Hudson and Marlowe McIvor.

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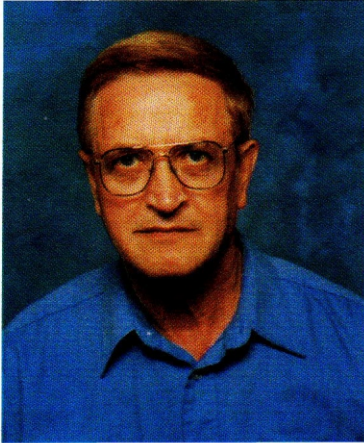
Alma Mahood



Alma Lillian Mahood 1918 - 2008

Alma Lillian Mahood was born to proud parents, John & Lillian Boles (nee Madder), on April 30, 1918 in Douglas Manitoba. She grew up in the country on the family farm where she came to appreciate community life, animals, nature, & the activities of the different farming seasons. It was there that she also learned the home arts of cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, knitting etc. that she shared so generously later in her own home. She traveled to Brandon for her musical studies, & eventually followed the path of her mother who was the church organist for 50 years. Later she met John Fergus (Fergie) who had come from Saskatchewan to work at her uncle's farm. At 21 years the two married & Alma moved to Grenfell, Saskatchewan to take up farm life & to raise a family. Ronald was born 5 years later, followed by 3 daughters, Miriam, Darlene, & Patricia. After retirement from farming Alma spent several years living in Grenfell with Darlene. In 1988 Alma & Darlene moved to Edmonton to join the rest of the family. After the passing of her youngest daughter who had been the pianist at Millwoods Presbyterian, Alma became the organist at Millwoods Presbyterian, until her retirement. The last three years of Alma's life were spent in the Allen Gray Continuing Care Centre where her daughters were able to visit her on a regular basis. She will be greatly missed by Ronald, Miriam, & Darlene.

David Boyd and Alma square & round danced together at Edmonton Single Squares & Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights & Kensington Strollers for 11 years from 1991 to 2002 before she became sick with Alzheimer disease.



George Charles Marrinier

Feb 5, 1934 – Jan 20, 2023



George was born in Athabasca, Alberta and was raised on a farm in a small community east of Athabasca. After completing high school, George filed for a “homestead” and attempted to farm for about five years before deciding to continue his education at the University of Alberta and pursue a career in engineering.

George and Florence married in 1959, immediately made their home in southwest Edmonton and have resided there ever since.

George received his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering in the spring of 1961 and immediately took up employment with the provincial government in the Department of Highways (later Alberta Transportation) remaining there for almost 32 years. In 1969, he received his Master of Civil Engineering Degree specializing in river engineering and in 1974 completed a Master in Business Administration.

Over the course of his long career in provincial transportation George held various engineering positions. He was involved in the planning, design and construction of many of the province’s highways and bridges including the Fort McMurray Highway, the 4-laning of the Trans-Canada Highway and the Calgary and Edmonton Ring Roads.

Following his official retirement in 1992 from the Public Service, George continued to work for several more years as a Senior Transport Engineer consultant for the provincial government and various engineering firms. George was an Honorary Member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists & Geophysicists of Alberta and an active member of the U of A Engineering Alumni Association, receiving his 60th anniversary of graduation pin in 2021.

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In addition to raising three children, George and Florence kept themselves busy with leisure activities that included spending time at their Skeleton Lake cottage during the summer and downhill skiing and square dancing during the winters. After retirement, leisure activities changed more to traveling, growing a large flower and vegetable garden, woodworking, antiquing and more square and round dancing,

It was in the early eighties that George and Florence began taking square dancing seriously. They joined Parkallen Buttons and Bows and remained dancing there weekly for some 27 years until the club closed in 2008. George and Florence started first with "mainstream" lessons then at the Plus, A1-A2 and Challenge Levels. They also took Round Dancing first with the Bartonaires, followed by the Tait Twirlers, Seesa Rounders and the Central Lions Rounders clubs.

George and Florence attended national & provincial conventions held in Edmonton and throughout Alberta. They actively participated in many Club visits in Edmonton and the surrounding area as well as many square and round dance demonstrations. George and Florence last danced with the St. Peter's 2X4s, the West End Promenaders and the Kensington Strollers. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and over the 40 years met numerous people and made countless friends.

George will be remembered for his sense of community and his genuine interest in all around him. He leaves behind his beloved wife Florence, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

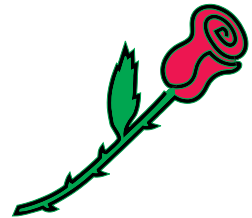


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Florence & George Marrinier
dancing at Tait Twirlers



IN MEMORIAM



Lovina “Vi” Martin

On October 1, 2012 Vi passed away at the age of 74 years. She is survived by her loving family; husband Pete, children Diana (Dale) Maron, Donna Gilmour and Dennis Gilmour, grandchildren; Rebecca, Jessica, Claire and Olivia, her brothers; James (Nat) Glasier, Neal Glasier and Leslie (Ruth) Glasier, sister Lovella (Dale) Cone, as well as extended relatives and a wide circle of friends.

Vi and Pete started taking square dancing lessons in 1996 from Andy and Hope Pennock. They continued square dancing with the Buttons and Bows until the club closed. Their square dancing continued with the Country Cousins.

They took a year of round dance lessons in Leduc from Arlene McLafferty in 1998 and continued round dancing at the Kensington Strollers with Glen and Audrey Eliasson. They round danced all last year but were unable to square dance due to health reasons.

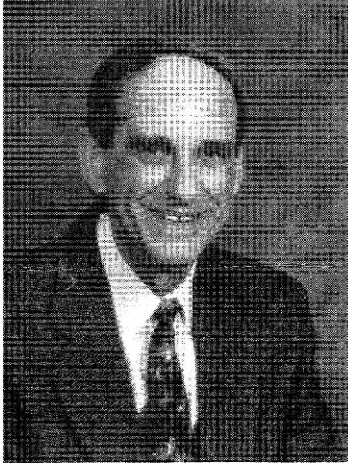
Her hobbies were tai chi and carpet bowling. She especially liked going to the mall, almost every day, to meet new people and old friends.

Dr. Bruno Martinello

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Bruno Peter Martinello, D.D.S., D.D.P.H., F.R.C.D.(C.)

1931-2001



It is with great sorrow that we announce the quiet leaving of Bruno, most loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He went home to God while surrounded by his family at home on August 3rd, 2001. Dr. Bruno Peter Martinello of Edmonton Passed away at the age of 70 years.

Bruno and Gina were founding members of the West Edmonton Promenaders. They created and made the “geese couple” mascots (Grace & Otis). Gina dressed them in the club colours and Bruno constructed the stand to hold them in a promenade dance position. The following year, they made the Club Banner. They eagerly participated in visiting other clubs, for the purpose of stealing /retrieving mascots. Bruno & Gina held positions on the Club executive from 1989 to 1993, and were faithful and enthusiastic

members for ten years, until health reasons would not longer allow it. Even then, they kept in touch and informed.

Bruno is survived by his loving wife Gina; six children and eight grandchildren.

He worked in many areas of dentistry including private practice in Ontario, as dental director in public health in both Ontario and Alberta, as a professor and associate professor at the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario and at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and retired from his position of Executive Director, and Registrar of the Alberta Dental Association, in 1993, when he was honoured with the Dr. Bruno Martinello Scholarship Fund. Bruno held numerous memberships in academic and professional societies, including the Canadian Dental Association, Society of Public Health Dentists and Alberta dental Association. He held a life membership in the Royal College of Dentists, received the Award of Merit from the Canadian Dental Association, and received an outstanding service award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Gina sends a “Yellowrock ” to all of her square-dance friends and acquaintances.



via e-mail

Memorian

Doug Maschmeyer



MASCHMEYER, Douglas Mervin Roy (Doug)
January 20, 1931 - January 19 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Douglas Maschmeyer announces his passing at the end of his 86th year. Born January 20, 1931 in Lamont hospital, he passed away in his own home in Bruderheim Friday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. He completed 87 years in and around Bruderheim.

Doug is survived by his loving partner, Virginia Differenz; son, Gerald (Sandra) Maschmeyer; granddaughters Brooke (Brett) McBride of Kindersley, Saskatchewan; Angela (Ronnie) Daub, and Amber (Ryan) Taschuk of Fort Saskatchewan; daughter Glenda (Mark) Femandell of Edmonton; daughter Valerie Differenz, son Robin (Marie) Differenz, granddaughters Rhianna and Emily Differenz all of Peace River, and the joys of his life the six great-grandchildren: Braelyn and Brayden McBride; Jeremy and Jordan Daub; Averi and Quinn Taschuk. He is also survived by brother Dennis Maschmeyer and sister Oleatha Lukawesky and numerous nieces and nephews.

A farmer all his life Doug loved deeply, Virginia, his soulmate, his family, his yard, his dogs and to spend time in the "pig shop" which he had 'suggested' the floor be refinished as it is. He spent many hours resting there admiring Gerald's collection, and watching the young ones tear around. After traveling the world selling pigs, in recent years he could be found swinging beside "Jim" the cowboy, under the spruce tree in his Bruderheim backyard surrounded by bird houses, rocks and pigs of different shapes and sizes that he had collected. When he spotted a unique item whether in Alaska, on Vancouver Island, PEI, Peace River or in a catalogue, he bartered until he got it. Many people we know sport a Welcome Rock on their property thanks to his generosity. A valued member of the community, he will be sadly missed.

Doug Maschmeyer

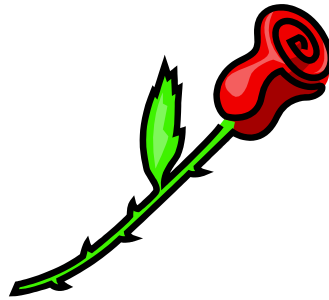
80 Years Old and Still Farming

Born at Lamont and raised on a farm just north of Bruderheim Doug has seen many changes through his 80 year life span. Douglas Maschmeyer has lived his entire life in and around Bruderheim. His main claim to fame is the production of pure bred swine. Pigs enabled him to travel the world through 20 European countries on one trip, and other trips to the Middle East – Japan and Malaysia. He has also travelled all across Canada selling breeding stock to other farmers. He and his son Gerald operate a successful pig, cattle and grain operation 2 miles south of Bruderheim. There is very little market for breeding stock. To survive they have diversified, selling pork to customers for meat. Several different ethnic groups prefer pork to beef. The week prior to Christmas 156 swine carcasses were delivered for Christmas celebrations. In an average week 20 – 25 are butchered, veterinary inspected and sold privately for meat. This eliminates the middle man, thus Hillview Acres survives and customers get a fresh product for dinner.

Over the years Doug volunteered as Sunday School Superintendent at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, led 4H Light Horse Club, announced at Josephburg Gymkhana, was a director at Edmonton Northlands for 12 years, and at present is a director of Josephburg Ag Society helping to organize and host the Presents Concert Series. Always interested in what's happening around him, he is known as Mr. 50/50 and the Idea Guy.

Doug started old time square dancing way back, quit and started again in 1986. Herb and Audrey Rinas encouraged him to participate in modern square dancing. He has enjoyed dancing at several clubs. Merry Mixers is home now but we have fond memories of learning at Bon Accord Kick-a-Poo Kids, and dancing with Golden Slippers as well. It has been a great place to make friends and socialize as well as exercise.

Now as a semi-retired farmer he enjoys spending time with grandchildren, dancing and being the “go-for guy” on the farm.



John Mason

September 27, 1944 - January 9, 2015

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Thomas “John” Mason of Thorsby, AB at the age of 70. John was born in Lloydminster, and raised in Kitscoty and Edmonton. John was a member of the Royal Canadian Navy from 1962-65. In 1968, John became a firefighter in Edmonton. It was during this time that he moved his family to Pigeon Lake where he built his large chicken farm. Even after selling his hatching egg quota, he continued farming hay and grain until his sudden death. John was a member on the Alberta Hatching Egg Marketing Board where he filled roles as director and chairperson. John also contributed to the community around him through his work as president of minor hockey, and the Thorsby Agricultural Society, baseball and hockey coach, and cub and scout leader. Along with many other community advocates, John helped Thorsby gain a recreation complex and indoor rodeo grounds. John was also very neighbourly, often helping out with snow removal, and volunteering his unique handyman capabilities. These volunteer interests easily led to him to becoming involved in square dancing.

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John was a charter member of the Sandholm Crossroads Square Dance Club which was formed in 1997. With Doris, they were the President Couple for 2 years after the club changed from being a caller club under Dave and Joyce Kurney to an executive club. John was a huge promoter of square dancing: he travelled many miles visiting other clubs, often taking the whole square of eight in his van. He also attended many conventions, helped out at club camp-outs or other functions, and assisted with whatever was needed in the club. John participated in both demos and teaching young dancers at schools and was such a great ambassador for square dancing by encouraging new and seasoned square dancers alike to just have fun and enjoy themselves. John rarely missed a chance for a turn on the floor, often dancing with most of the ladies in the room in one evening, including his family if they happened upon a square dancing event.

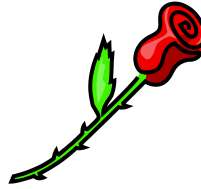
John will be lovingly remembered by his wife Doris (nee Fishburne); his children Pat Hodgins (Trish), Kathy Timmons (Russ), Tim, Kim, Jeff (Meredith), and Ryan (Brittany); grandchildren Amanda, Jamie, Vanessa, Meagan, Jason, Kyle, Andrew, Alexis, and Fearon; four siblings and numerous extended family and friends.

John was a dedicated husband, a mentor to his children, a proud Grandpa, a valued friend and an involved community member. He loved, was loved and certainly will be missed.





Elsie Mayhew



It is with great sadness that we announce that Elsie Winifred Mayhew passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 99 on August 30th, 2024 in the Leduc Community Hospital. She was a loving Daughter, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, and friend to all who crossed her path.

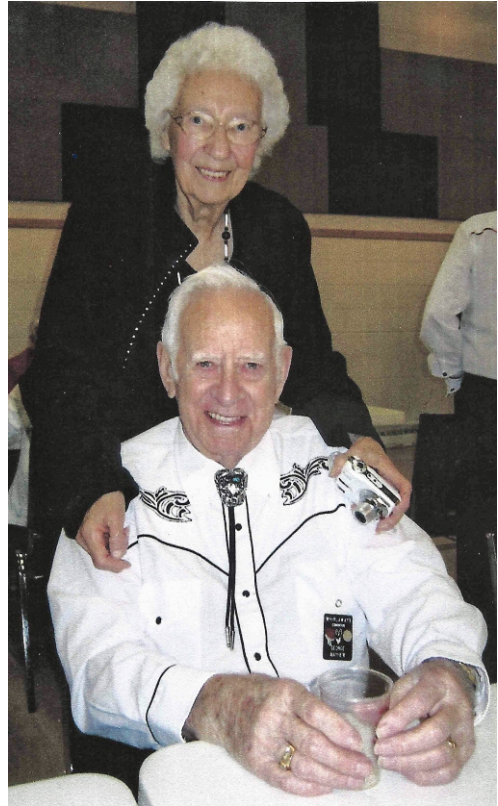
She will be lovingly remembered by her Grandchildren Jim and Laurie (Wayne), and Great Grandchildren Mathew and Cassidy. Elsie leaves behind her sister in laws Bette and Joan as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and an abundance of wonderful friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband George as well as her daughter Patricia & Son in Law William and her brother Clifford.

Elsie Mayhew

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Elsie was a kind spirited woman who touched the lives of many people. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her can speak to the level of friendliness and care that she shared for her friends. Elsie was the kind of person to always put others first and wanted to ensure that everyone was always doing good. She would often be heard saying “as long as you’re all ok!” even in her time spent in the hospital. Elsie made many of her friends through square dancing, which was an activity she did for many years with her husband George. Elsie and George shared a love story that you often only see in fairytales. They spent 76 years together, camping in their motorhome, square dancing with friends, people watching and spending time with family and friends.



Elsie & George
Mayhew on their
70th Anniversary.



In Loving Memory

George Mayhew

1923—2021



George Mayhew passed away on November 1, 2021 just 3 days before his 98th birthday.

George was born and raised in Edmonton. He lived near the power plant and then attended Eastwood Junior High School. Later he joined the Air Force and was stationed in eastern Canada. He married Elsie Hopwood on January 4, 1945 when he was home on leave. They returned to Edmonton from Gananoque after his discharge, purchased land, built the family home (where Elsie still lives) and then established a business (Avenue Carpet) on 90 street. Many of us have special rugs with the square/round dance symbols that George made and donated as prizes or gifts. Elsie and George started square dancing in 1957 with the Starlites (caller Art Botcher). They also belonged to Beverly Neighbors, Wesley Squares (Fred Faulkner caller), Whirlaways, Tait's Twirlers, Dancalots, Wandering Squares and are honorary/ornery members of Double Diamonds. They have also done their time on ESDSA as Vice President and secretary. (To illustrate the type of support they have always given, the Old Faithful bars on their badges would have tripped them if they wore them.) Mayhews have said that square dancing was the best thing they could have added to their lives because of the fun and friendships. They loved their dancing. Fun/mischief was always a big part of George's dancing. He (and Fred, Jim, Dot, Hal, Maurice and Rosalyn) would switch places or squares to test fellow dancers or callers and to make us smile.

George and Elsie also enjoyed their cabin at the lake. George loved his boat, hunting and his motorhomes. Club camp outs and provincial and national conventions were a big part of summers. They even took the first caravan of dancers over the Yellowhead to dance in Vancouver.

Family has always been their first focus. Their daughter Pat and son-in-law Bill worked with them then took over the business but they always worked as a team, George was still binding carpets when he was 92.

Grandchildren Jim and Laurie (Wayne) and great grandchildren Mathew and Cassidy tell how George picked them up after school each day. Unfortunately both Bill and Pat have recently passed away.

The family will miss George dearly as will his dance family.

A long life well lived. Farewell old friend. Thanks for all the good times.



Gina McCaslin

Feb 3, 1938 - May 26th, 2023



Born in Sutton Coldfield, England, on February 3, 1938. Gina grew up amidst the hardships of World War II. In 1957, she embarked on an incredible journey with her dear friend Pam Graefer (nee Heath) as they immigrated to Canada, where Gina eventually married and started a family.

Gina cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her three children: Donna (Art), Stewart (Eva), Heather (Ken); her 10 grandchildren: Ashley (Clayton), Alex (Allegra), Steph (Drew), Kyle, Truman, Robyn, Dallin, Marie, Karen, Emily; and her 5 great grandchildren: Bella, Alaiyah, Cohen, Elliott & Odin. Gina was preceded by her son John Robert, her grandson Brett, and her brother Ivan.

Gina's energy and love for life was contagious. An avid runner since childhood, Gina competed in numerous running events and marathons. In her later years, she remained an active force, engaging in activities that brought her immense joy. Whether it was square dancing with friends, embarking on walks with her beloved walking group, or relishing her Saturday morning coffee dates, Gina found fulfillment in every moment and cherished the company of those around her.

Dance History of Gina McCaslin

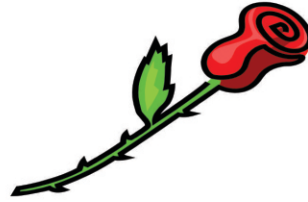
Gina said she started dancing in the 90's with the WEP and that is where we met her. We moved to Spruce Grove from Saskatchewan in 2006 and started dancing at the WEP. When we moved into Edmonton in 2013 we danced some at WEP but also joined Lukes & Lucy's and we both ended up living at The Vanier so Gina rode with us right up until COVID when we both stopped dancing. I do think she visited other clubs when she was driving as we did but that's about it.

Grace & Dennis Carnduff

Gina danced plus with Lukes & Lucys where she was a member and the club Vice-President for several years.



In Loving Memory



Evelyn McCracken

April 18th, 1939 - February 16th, 2023

Born April 18, 1939 to Elihu and Violet Thomas at Galahad, Alberta. She had a younger sister, Bev (Algeo). She took all her schooling in Alliance and then move to Edmonton and took a business course at McTavish College. She worked at the government until she got married in 1961 to Ken McCracken. They had 3 children: Theresa Lee-Baines (Brian Baines), Fred McCracken (Lori England) and Marilyn McCracken.

She took time off to raise the children. Once they were all in school, she went back to work for the Edmonton Sun for 28 years. Sadly, Ken passed suddenly in February 1983. Evelyn has six grandchildren: Chris Lee, Dylan Lee (Ceanne Lee), Tanner McCracken, Jesse McCracken (Amanda Vallee), Jaz Peterson and Max Peterson. She also has 2 great grandchildren: Rylan McCracken and Emilia McCracken.

A while after passing of Ken, Evelyn met Wally Paplinski and they were together until his passing. She started square dancing with Wally Paplinski in 1983 with the Swinging Lamplighters with caller Murray Few. I have danced with Country Cousins, Plus danced with Luke's and Lucy's, Extra Dance and many others. In her later years, she danced with Double Diamonds. She danced at the Commonwealth Games and organized /danced at many of the Festival of Trees Dance demonstrations. She attended 29 provincial conventions. She was on the ESDSA Executive for 10 years and served as President for 8 years. Wally passed away in 2012.

Evelyn met Roger Miller a short time later and have been together until her passing. They spent the last 10 years enjoying each other's company, whether it be camping, social outings with friends or volunteering. Roger and Evelyn's volunteering efforts at SEESA were extensive and greatly appreciated.

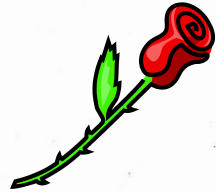
Evelyn was awarded the Alberta Rose award in 2011 for her contribution to the square and round dance community.

She passed suddenly on February 16, 2023 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

IN MEMORIUM

Cliff McDowall

JULY 22, 1918 - MARCH 19, 1995



Cliff McDowell was born at Stanmore, Alberta. He joined the Air Force during the 2nd World War and earned several medals for meritorious service.

After the war, Cliff went into the trucking business. He met a beautiful girl Muriel and they married on April 23, 1949.

In 1957 they opened a small hardware store on 101 Ave. and 74 St. to serve the then far eastern section of Edmonton whom many have fond memories of patronizing.

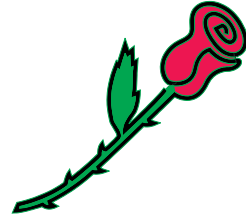
They happily celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary by taking a trip to Hawaii and Australia.

They have a son Barry and daughter Doris and two grandchildren.

Cliff was an active member of the Canadian Legion and an ardent square dancer, dancing with Seesa Squares, Swinging Lamplighters, Lindseeds Plus, Trach II, Country Cousins, and were regular visitors to many clubs in the city. His many friends will always remember that a dance in his square was a happy experience especially when someone went the wrong way.

The hands of life's clock for Cliff stopped all too soon. However we have all been enriched by having known him and shared in that joy.

IN MEMORIAM



John McEachren

1958-2012

On Thursday, June 14, 2012, John McEachern passed away at the age of 53 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of 31 years; children, Shawn and Thelma, his mother Mavis, brother Don (Linda), sister Jacqui Spencer; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Predeceased by his father Gilbert.

John graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education degree. He enjoyed work in the parts department of a car dealership and was most recently employed by DHL until he became ill.

John learned to square dance at Parkallen Buttons and Bows. Later, he and Helen were members of several clubs; Nait Set Squares (he cued rounds there), Dance-A-Lots, Lindseeds, Extra Dance, Alberta Rhythm Cloggers, Tait's Twirlers, Bonita's Rounders, Carousel Round Dancers, and instruction from Ron and Donna Baba.

John was very active in the square dance world for many years. He and Helen taught round dancing for a while, too. He also enjoyed clogging.

Brian McKenna

IN MEMORIAM

Brian McKenna
June 4 1920-October 24 2006



Brian was born in Cookstown northern Ireland and immigrated to Canada with the family in 1927.

In 1941 in July 1 he enlisted in the Canadian army and took his training in Hamilton and camp Petawawa, Ontario. After his training he was shipped to England where he joined the 6th Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers of the Third Division. He landed in Normandy on D day plus 1. He fought with the Canadian army through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

While advancing to Nijmegen, Holland, Sgt McKenna and his section of 12 sappers were ordered to conduct a bridge recce and classify a bridge. During the mission they were captured by the Germans and held in a makeshift POW cage for three days until they were rescued. Upon their return Sgt McKenna was charged and fined nine dollars for losing his vehicle. He eventually had it returned though. Brian was returned to Canada after the war and released in October 1945.

He received The 1939-1945 Star

The defense of **Briton medal**

The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal

The France And Germany Star

The war Medal 1939-1945 and

The Canadian Efficiency Medal

After the war Brian worked for the city of Edmonton doing bridge maintenance, retiring in 1981.

Brian was a member of the Legion and the Sappers Club for many years.

Brian and his wife Paula were members of the Sherbrooke Shufflin 8s for 30 years holding various jobs in the club. After retiring Brian and Paula did a lot of traveling, spending their winters in Hawaii until Brian's health deteriorated so that they could no longer go.



Paula McKenna

IN MEMORIAM

Paula McKenna
1922 - 2008



Paula (Martin) McKenna was born on June 22, 1922 on a farm near Thorsby, Alberta where her parents homesteaded in 1905. Paula was around horses from the time she was very young. At 11, she was driving up to 6 horses at a time, plowing summer fallow, disking and cutting hay on their 40 acres of land. Her brother Joe was overheard to say that his sister Polly could do anything a man could do and some things better.

When Paula left the farm for Edmonton, she worked for Emeries Clothing Factory where they made blouses and aprons. Paula became a presser, using a huge steam iron that was pulled down from the ceiling overhead. In later years, Paula worked for White Stag and spent a total of 24 years in the garment industry. It was while she was at White Stag that she met Brian McKenna who continually pressed her to marry him until finally, after 7 years from the day they met, they were married in 1955.

Paula left White Stag's comptometer operator position for a better paying job at Safeway. She was just getting as good as the people senior to her when Brian expressed his discomfort with her travelling at night on the bus, eager to have her home so they could do what they wanted when they wanted, especially on weekends. She reluctantly gave up her position at Safeway; however, to ensure she would not be bored in her new homemaker role she taught herself to sew. Paula was often complimented on her dress and she proudly stated that she made all her own clothes and usually from scrap or bargain pieces of material.

Paula and Brian were founding members of the Sherbrook Shufflin Eights Square Dance Club and over the years, they took their turn on the executive more than once. It was during this time that Paula became known as quite a host. She held an annual card party at her home for 17 years. They played mostly crib and military whist. Square Dancing and playing cards quickly became their favorite recreation.

Paula and Brian thoroughly enjoyed camping and spend many weekends on the road travelling to various Club Camp Outs. They travelled with Wandering Squares and enjoyed round dancing as well as plus dancing at clubs throughout Alberta. Paula and Brian also enjoyed travelling abroad. They journeyed to Brian's home in Ireland four times, and to Cuba and Jamaica each once. They took a bus trip to Alaska and to Eastern Canada where a highlight for Paula was crossing Confederation Bridge. They enjoyed 27 years in Hawaii with many of their Edmonton friends and with other people they met from across Canada.

Paula joined the Royal Purple, 28 years ago, at the same time that Brian joined the Elks Club. They volunteered regularly for their service club and they could always be counted on to support the New Year's Eve dance and Ukrainian New Year's Eve Dance by bringing a crowd of square dancers and a few neighbors to join their table.

Paula was the last of 8 children in her family, while Brian was the last of 10. Paula was very proud that she and Brian were the only members in either of their families to have reached their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Sadly, Paula passed away on July 2, 2008. She was predeceased by Brian in 2006.

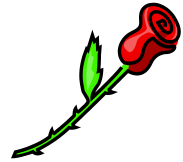
It is with deep regret and deep affection that we say goodbye to this one of a kind lady.

Submitted by Beverley and Keith Walter





Neil McKnight



In Loving Memory of
Neil Galbraith McKnight
October 5, 1930 – April 30, 2017

We lost a piece of our hearts when Neil passed away at the age of 86 years. Neil left this world in the early morning hours of April 30, 2017, with May, his loving wife of 62 years by his side.

Born in Calgary General Hospital on October 5, 1930, to Jim and Kate McKnight. Neil was raised on his parent's dairy farm in Springbank. Neil continued to farm for the rest of his life. Meeting his wife, May, at Pennelly's Dance Hall in March 1954, they were married August 7, 1954.

Neil and May started farming at his parents' farm until April 1, 1959 when they moved to their current farm near Spruce View, Alberta.

While Neil enjoyed farming, his greatest passion was Square and Round Dancing. May convinced Neil to start taking lessons in 1967 and they continued to enjoy this activity until Neil had a stroke in March 2015. Neil started calling square and round dances in 1975. His love of this was evident in the Long Service Award he received in 2016. Neil excelled at any, and all, of his pursuits:

Excellent hockey and baseball player President of Olds College Students' Union 1949-1950 President of Spruce View Co-op 1960s President of Central Alberta Callers Association.

Neil was predeceased by his parents, James McKnight (1976) and Catherine McKnight (1980); infant son Brett Cameron (1961); brothers Harold (Jean), Robert (Shirley), John (Marguerite) and sister June (Mel Pratt), sister-in-law Blanche, and son-in-law Einer Gustafson. Survived by his loving wife May, their children: Teri, Dan (Suzanne), Wanda (Paul Laurin), Jess (Rose), Janet, Brian (Lisa), 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren. Brothers Arnold (Jeanette) and Lawrence, and sister Barb (Bob Mick) and numerous nieces, nephews, and more friends than anyone can count!

Forever Loved,
Never Forgotten



Neil & May McKnight

A Calling & Cueing Couple

Neil and I started Square Dancing in 1967. Jim and Marie Hopkins were our instructors. Neil went to The Alberta Callers School in 1975. He started calling that same year at the Caroline School. Orville and Edith Martin from Calgary were the Instructors for that school. Neil called for several square dance clubs and round dance clubs in the Central district over the years. We attended most of the Provincial Conventions and several of the National Conventions. We have been married for 61 years. We have 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls. 15 grandchildren and 4 great grand daughters and just recently 2 great grandsons, who are twins.

Neil suffered a stroke in March of 2015. He is presently in the Michener Hill Extendicare in Red Deer. Neil is recovering slowly. He can walk with some assistance and his speech is slowly getting better.

***Happy Square and Round Dancing
May and Neil***

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Neil and May McKnight

Editors' Note:

Following Neil's first calling engagement in Caroline, his popularity quickly spread. He followed with squares and rounds throughout Central Alberta with clubs in:

Red Deer	Seniors Club 1975
Lacombe	Squares 1978
Olds	Seniors Club, Guest Call regular club
Innisfail	Rounds 1995
Spruce View	Squares and Rounds
Rocky Mountain House	Squares one night, rounds one night
Sundre	Squares and Rounds
Ferintosh	Rounds for Years
Alberta Caller School	One of the Instructors
Camrose	Guest Caller at Campout for years
Provincial Conventions	Called every year to 2015
Wandering Squares	Regular caller
Banff	Attended Banff Institute – 13 years
Dermit & Cottonwood	Weekend events

Neil called and cued seven times a week at times!

Neil and May were cattle farmers with up to 150 head.

On behalf of the square dance community, we wish to extend our prayers and best wishes to this beautiful couple.

Let's Remember

Marguerite McLaren

Margo (nee Meunier)



On March 6, 2019 Margo passed away at the age of 94, peacefully at the Lynnwood Capital Care Nursing Home with her husband by her side. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Jack McLaren; her sons Bernard, Roger and Paul Dagenais; her daughters Paulette Mageau (Ric), Louise Johansen (Kurt) and Anita Dagenais-Leclerc (Yves); her stepchildren Lauren (Tony) and Gavin (Tara) McLaren; fourteen grandchildren Nicolle (Dylan), Kevin (Cathy), Neil (Perry), Mark (Diana), Tyrn, Rachel, Steven, Zyonne, Natasha, Arielle, Genevieve, Sophie, Stephen and Eva; three great-grandchildren Luke, Ella and James; and two siblings Marc (Ruby) Meunier and Madeleine Cowen (Neil). Margo was predeceased by her daughter, Madeleine Dagenais-Pronovost, her great-grandchild Gianna, her parents Orida and Aime Meunier, as well as eight siblings (Jean-Louis, Cecile, Paul, Laurent, James, Francois, Gertrude and Gerard).

She was born in Bedford, Quebec and raised in Morinville, Alberta where her father was the CNR station agent. Margo was a bit of a tomboy in her youth, excelling in barrel-jumping on iceskates and running along the top of train box cars with her brothers. In contrast, she was a regular soloist in the church and school choirs, showcasing her angelic voice and perfect pitch. Margo was a born teacher of young children and a consummate entertainer for those of all ages. She was also a gifted musician, having taught herself to play the piano, Hawaiian guitar, accordion and harmonica. No party or campfire was complete without her musical antics.

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As a primary school teacher extraordinaire, Margo inspired her students through music and art. School concerts and competitions at the annual Kiwanis Music Festival led to many accolades and prestigious awards for "her kids". In retirement, Margo and Jack enjoyed over 20 winters in Yuma, Arizona where Margo was a frequent entertainer at the Arizona West RV Park, performing her sassysignature songs. And oh, how she loved to capture those desert blooms and crimson sunsets in her paintings! Margo and Jack, members of the Whirlaways Square Dance Club, entertained at many "Whirlaway's Campouts and others including the Athabasca's' Mothers' Day Campout.

A Celebration of Margo's Life was held on June 8, 2019.

Marguerite McLaren



Jack McLay

IN MEMORIUM

John Murray (Jack) McLay
December 7, 1903- June 28, 2002



Jack was born in December 7, 1903, the second child of Mr. & Mrs. Fred McLay, in Coronation, N.W.T. Later in 1905, it was renamed Horse Hills, Alberta. In 1909 the family moved to Edmonton. They resided there from 1909 to 1913. Jack first attended school at Alex Taylor School, then later at Norwood School. The family then moved to Woodburn, Oregon, U.S.A. in 1913. In 1915, they moved back to a farm one half mile west of Namao. Jack went to school in the winter and farmed in the summer. In 1925 he started out on his own farm, near the Starkey mine.

In 1928, he married Gladys Shultz, and continued to farm this quarter for 16 years. In 1944, owing to the health of his father, Jack and Gladys moved to the home place in Namao. Over the years Jack has been vice-president of the Northern Alberta Old Timers Association and president of the Namao community hall. Jack was very community minded and helped with remodeling of the church basement and of the community hall basement. The remodeled hall basement has a pool table of which Jack was a regular player every week. They kept busy square dancing, church and community work. Jack and Gladys have Modern Square danced since 1953, for which they have their honorary membership pins. Jack was president of St. John's Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club in 1962-64. Some of the Square Dance Clubs that they took and active part in were Namao, Circle Eight Club, Crestwood Country Cousins, Larries & Larriettes, Founding members of Hashin' The Breaks, Whirlaways, Spinning Wheels, Fort. Saskatchewan Merry Mixers, Bon Accord Kick A Poo Kids, Morinville Yellow Rockers. Jack and Gladys square danced two and sometimes three times a week right up to the end of the club season in May 2002.

Jack and Gladys were presented with a Long Service Award in the fall of 2000 for their dedication to the square dance movement, also the oldest square dancing couple in Canada by Dr Ken Glover of the National Square Dance Association.

Jack and Gladys had three children, Audrey, Robert, and Ross, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren of which one carries his name.

Long Service Award

Jack and Gladys McLay

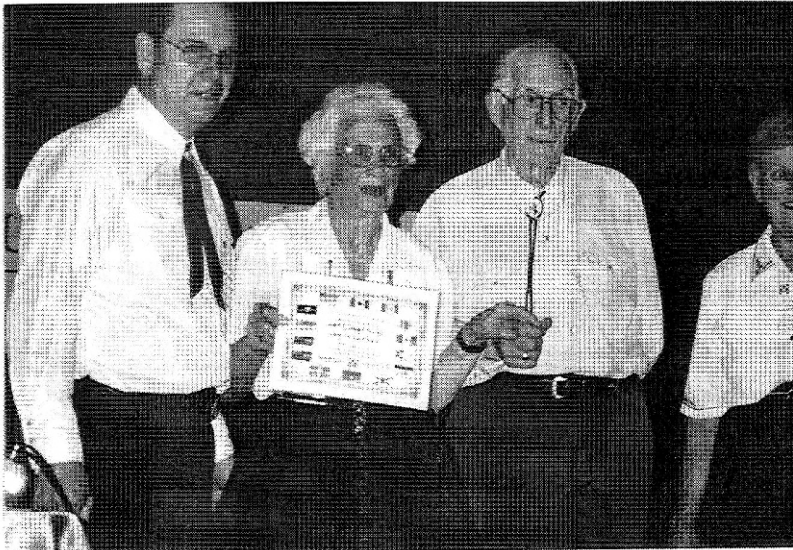
In 2000 the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society initiated a long Service Award to be presented to persons who have made contribution and service to the movement over many years. This award was presented to Jack and Gladys McLay of Namao on November 2, 2000 by Dr. Ken Glover, President of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society at a dance in Bon Accord.

Jack and Gladys McLay started dancing in 1944 with the Fort Saskatchewan U-Go- I Go Square Dance Club. The U-Go-I Go Square Dance Club ceased its operation in 1962. In 1964 the club was revived under the name of Fort Saskatchewan Merry Mixers. This club is still active. In 1978, Jack and Gladys were among the founding members of the Bon Accord Kick- A- Poo Kids Square Dance Club.

Presently the McLay's are honorary members of the Bon Accord Kick- A- Poo Kids, the Fort Saskatchewan Merry Mixers, the Morinville Yellow Rock Dancers as well as being honorary members of the Edmonton and District Square Dance Association

Congratulations to Jack and Gladys for your dedication to the square dance movement and we wish you many more years of dancing

via e-mail



IN MEMORIAM

Loma McLay



LOMA GRACE MCLAY

1937 - 2002

Loma was born May 7, 1937 in Edmonton and passed away September 4, 2002 at Bon Accord Alberta.

Loma and her partner Jack Spence started Square Dancing with the Bon Accord Kick-A-Poo Kids Square Dance club in 1988. Loma enjoyed Square Dancing immensely and although failing health prevented her from dancing much during the past couple of years. She continued to accompany Jack to home club dances and also made many visits to other clubs for special dances and to steal or retrieve club mascots. Loma and Jack became President couple of the Kick-A-

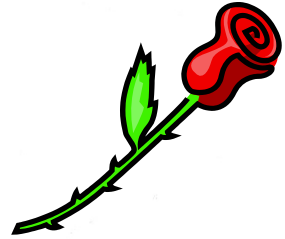
Poo Kids in April of 2000 a position they continued to hold at the time of Loma's departure.

Blessed be her memory.



IN MEMORIAM

Earl McLeod



Earl (Paddy) Kitchener McLeod *December 28, 1916 - October 5, 2005*

On October 5, 2005 Earl passed away at the age of 88 Years.

Earl was born at Kerrobert, Saskatchewan December 28, 1916.

He joined the Calgary Highlanders Canadian Scottish Regiment in 1940 and served overseas. After his years in the service he was awarded the 1939 – 1949 Star award.

He worked for the Federal Government until his retirement.

Earl will be sadly missed by his dear friends **Alice Rawluk** and **Bonnie** and **John Erwin** as well as his many friends from square dancing and social dancing.

For the last fourteen years Earl danced with, The Linseeds, Singles, Starlighters, and lastly with the Double Diamond Dancers.

Earl was laid to rest at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Edmonton, on October 29, 2005

IN MEMORIAM



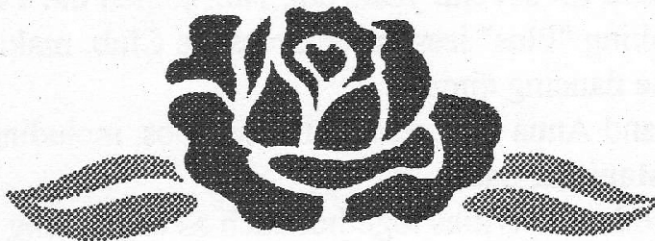
**Liz
McLeod**

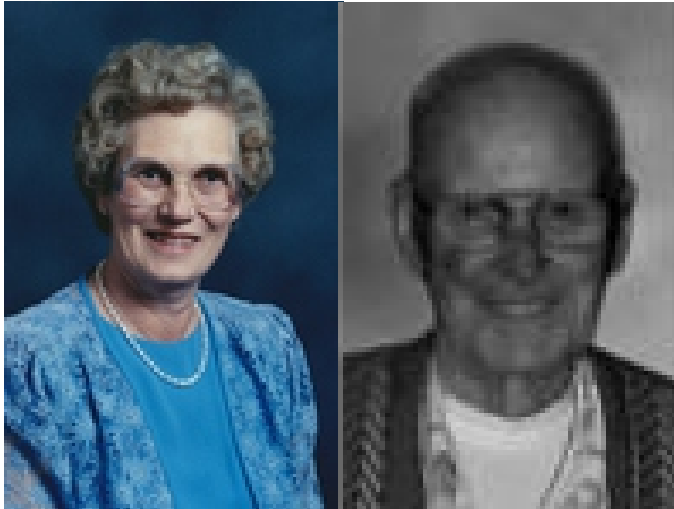


It is with great sadness that we inform you of the loss of one of our founding member of the Calahoo Night Owls.

Liz McLeod passed away on June 2nd, 2003 in Stony Plain. We will miss her enthusiastic character, warm greetings (and Hug!!!!) and her never ending support for our club.

We will miss you, Liz.





Hertha & Angus McMillan

It is with sadness we announce the passing of our great loving wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma and sister, Hertha McMillan into the Lords Presence. Born in Peers, AB on February 8, 1931, Hertha McMillan (nee Hattie Dieckmann) passed away in Edmonton on December 12, 2013 at the age of 82 years. Hertha is survived by her loving and caring husband of 42 years, Angus; three children, Tammy (Ken) Langdone, David (Joan) Schrieber and Dennis (Caroline) Schrieber; six grandchildren, Lindsay, Dawn, Carrie, Gail, Willy and Susan; six great-grandchildren, Emma, Violet, Zoe, John, Leah and Lucy; four brothers, Hans (Margorie), Fritz, William and Herbert (Esther) Dieckmann; many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Predeceased by her parents, Martha and William.

On September 9, 2014, Mr. Angus Arthur McMillan of Edmonton passed away at the age of 86 years.

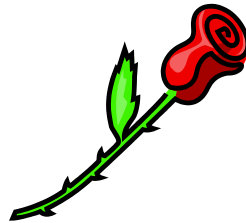
Angus is survived by three stepchildren, Laverne, David and Dennis; six grandchildren, Lyndsay, Dawn, Carrie, Gail, Willy and Susan. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Hertha; his adopted son, Keith; his parents, Hugh and Vinita; four sisters, Ruby Marie, Sarah, Gertie and Dorothy and two brothers, Stanley and Clifford.

Angus and Hertha started square dancing 1993, then became Charter Members/Treasurer (1997-2002) at Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club.



Bob McMillan

Caller



Bob & Darlene McMillan took square dance lessons in 1978 with the Red Deer Square Dance Club and remained life members of the club. In 1979 Bob became a Square Angel for the club and became good friends with the club caller, Rob McCoy.

With Rob's encouragement, Bob decided to start calling. He started teaching lessons part time with Rob McCoy in 1982. The next year Bob began calling and teaching for Innisfail Guys & Gals which he enjoyed very much. He called for eleven years until ill health forced him to resign. Bob started teaching plus lessons in the Central Alberta area in 1995, and guest-called for various clubs throughout Alberta. In 2007, Bob resigned from the Red Deer Square Dance Club and called three-quarter time for Olds Calico Capers.

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Bob & Darlene were members of the Square & Round Dance Instructors' Association of Alberta (SRDIAA), and Bob was President of the Central Alberta Callers' Association for several years. They were the Central Alberta Callers' Association representatives to Alberta Federation for many years (right up to Bob's passing).

Bob & Darlene attended the Annual Penticton Jamboree since 1980, and Bob called on the program since 1994. Alberta Conventions were a favourite time for them, and they attended every year with the exception of 1992.

Bob & Darlene loved entertaining at community functions which kept them busy with parades, pancake breakfasts in Red Deer & Ponoka, Westerner Days and Canada Day in Red Deer, and many seniors' homes & lodges in the region. Bob also taught square dancing in some of the schools in Red Deer, and at Red Deer College.

Bob & Darlene called and attended as many functions as Bob's health permitted. Bob will be missed by the square dance community.

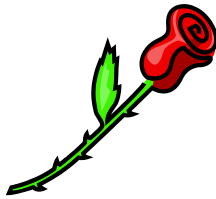
Bob is survived by wife Darlene of 55 years, two sons, one daughter, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, and 1 brother-in-law.

Mostly written by Darlene McMillan

Much of this article, written by Darlene McMillan, is from the SRDIAA Sept. 2009 newsletter and submitted to the Promenader by Ida Murray, past president of SRDIAA.



Memoriam



Bob McQuay



MCQUAY, Robert James
September 17, 1931 - April 7, 2022

Bob passed away peacefully the morning of April 7. He had fought a lengthy battle with cancer, never once losing his spirit of optimism and his sense of humor. He was predeceased by his wife Marion in 2004. He is survived by his children Valerie (Ted), John (Sharon), and Joy (Curt). He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 47 great- grandchildren. His two sisters Florence (Len deceased) and Beverley (Roger) also mourn his loss.

Bob was born in Treherne, Manitoba where he participated actively in all sports, a pattern that continued until his passing. He loved his job working for CBC as cameraman and later technical producer as he was involved in televising many major sporting events. Bob loved life and especially sports!

Bob loved the nurses and doctors who treated him the last 2 1/2 years. Bob knew them all by name. His pleasant personality and good nature will be missed by all.

Bob was born in Treherne, MB, a town 75 mi from Winnipeg, on Sept 17, 1931. He has 2 sisters. Seventeen years ago he lost his wife of 50 yrs.

Bob McQuay

When Bob was 18 he went to Winnipeg and wrote his electrical license in the morning and his projectionist license in the afternoon and passed them both.

He joined CBC Winnipeg in 1954 and was a pioneer in television in Wpg. He was a technician there for 14 yrs, with 2 years in Vancouver. In 1963 he was promoted to Technical Producer. He transferred to Edmonton in 1968 and worked for CBC till his retirement in 1988. His was a fun career as a cameraman. The last show he produced was the Montreal/Oiler game on New Years Eve. He told his boss he would be sober till the end of the second period, and he was, but he doesn't remember being driven home afterward.

Bob has been a sports jock all his life with hockey being his favourite sport and golf next. He also played Slo Pitch, curled and played Tennis. He played hockey in Victoria, Reno, Santa Rosa CA and Mexico City. He is in the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame because he scored the first goal in the first hockey game ever played in Hawaii in 1984.

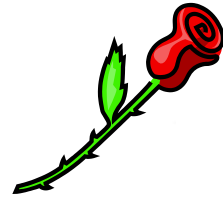
Bob is involved with Alberta 55+ and represented Zone 6 in both snooker and golf. in 2011, he won the seniors championship at the Sherwood Park golf course for the 10th time!

He square danced with the Country Cousins for a year and then had a knee replacement. Over 3 years while social dancing he met Grace Swekla and now dances with the West End Promenaders. Thanks to Grace, who persuaded him to start square dancing again.

Vergil Michael

IN MEMORIAM

VERGIL GORDON MICHAEL
1933-2001



Vergil was born at Irma, Alberta on May 3, 1933 and passed away suddenly on December 3, 2001 at Viking, Alberta at the age of 68 years.

Vergil grew up on a farm north east of the town of Jarrow. He rode to school on his pony named Tony. He had a great love for animals especially horses. At harvest time he could be found driving a team of horses, - cutting the crop with a binder or pitching bundles along with other young and older people. Later, he changed over to combining and baling - the modern way.

The door to his home was always open for visiting, a good cup of coffee and some card playing. If mealtime came along the saying was, "Better stay and have some dinner {or supper} with us."

When he was out at a social gathering, if you wanted to find Vergil, you just had to look for one of the tallest men. He was an outstanding person, not only in height, but in his quiet, caring personality. He cared and looked after his mother, Carrie, for many years.

Vergil was also a handyman at carpentry work. The house on the farm was put together from material from the army camp by Vergil and the help of family and friends.

He enjoyed playing shuffleboard and pool and enjoyed music.

Then Vergil started going to B.C. Was it the weather, salmon fishing, the mountains or the fresh air or just maybe the ocean? On one of his trips he brought a bride, his helpmate, Lorraine, with a ready-made family.

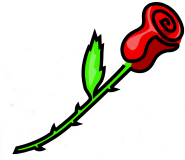
Lorraine and Vergil danced with the Rose City Swingers at Camrose for several years.

Blessed be his memory.



Elmer Mihalcheon

IN MEMORIAM



On December 19, 2003, **Elmer Mihalcheon** of Edmonton, Alta. passed away at the age of 68 years.

Elmer is survived by his wife Olga, of 31 years and his brother Wally (Mary) as well as numerous extended family members. Elmer was born in Vegreville on May 8, 1935 to Alex and Helen Michalcheon. He started school in Wastock, Alta. and continued until grade four when the family moved to Andrew, Alta. He was active in sports all through high school, i.e. baseball, curling, hockey and at the same time he was also taking music lessons. After high school he went to S.A.I.T. where he took "LAB TECHNOLOGY".

He lived and worked in Medicine Hat for twelve years, where his activities included coaching fastball teams, commercial league hockey and he was an active member of the Elks.

In 1968 Elmer changed employment to the ESSO FERTILIZER PLANT at Redwater as a Laboratory Foreman where he worked for 22 years.

In 1968 Elmer and Olga took up Square Dancing with a new Caller, John Doyle and a New Square dance club, The Starliters. Together they enjoyed many other activities such as camping, golfing and travelling. A recent trip was a cruise to the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. They just returned from a trip to Victoria, B.C. in November.

Elmer was President of the Starliters for a Number of years.

Elmer will be sadly missed by his wife Olga, his brother Wally (Mary), his relatives and his many square dance friends.

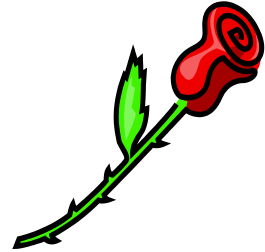


IN MEMORIAM

Carol Millan



Carol Millan



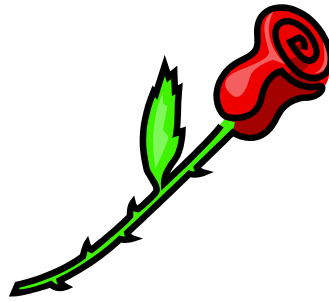
Square and round dancers in Edmonton held a dance on August 13 to celebrate the life of Carol Millan, who passed away after returning with her store from the International Dance at Neepawa MB. Carol is currently best known for her store and the dresses she designed, sewed and sold throughout Canada and the US. However, she is also known for having supported many square dance activities ever since she arrived here in 1984.

Carol was attracted to life on the prairies after a childhood in Winnipeg where she loved the snow and sunshine. After spending years at the coast, she moved to Beaverlodge where she began square dancing with Ken Sipe. Shortly afterward she came to Edmonton to study at the University of Alberta. She began dancing with Frank Girhiny in 1986, and they were the Treasurer couple of the ESDSA in 1993 and 1994. Carol ran a sewing workshop during the 1996 National Square Dance Convention in Edmonton and began her store during the 1990's. After Frank passed away, Carol continued on as President of Lukes and Lucys. She danced challenge C1 and advanced A2 with Jerry Pierce (Trach II), Lorne Smith (Gypcees) and Murray Few (Extra Dance). Recently she had been learning the higher levels of round dancing with Norm and Doris Simons (Tait's Twirlers), Audrey and Glen Eliasson (Kensington Strollers) and Harold and Myrna Elliott (Funsteps). Her store had grown steadily and she had taken it to many festivals and conventions around Alberta, and even as far away as the National Convention in Montreal.

Carol will be sadly missed by the many people in her family of square dancers who have loved her wonderful dresses, her willingness to help where she is needed, and her cheery friendliness throughout many years of dancing.

Bruce Clark & Carol Millan
dancing at Tait Twirlers.





Garnet Millar

(February 17, 1943 – December 16, 2014)

Garnet was born in Fort Frances, Ontario. The family moved to Kenora, Ontario where Garnet completed his high school education. He earned a Bachelor's degree and Teacher's Certificate in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and a Master's degree in Education in Toronto, Ontario. While teaching in Kenora, Garnet met and married Shirley. They moved to Edmonton in 1973 where Garnet completed his Doctoral degree in Educational Psychology. His career included teaching in Kenora, Ontario and senior management positions in the field of education in Claresholm, Lethbridge and Edmonton, Alberta. Garnet became known for his expertise in Guidance and Counselling and Special Education, in particular the education of gifted students.

Garnet was a published author of three books and many articles on the subject of creativity. He made many friends during his research trips to the University of Georgia's Torrance Center for Creative Studies.

He leaves to mourn his spouse of 41 years, Shirley; sons Christopher (Andrea Williamson) and Adam. Garnet was most proud of his sons. He followed and supported their endeavors as they found their life path.

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Garnet and Shirley clogged with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers starting in 1992, and with the Wild Rose Country Dancers starting in 1996. They were members of St. Peter's 2x4 Square Dance Club from 1995 to 2004.

Garnet was one of the “graceful dancers” in the mens' Duck Slough Ballet for the Closing Ceremonies of the Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention in Edmonton in 1996.

He and Shirley left Sherwood Park, Alberta in 2012, moving to Qualicum Beach for a retirement of golfing, hiking, gardening and volunteering with the Rotary Club.

Garnet's kind and friendly nature will be remembered by all who met him.



Shirley & Garnet Millar

1996

Don Mittelstadt

April ,1935 - February 5th, 2005



Don was born on April 6, 1935 in Camrose, Alberta, one of seven children. As a young child he became ill with a form of epilepsy having his first seizure before the age of three.

Don came to Edmonton in 1956 and worked at a number of jobs. His illness made it difficult for him to keep working but he did remain with Woodwards for a number of years. Even after he could not hold a full time job he worked at various odd jobs and felt particularly good when he made enough money requiring him to reimburse a portion of his AISH benefits. In 1989 Don underwent surgery which made him seizure free.

Don has been a square dancer since 1952 and a faithful member of St. Peter's 2x4's for most of its 40 year history. Don has been a familiar figure at all of the National Square Dance Conventions in his hat covered with many, many colourful pins commemorating each event.

A man of many talents and interests, Don wanted to join the airforce, had a brief stint in the army, worked in a grocery department and as a janitor. He has been an enumerator, a District Returning Officer, and a Board Member of the Alberta Epilepsy Association. In addition to square dancing his hobbies have been silversmithing and woodworking.

Don passed away on February 15th after a brief struggle with cancer.

We miss him Friday nights at the 2x4's, and Montreal's Convention 2006 will miss the man with all those pins on his hat.





Louis Elmer Modin

1932 - 2021



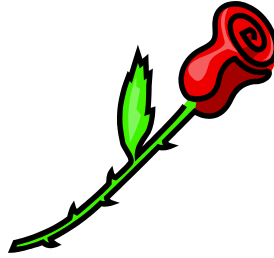
On a sunny mountaintop July 5, 2021 morning, in Osoyoos, BC, our kind and gentle Louis (loving husband and father) passed over peacefully with family by his side. He leaves behind his loving wife of 63 years, Audrey, son Eric and daughter Della (Ron and bonus grandchildren Layla and Sophia), brother Ben (Betty) Modin. He will reunite with his mother Lydia, father Erik, three brothers Harry, Milton, Carl as well as his sister and brother in infancy Helen (1932) and Roy (1936). No funeral service or flowers by request. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation www.heartandstroke.ca are appreciated. We welcome you to leave kind thoughts, memories and photos by visiting www.nunes-pottinger.com. Louis was loved by all who knew him.

My Husband is a person, who rises with the sun, his feet hit the floor and they are ready to run.

The sun has the controls for his inner alarm clock, when the hour hits about 6, he is ready to rock.

He often sees the sun rise, as it pops up in the East, his mind and body are in gear, not tired in the least!~ Audrey Modin 2006

Forever and always in our hearts!



JACK MOORE June 20, 1926 – April 19, 2015

Jack started dancing in 2001 with Glen and Audrey Eliasson with the Whirlaways. He joined Country Cousins in 2002. He danced with the Cousins until he suffered a fall in the summer of 2014.

Jack battled cancer for seven years, but he was always cheery and active. Jack married Dorothy, and together they raised their children, Brad and Lori near Bon Accord. Jack was a much loved grandfather to 2 grandsons and a granddaughter.

He was a brick layer and stone mason by trade, and later he worked as a school custodian for many years. He was also a gifted artist and painter, and a real handy man.

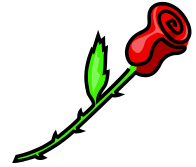
After he lost his wife in 2000, he met his neighbour, Ruth Krebs, and together they had 14 years of companionship, travelling, and dancing.



Clement Albert Nadon

(Clem)

2022



With a deep sense of sorrow and loss, our family announces the passing of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather Clement Nadon on July 19th, 2022 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Clem was predeceased by his loving wife Doris (nee Criss), and son in law Brian Sam Boyd. His memory will be cherished by his children and their families: Therese (Tom) Kari (Peter) Finn and Lucas. Tristan (Jessica) Quintin and Kadence. Devin (Crista). Yvonne, Tyler (Kaitlin) Theo and Dashiell, Josh (Glenna). Janine (Kris) Kyle, Jen, Jill (Matt), Phil (Arlene) Colette, Ryan and Alex, his brothers, sisters, cousins, numerous nieces and nephews. After retiring from his career at the city of Edmonton, Clem spent many happy years, along with Doris, teaching and calling square and round dancing in the Edmonton area and across Canada. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Senez and Dr. Captan for their compassion as well the most wonderful nurses/staff that took such special care of our dad while he was in hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Edmonton.



Let's Remember

Doris Nadon

(née Criss)

Jan 27, 1935 - Dec 5, 2020



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Doris Nadon (née Criss) on December 5th, 2020 in Edmonton, AB at the age of 85 years. She was born on January 27th, 1935 in Edmonton. Doris leaves behind Clem, her loving husband of 65 years. Together they had 5 children: Therese (Tom) Preece, Yvonne Boyd, Janine (Kris) Sakowsky, Philippe (Arlene) Nadon, and Michael Nadon. They were blessed with 12 loving grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She leaves behind her brothers Clarence, Rick, Gordon, and sister Marlene, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Doris was predeceased by her parents, Esther and Philip Criss, brothers: Harold, Bill and Richard as well as her son-in-law Brian (Sam) Boyd.

Doris and Clem loved to dance together and were very active in square and round dancing and instructed for many years. Dance events were a major activity for them and took them all around Alberta and Canada to Europe and the U.S, where they made lifelong friendships.

In her spare time, Doris kept busy with all sorts of crafting with her big love being quilting and crocheting. She was forever thinking of those in need and spent over 800 hours making items for charities across the city. Receiving a quilt from Doris was like getting one of her warm hugs. She also loved writing poetry and gifted many friends and family with her lighthearted poems and stories. Doris was a much loved presence in our lives and will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Cremation has taken place and a small service will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Parkinson's Society..

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After so many years and all their accomplishments in Square & Round Dancing, it was difficult to pin-point the exact years.

In the early 70's Clem & Doris started square dancing and within a couple of years, they were the Caller couple for the New Dancer group in NAIT Set Squares and went on to call for the Lindseeds. They travelled out to Camrose for several years in the 80's where they were the Caller couple for the club there.

After learning to Round Dance with Bill & Pat Tait (didn't everyone?), Clem & Doris Nadon went on to start a Dance-A-Lots Round Dance Club, 1975 – 1995. As Clem was busy cuing, Doris was kind enough to dance with anyone who needed a partner.

Doris helped so many dancers when they were learning both Square Dancing & Round Dancing. Doris also helped many people learning to knit, crochet & quilt, including a left-handed widower who wanted to knit his own sweater (of course the pattern was one of those "difficult" ones).

Doris & Clem both served on the Executive for Edmonton & District Callers & Instructors Association for many years. Doris often being elected to serve as "Secretary". They were members of the Square & Round Dance Association of Alberta where Doris served as the Executive Secretary for many years. They were also members of Caller-Lab & Round-A-Lab.

Doris & Clem were very involved with the Alberta Conventions as well they were on the program for the 1st Canadian National Convention held in Edmonton, they were also on the 10th Canadian National Convention again held in Edmonton, where they helped out the Organizing Committee and were instrumental in ensuring the sound was set to a tee in all the halls.





IN MEMORIAM

**GORDON
NEW**
1918-2011



A history of Gordon gives us a glimpse of the history of Square Dancing in Edmonton.

Sometime in the 50's the US. Army established a camp on 142 St. & 104 Ave.. One of the officers was a Square Dance caller who approached St. Paul's Anglican Church in the district to see if he could interest people to learn to square dance. It started out with about 4 or 5 squares. Gordon and Thelma were introduced to modern square dancing and later joined the Shuffling 8's Club with caller Ernie Power, one of the early pioneer callers. He proudly served in executive positions in Shufflin 8's. Gordon & Thelma enjoyed Round Dancing at Tait's Twirlers with Norm and Doris Simons, and Fun Steps with Myrna & Harold Elliott making many good friends which they cherished. He will always be remembered by his friendly smile and great compassion and respect for everyone he met. He lived the motto Square Dancing is friendship set to music.

Gordon served in the Canadian Army and later worked on the Alaska Highway. He worked most of his working life for the Department of Transport.

He was an avid hockey player and played Community hockey into his 70's. He passed away on December 16, 2011 at 92 yrs of age.



Gordon & Thelma New
dancing at Tait Twirlers





James Lorne Stanley (Jim) New

04-Dec-1929 - 30-Jan-2022

In Loving Memory

Jim was the youngest of ten children born to Clarence Morris New and Edith Alice Allen. His early years were spent on a small farm in what is now west Edmonton, helping to raise cows and chickens, playing hockey, learning to play the piano, and singing in the choir and serving as an altar boy at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

He met Sheila Nixon at a church Young People's event, and the two married on August 27, 1955. They had a 66 year partnership that involved raising a large family, church life, dancing, enjoying music and stage performances, building a house and embarking on countless household projects, traveling, and spending as much time as possible with family and friends.

The importance of his faith community was evident as he and Sheila grew their family. When a need for a new Anglican congregation in the Capilano neighbourhood arose, Jim was a key member in launching and helping lead services in their basement, growing the community until larger space was found and ultimately being part of the impetus to build the St. Augustine's Anglican Church building.

Jim was a dedicated employee of Imperial Oil, working as a lab technician for 37 years, highlighted by his involvement in the Valesso Social Club for employees and their families. His early retirement meant more time for family and travel with Sheila, including traveling North America to participate in square dance conventions, visiting family and seeing sights near and far. A love for summers in the Okanagan saw them purchase an RV and lot in Winfield, B.C., hosting children, grandchildren and friends every year – a source of countless memories.

For many years, Jim along with his family, taught Red Cross swimming lessons to many children across at least two generations in Sherwood Park. With Sheila, teaching others how to swim, and later, round and line dance, was an activity he particularly loved.

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Continued...James Lorne Stanley

Jim was a joyous man with much love to share. He treasured the planning of church dinners and skits, his goal always to make others laugh and ensure a good time. His years of wine making culminated in supplying wine for entire church events, not to mention every family celebration. He enjoyed giving his time to the organizations that meant the most to his life. When his children were swimming, he was an enthusiastic volunteer with the South Side Swim Club, as he and Sheila took up square dancing in their retirement, they took on leadership roles together in the Edmonton and District Square Dance Association, and numerous Seniors Groups in and around Edmonton.

Jim was a loving husband and father who gave his family every opportunity they needed to succeed in life. His love continues to live on in his wife, Sheila and in his children: Carolyn O'Brien (James), Ronald New (Hana), Jocelyn Kagel, Beverly (d.1960), Geoffrey New (Leslie), Maureen Mora (Leonard) and Christopher New (Aynsley).

His grandchildren and great grandchildren remember him as a supportive and encouraging presence who would attend activities, games, and concerts, as each grandchild's biggest fan, capturing it all with his camera (when he remembered to take the lens cap off!) He will be missed by his 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren:

Sarah Campbell (Ritz) and son Huxley, Maureen Burke (Chris) and daughter Adair, Matthew O'Brien; Chantelle Haugrud and sons Davin and Hayden, Stefanie Shanahan (Devin) and daughter Sadie; Brayden Kagel (Alison), Alex Kagel; Cameron New, Aaron New and son Jack; Jacqueline New; Zachary Mora, Jonathan Mora (Megan Elliott), Madison Mora; Noah New, Sophie New, Daisy New.
Jim's life was always centered around his family and church community, and all who knew him will always be grateful for the legacy of his joyous, fun-loving, and kind, caring spirit.

Jim New



IN MEMORIUM

John R. (Dick) NICOL

December 23, 1919 - February 6, 1995



The whole square dance community is saddened by the passing of caller Dick Nicol, but we give thanks for his life, and the many good times that he has given the dancers for which we will long remember.

A tribute to Dick and Kay was made in November, 1992 when the Whirlaways hosted an Honor Your Caller and Taw Night. They were surrounded by well over 200 square and round dancer friends and fellow callers. Dick had an evening off as the other caller friends did the honors - Clem and Doris Nadon, Evelyn and Don MacDonald, Jerry and Linda Pierce, Henry and Helen Unrau, Norm and Doris Simons, Glen and Audrey Eliasson and Bill and Kay Coulter.

Dick was raised on a farm in the Belvedere district near Barrhead, and it was while attending a dance in Barrhead that he met Kay, and were married in April, 1948.

He got interested in calling after seeing a demonstration of square dancing put on by caller René and Blanche Begiun from Wetaskiwin.

Among the dancers were Marg and Rudy Stein.

The first group Dick and Kay called for was the Busby Do Sa Do's in the spring of 1954. There were 9 squares of dancers of all ages. They called for this club for five or six years. They also called for clubs in Westlock and Legal.

In 1959 they moved to Edmonton and did volunteer calling for the Oliver Hospital and also called for the Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights.

In 1962 Dick and Kay took up round dance cueing and teaching, and founded the Whirlaways's Square and Round Dance Club, where they were the caller couple for 32 years.

They have attended most Alberta Conventions, and had attended the Banff Institute for twenty-one years, and were directors for two, two-year terms.

When the first National Convention was held here in Edmonton in 1978, Dick and Kay worked at coordinating the round dance program.

Cherhill Chainers Square Dance Club was founded by Dick and Kay and they were the caller couple for five years.

His dedication to the square and round dance movement is greatly appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

Leo Albert Noel

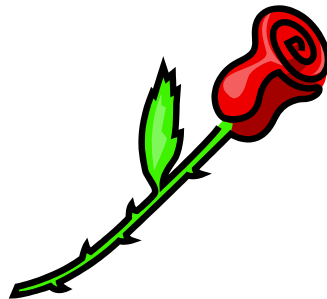
Leon (Leo) Noel was born in St. Paul, Alberta on March 31, 1927. He passed away on December 26, 2008.

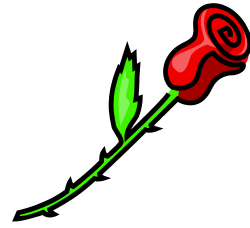
I would like to share with you some of Leo's Greatest joys in his life. One of his greatest love was his Music. At a young age he would collect from all his favorites ~ hit parade country music Grand Old Opry.

As Leo was a natural musician teaching himself How to play many instruments He loved to entertain In nursing homes in Sherwood Park once a month. For 10 years he did not miss. He also loved to jam with friends; after the dance Camping out every summer . I could tell you so much more about Leo that I love but it would take 2 or 3 pages.

He started the Square dancing with Country Cousins in 1981 and it was his favorite club. Wayne Russell was his favorite caller and his favorite prayer is:

GOD grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot Change,
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.
God bless.





Anna Oegema

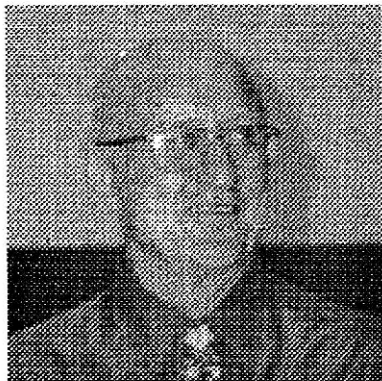
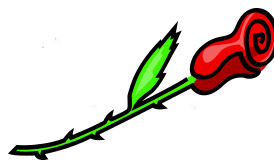
January 21, 2017

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Anna on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the age of 77. Anna will be sadly missed by her children, Weta (Randy), Bartley (Sheila), and Dan (Lorna); precious grandchildren, Christina (Daniel), Richard (Tanya), Andrew (Heidi), Phillip (Natasha), Jessica, Luke, Chad, Todd and Leah; great- grandchildren, Anthony, Isaac and Lukas; siblings, Yvonne (Bob), Ted (Margo), Olga, Lloyd (Lorna), Jim (Carolyn), and Wendy (Ron); as well as numerous family and friends. She was predeceased by her loving husband Fred, son Lloyd and brother-in-law John.

Anna and Fred danced with Twilight Twirlers Square Dance Club. After Fred's passing from a tragic car accident, Anna joined Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club, Sept 2008 - Dec 2016.

Fred Oegema

IN MEMORIAM



FRED OEGEMA

JULY 28th, 1933 - JULY 12th, 2003

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of one of our faithful Square Dancers, Fred Oegema, who was killed suddenly in a traffic accident while on holidays in B.C. this summer. Fred leaves behind Anna, his loving wife of 43 years, and 4 children.

Fred was born in Dedemsvaart, Netherlands. At the age of 17, Fred left home to become a merchantmarine. After spending a winter in the tropics, and the Mediterean Sea, Fred decided to seek a cooler climate.

On August 20th, 1954 Fred landed in Quebec. From there he made his way to Alberta, where his older brother worked for the Department of Highways, Small Bridge Department. Fred joined the Construction Crew, and worked all over Alberta building bridges and soon he got to know a lot of little towns and still could remember a lot of them as they traveled around Alberta.

While working in Southern Alberta, he met and married Anna Veenstra in 1959. In later years Edmonton became their home where Fred took up an Apprenticeship course in Carpentry, receiving his Journeyman Certificate in 1962.

Upon his retirement in 1995, a former neighbour (Leola) persuaded Fred & Anna to take up Square Dancing, so they showed up one night and found out it was a singles club. They danced there for several years and later joined the Twilight Twirlers. Soon they advanced on to taking "Plus" lessons at Crossfire Club, making many new and lasting friends in the dancing circuit.

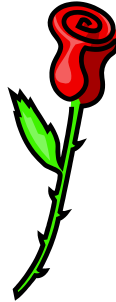
Over the years Fred and Anna have visited many clubs, including dancing in the Salt & Mineral pool at Manitou, Sask.

They enjoyed many other activities together such as the Sailing Club, at Wabamun, Hiking, Cross Country Skiing, and traveling. Upon a recent trip to Alaska, they experience White Water Rafting,

Fred kept up his carpentry as a hobby, carving many beautiful things.

Fred will be dearly missed by his wife and family and all their Square Dancing friends.

Rita Olinek



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marie Rose Rita Olinek at the age of 88 years.

Rita was predeceased by her husband, Harry Olinek.

She is survived by her children: Sharon, Garry (Brenda), Allan (Violet), Connie (Bryan); grandchildren: Simone, Jeff, Jenna, Travis, Jesse, Ryan and Sarah; 8 great-grandchildren.

Marie-Rose Rita LaBrie was born on September 10, 1932 in Edmonton, Alberta. Her dad, Leo was born in Fort Kent, Alberta and her mom, Angeline was born in France. Rita's mom, Angeline came to Canada when she was four years old with her parents. They moved to Legal, Alberta and farmed for most of their lives. Rita has one brother, Ernie and a sister,

Rita Olinek - page 2

For 11 years while growing up, Rita and family lived in Coquitlam, BC. After that the family moved to Edmonton where she currently resides.

Rita was working in Barrhead when she met her husband Harry, at a hockey game. They married a year and half later and had four children; Sharon [Victoria, BC], Gary [Comox, BC], Allen and Connie [Edmonton]. Rita has seven grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

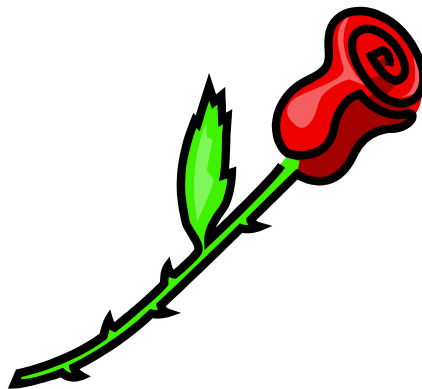
After her husband passed away in 1985, Rita took courses in flower arranging and enjoyed a fulfilling career as florist for eight years. During that time she met a wonderful couple named Andy and Hope Pennock who introduced her to the love of square dancing and clogging.

Rita enjoys traveling, square dancing, clogging, and has been on many group tours and cruises with the club. She has been a member of St. Peter's two by fours since 1987 and later learned round dancing with Clem and Doris Nadon and is a current member of the Lukes and Lucys. Priorities for Rita remain, her family, her friends, her dancing and of course her traveling. Life was good.

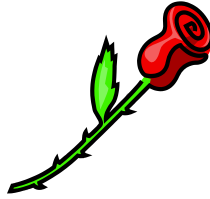
IN MEMORIAM

Aileen O'Neill

In the mid 1980's, Aileen started square dancing with the Horizon Village Dancers and clogging with the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers. She eagerly took part in many entertainment events at parades, malls seniors residences, care facilities and more. She enjoyed clogging conventions and workshops in the United States, too. Sd line dancer. Holiday travel with friends took her to many places. Aileen was a busy lady - she loved to read, embroidered beautiful and intricate pictures, and was always ready to "act up" in any fun situations. Failing health resulted in her passing away this summer.



Charles Ozorio



September 28, 1922 – July 3, 2014



We are greatly saddened to announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Charles "Bill" Ozorio at the age of 91 years.

Bill is lovingly remembered by his beautiful wife of 65 years, Renee; children, Juanita (Jim), Mike, Stephen and Tim (Melissa); grandchildren, Dane (Meaghan), Lisa (Marc), Georgia and Dalton; and great grandchildren Roman and Ruby.



Renee Ozorio



May 31, 2020

We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Irene (Renee) Ozorio on Sunday, May 31, 2020. At the age of 93, she looked young for her age and was known as a character, telling jokes and being the life of the party. Renee was known for her ballroom dancing with her husband of 68 years. They met at a dance and continued dancing gracefully for their entire lives. Renee is lovingly remembered by children Juanita (Jim), Mike, Stephen, Timothy (Melissa); grandchildren Dane (Meaghan), Lisa (Marc), Georgia (Aaron), Dalton; great-grandchildren Roman, Ruby, Dominick, Max, Natalie, Zane; and brother-in-law Raymond Ozorio (Ann). Predeceased by Charles Ozorio, 2014.

Renee & Bill Ozorio

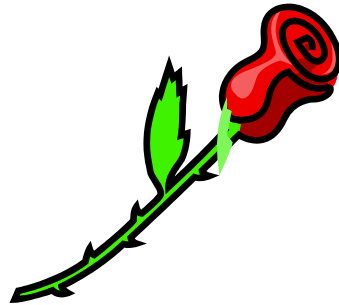


Renee & Bill Ozorio
"Snowbirds"



Bill & Renee
Ozorio

IN MEMORIAM



PAPLINSKI, Walter (Wally)

October 14, 1930 — July 23, 2012

Wally is survived by his loving Companion and Friend, Evelyn McCracken, two Daughters, Cheri and Debbie, Brother Mike (Helen). Also remembering Wally is the extended family of Foresters, Friends and Square Dancers.

Wally Paplinski was an energetic individual. He held four Trade Certificates, Machinist, Millwright, Welder, and Heavy Duty Mechanic. He was very talented as he designed and made many large floats for parades in many cities in the United States and Canada. The current ESDA float was designed and built by Wally with some help from his many friends and fellow square dancers. Wally could take a piece of steel and make just about anything you could design. Besides the four Trades mentioned, he appeared to be a designer and architect, while using a lot of 'common sense' when it came to building something.

Wally Paplinski - page 2

Wally and Evelyn served many years on the ESDSA Executive, and during that time held many positions including President Couple. They participated on the Committee for Provincial Convention 2001, held in Leduc, where over 1200 dancers were in attendance. Wally and Evelyn attended every Provincial Convention from 1988 to 2008, and also attended many other dances in B.C., Alberta, Sask., and the USA. Wally will be missed by many square dancers.

When we are enjoying K-Days once again, with pancake breakfasts, parades, promenades, and just strutting our gold rush attire, we will remember seeing Wally sharing the gift of dance with others. When we see a square dance outfit, we will remember the laughter, the power of kindness and treasure a true friend.



Each of us has a way to make a contribution to our square dancing tradition. Wally made his contribution supporting Bill DeGroot and Gary Smith. Wally came up to us after a dance when we first started calling. He was complimentary and told us we should take a calling class and stick with it. Don't be intimidated by others who are more experienced, he said. He recognized the needs of the square dance community in the future, to have more callers and teachers. He also informed us of a fund that exists to support new callers taking classes. Bill and I have both stayed with it, thanks to support from folks like Wally and Evelyn. Thank you,

Gary Smith and Bill DeGroot

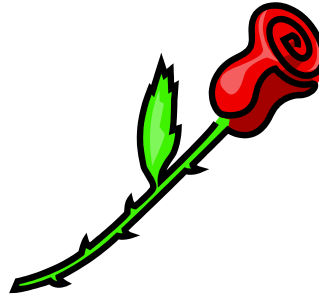


IN MEMORIAM



Gloria Paquette

April 29, 1932 - August 20th, 2023



Gloria Paquette of Barrhead, AB, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2023 at the age of 91.

Born April 29, 1932 in Unity, SK to Lawrence and Pearl (Kay) Humble, Gloria married Albert Paquette on August 17, 1949 in Linaria, AB. They were married for 65 years before Albert's earlier passing in 2015.

Gloria will forever be remembered for her wonderful cooking, love of gardening and painting, pride of family, and community volunteerism in Highridge and Barrhead. Gloria's strong personality, love of family, and commitment to friends and neighbours made her a steadfast anchor both to her family and community.

Gloria was a long-time member and Chair of the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation and was inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1991.

Gloria will be forever missed by her children; Sharon (Richard) McLoughlin, Larry (Donna) Paquette, Nadine (Dave) Holsted, Jean (Jim) Menzies; 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Gloria Paquette



Bill Degroot wrote:

I spoke with an old dancer who had danced with Abe and Gloria for many years. Abe and Gloria have been dancing since the 1960's. They have danced in Fort Assiniboine, Meadowview, Garden View, Hazel Bluff, Westlock, and Edmonton. They took round dance classes by a professional back in the day who stressed body form. These two never moved up and down at all. If there was a string around the hall at a set height, the space between the top of their heads and the string wouldn't change. It was poetry in motion. They attended many different campouts. They ended their dancing when the Cherhill chainers shut down.

Callers would include Ivan Shepe , Andy Pennock, Emil Paquette and Bob Weller. I'm sure there were others although we don't know who they were.



Memoriam



Hazel (Osbaldeston) Paradis

7/22/1941 - 1/4/2019

Peacefully on January 4, 2019 Hazel passed away. She is survived by her husband of over 56 years Norman, her daughters Helen (John) and Heather. Her grandchildren Jessica (Mike), Tayler (Braeden), Sienna and Alora and her great grandchildren Luka and Aleah. Also survived by her sister Phyllis (John) Evans, her brother Grant (Evelyn) Osbaldeston, her brother Ken (Annette) Osbaldeston along with many more aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. This also includes Norman's brothers and sisters as well as their spouses.

Hazel was a very active member in her church with the Catholic Women's League. She enjoyed hobbies such as sewing, reading, skiing, square dancing, gardening and camping. She always had a smile when the grandchildren and great grandchildren came over to play at the farm. Hazel and Norman danced with the Merry Mixers in Fort Saskatchewan. Hazel was a very special person and well loved. She will be missed by many, but always in our hearts.

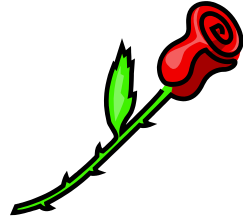
A prayer service will be held on the evening of Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the OLA Catholic Church in Fort Saskatchewan 10004-101 street. The Celebration of Life will be held on the morning of Friday, January 11, 2019 at 11:00 am at the OLA Catholic Church in Fort Saskatchewan 10004-101 street.

The family is very grateful for all the support and loving care that Hazel received from all of her family and friends. The family appreciates the continued support. We would like to thank all the doctors and nurses at the Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital and at Rivercrest Hospice Care for all their assistance.

Memorial donations can be made to the Cross Cancer Institute or charity of one's choice.

IN MEMORIAM

Marian Patzner



Marion was born November 18, 1933, and passed away at the age of 76, May 14, 2010, after a long battle fighting Diabetes. Marian is survived by her loving partner Vern Swanson, and her three children and many grandchildren.

Marion started square dancing in the 80's and for the last 10 years or so danced with the Double Diamond Square Dance Club. Marian was the publicity chairperson for 4 years starting in 1999 and then took the vice-presidency chair for a couple of years.

She loved all types of dancing and was also an avid singer in the Lion's Senior Choir. She enjoyed entertaining and when she was able to she would love to lead the residents at her living complex in a sing –along.

She enjoyed life to the fullest and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Robert Peck



I N M E M O R I A M

On November 27, 1987, members of the Western Stars Club were greatly saddened by the sudden death of our valued member and past president, Robert N. Peck.

Bob's square dancing began in Clandonald in 1954 when he and Ruby began taking square dancing lessons under Henry Lynn of Camrose. Two years later Bob built his own P. A. system and began to teach square dancing.

In 1957, Bob and Ruby moved to Marwayne where Bob continued to teach for three years. During this time they travelled to St. Walberg each week. This meant leaving home at 5:00 pm, calling the dance for 7:00 o'clock, and after the dance calling the ferryman to make an after midnight crossing, allowing them to finally get home at 2:00 am.

When Bob's work brought him to Edmonton, Bob and Ruby stopped dancing for 20 years. Around 1981, Ruby's tapping toe got moving and they went back to dancing with the Western Stars. Since that time Bob and Ruby have become one of the mainstays of the club, both in dancing and in the associated social functions. When a decision needed to be made, Bob always had a wise comment, helping to guide the group.

We will miss Bob and extend to Ruby and her family our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

Mary Jane Graham



Elza Helena PENCZEK

1938 - 2022



Elza Helen Penczek was born February 10, 1938 in Poland.

She came to Edmonton in the sixties... at first she worked on some different jobs until she could talk and understand the English language better.

She got a job with the City of Edmonton in accounting where she worked until 1999.

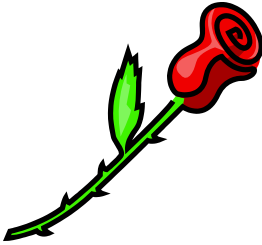
She started square dancing in 1970 with the Singles Square dancers. She liked square dancing and made most of her square dance clothes . She did round dancing and plus dancing.

She went on many campouts and conventions in Alberta and B.C. and was recognized as a long term square dancer.

She met Ed Skaley at a square dance. They fell in love and got married in February 2008. They continued square dancing together but the COVID virus delayed the start up of square dancing. During this time Helen got quite sick and was taken to the Hospital where she was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away on July 22, 2022.

As written by Ed Skaley

Andy Pennock



Hope & Andy Pennock
1996

REMEMBERING ANDY

Andy Pennock (November 10, 1934 – May 25, 2005)

On May 25, 2005, Andrew Louis Pennock passed away at seventy years of age after a losing battle with cancer.

Andy was born in Ottawa and attended Elgin Street and Glashan Public Schools and Ottawa Technical School. He served in the Air Force and later enjoyed working as a salesman for W.E. Greer Ltd., Cleaning Equipment and Supplies. He was a Masonic Lodge Member of Unity #51- Highlands #168.

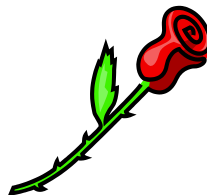
Andy was happiest behind a microphone calling square dances to groups of 8 to 2,000 dancers. He spent 30+ wonderful years calling and teaching Square Dancing, and in addition taught Round and Line Dancing, as well as helping to found and teach the Community Dance Program in Edmonton. He called for many Edmonton and area clubs, including the St. Peter's 2x4's, the Buttons and Bows and the Peace Hill Hoppers. He called and cued throughout Alberta, across Canada, in the U.S.A., and in several countries around the world. He served on and/or led many committees for square dance related activities, and called at many Provincial Conventions and at ALL of the Canadian National Square Dance Conventions. Andy leaves a trail of happy people and will especially be remembered for his yodelling.

He is survived by his wife and soulmate, Hope; five children; two step-sons; fifteen grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy; two brothers; two sisters; and many other relatives and friends.

*"The cowboy rides away."**



Memoriam



Hope Pennock

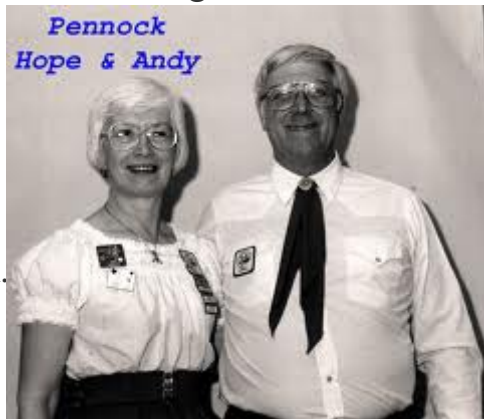
My mom passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in the comforting company of my brother Craig and Aunt Joey.

Mom danced her way around the globe with her late husband Andy. She loved the mountains and enjoyed the people that touched her life. Mom's grandkids Kelsey, Kevin, Katelyn, Meghan, Kellie, Erin and Jasmine put a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. She had a great sense of humour and was always open to new adventures and experiences, embracing all life had to offer - good food, conversation, hugs and learning.

Please email either a story, a photo, or some remembrance to me at MemoryofHope@gmail.com.

These items will be included in a memorial for Mom in Banff National Park.

Love you Mom!
Wade OBrien



A CRSDS Award of Excellence Recipient.

Hope
Pennock

**HONOURS AND AWARDS
2012**

THE CANADIAN SQUARE & ROUND SOCIETY

Award of Excellence

This is the CSRDS's highest award and is reserved for any dancer or caller/cuer or leader who deserve special recognition and are members of the Society. The recognition is reserved for those whose contribution to square, round, contra, clogging and line dancing have been above and beyond the normal activity and well outside the activities of the average participant. Accomplishments could be either a single, exceptional result in a short period of time, or a steady, continuing, above-average contribution over a long period of time.

HOPE PENNOCK, Edmonton Alberta

Hope Pennock has been involved in some form of dancing for most of her life, beginning in 1941. In 1955 she became involved in Square Dancing and later, she took up Round Dancing and her involvement continues to the present time. In 1996, Hope and her late husband, Andy, received the prestigious Alberta Rose Award.

In 1980, Hope was introduced to Clogging and has been internationally recognized as an Instructor. She was inducted into the Clogging Hall of Fame in Maggie Valley, North Carolina in 1995.

In 2008, Hope received a Perfect Attendance Certificate from CSRDS for attendance at every National Convention since inception in 1978.

CSRDS is pleased to include Hope Pennock among deserving recipients of this Award of Excellence.

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Hope will be presented the award in a short ceremony at the EDSDA Toy Dance on December 1st, 2012. See back cover of this promenader for full dance details.

Please do not bring a gift for Hope. Your attendance, congratulations and/or a Yellowrock will suffice. If you wish to contribute to a Book of Memories we will be presenting to Hope then please contact us for further details. In addition, Hope will be given the Guest Book from this dance.

Mike & Anne Soparlo

President Couple

St. Peter's 2x4s (Hope Pennock's home club)

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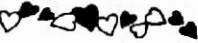
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EDSDA/EDCIA CUER RECEIVES DISTINCTION

Hope Pennock



In 1981, Dan and Sandy Angel founded America's Clogging Hall of Fame as a national organization recognizing past and present leaders of clogging. Since then, two or three deserving American cloggers

have been inducted into it annually. This year, America's Clogging Hall of Fame announced the first International Clogging Team. Sixteen dancers were appointed to this team: 3 from Germany; 3 from the Czech Republic; 2 from Australia; 1 from Belgium; 2 from England; and 5 from Canada.

EDSDA/EDCIA's own Hope Pennock was one of those honoured. "We commend you on your dedication to and love for a dance native to the Southern Appalachian Mountains in the United States of America. You have been singled out by your peers for having helped take clogging into the far corners of your homeland", stated the Officers and Board of Directors for the Hall of Fame, in a letter to recipients.

Hope flew down to receive this honour and enjoy leaf turning season, the hospitality of the south, and clogging. 3,000 cloggers were gathered that

weekend for the Annual America's Clogging Hall of Fame Dance Off at Stompin' Ground in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Here Hope saw a wealth of clogging styles from precision clogging (most similar to what we do here in Edmonton) to freestyling by the Rough Creek Cloggers who dance to live music, each piece lasting at least 8 minutes. The traditional Southern Appalachian formations cued by a cuer with no microphone within the set, are done with precision by the dancers while their feet are freestyling whatever step seems appropriate to them at the time.

The award is an honour but the recipient is no surprise. Hope Pennock is the mother of clogging in Alberta. She brought it back from Ontario after seeing it in 1980 and '82 at the Canadian National Square and Round Dance Conventions in Ottawa and Halifax respectively. There, Dorothy and Jack McCulloch (two fellow recipients of this prestigious award), introduced Hope, and husband Andy, to what Hope now refers to as "our kind of fun". She began classes in her basement for Andy and Deane and Gord Evans. At the time she knew only 4 or 5 steps! In 1984, Hope and Andy founded the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers, with 14 determined cloggers. Today, she teaches 5 levels of cloggers

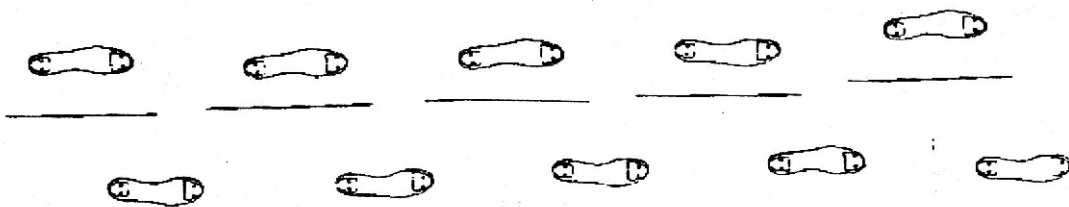
through the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers (who number currently about 130), and another class through Edmonton Public Schools Continuing Education. She has lead numerous workshops in Western Canada, and nurtured a variety of clogging instructors; as well as leading, with husband Andy, countless demonstrations at nursing homes, seniors' residences and "anywhere else

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they're asked". Most recently, on her birthday no less, she made her debut leading the Alberta Rhythm Cloggers performing "Rocky Top" with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra at the Jubilee Auditorium.

To quote Maureen Dakers, her first protégé instructor, "You done good Hope!" Mighty good!!

Submitted by JoanTharme



Alberta Rhythm Cloggers
Hope Pennock's Clogging Club

Hope
Pennock

STOMPIN' GROUND MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Annual America's Clogging Hall of Fame Dance Off at Stompin' Ground in Maggie Valley, North Carolina is for real and the event is unreal! Everyone should see it - not for the competition aspect, but for the energy, talent, and fun it displays. What can I say? I am still in awe over a new and exciting clog style presented predominately by children, teens, and adults under age 35. My wish would be to pick up the entire weekend and set it down in Alberta for all to see. What an inspiration!

The competition was amongst cloggers who had placed first or second at recent competitions, so we were seeing exceptional talent. A few years ago, there were only two competition categories - Freestyle and Precision. The popularity of this dance form has evolved into several competitive categories - Smooth Mountain Square Dance, Country Hoe down, Open 6 or 8 Couple Freestyle, Four Couple Precision, Southern Appalachian Traditional, Running Set Hoedown, Exhibition Dance, Show - to name a few. We were told that there were more entries this year than ever before. From 8:30 a.m. on Saturday to 12:20 a.m. on Sunday and again 9:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Sunday, one entry after another presented their carefully choreographed and diligently practiced routines. The only breaks were

during the presentation of first, second, and third place winners at the end of each category. The judges certainly had to be super people! Annette and Irene from Germany and Martin and Jarka from the Czech Republic entered and were given honorary trophies. How excited and happy they were!

The Southern Appalachian Traditional clogging could include everyone - the footwork is not taught. Newcomers just watch and interpret the foot movements in their own way. It is called Freestyle. (Our dancing would be called Precision as we do the same steps at the same time.) It is the formations that are carefully taught so the original, traditional movements are preserved and learned correctly. The devotion and enthusiasm of people like Dan and Sandy Angel, Bob and Cora Mae Phillips and the Rough Creek Cloggers for encouraging and teaching the original moves is very obvious and to be admired.

The Phillips took us to their regular Friday night Rough Creek Cloggers dance which is held in a large hotel's dance hall as entertainment for hotel guests (great idea!) After the initial shock of watching six couples (some of whom were in their seventies) clog lickety-split for eight minutes, we were invited one at a time to dance with them. The dancers respond to the Southern Appalachian moves cued without a

microphone by the caller who also dances. What exhilarating fun! One commonality with many Edmonton dancers is that we went for coffee and something to eat after!

Stompin' Ground, a huge dance hall built by a clogger, Kyle Edwards and his family, is home to the American Hall of Fame which was formed in 1981 by Dan and Sandy Angel of Toccoa, Georgia. Each year one, two or three Americans are inducted into the Hall of Fame "for their dedication to and love for Southern Appalachian Clogging". This year Garland Steele, Sandy Angel, and Ralph Pierce were chosen. Also, each year an All-American team is selected and honored at a Spring function. 1995 is the first year that an International Team has been selected to recognize instructors who have introduced clogging in their countries - Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Australia, England and Canada. Dorothy and Jack McCulloch of Cambridge, Ontario (who introduced clogging to Canadians and to Andy and I), Linda Ross of Windsor, Ont. Judy Wood (who could not attend) of Fredericton, New Brunswick, and myself were chosen from Canada. Along with two ladies from Germany and a couple from the Czech Republic, we clogged, were individually introduced, and were presented certificates at the evening competitions. White satin jackets embroidered with

International Clogging Team 1995 and personalized with our name and club, were offered to us on a preorder basis and were very special to wear. Our little group developed quite a camaraderie in the few hours we were together and all felt honored and pleased to be chosen for the First International Clogging Team.

Dan Angel had several responsibilities, but managed to keep an eye on all of us to make certain that we were happy and were well-informed about his beloved Southern Appalachian Traditional Clogging. He was at the airport at 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. to meet airplanes, then gathered us together for breakfasts, practices and rides. He was everywhere!

Another thrill was to meet Bobbie Adams, the editor of the Double Toe Times, who treated us to breakfast. She is a very knowledgeable and hard-working lady.

Wrap all of these features together with a blanket of fall colors spread over the Appalachian Mountains, sprinkle with friendly folks, grits, biscuits and gravy, and tie with new clogging friendships - wonderful! It was a short stay for the distance travelled, but thanks to the encouragement of friends and family, I went and I am glad! It was more than worthwhile!



Hope Pennock

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From Hope Pennock

**“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.”**

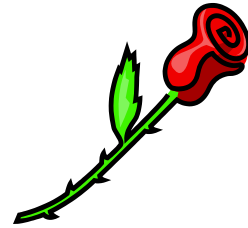
I am sure that no one has had more breathless moments in their life than I have had. The latest was Sunday, October 5, when a roomful of people greeted me with a surprise 80th birthday celebration. I had no clue such an event had been planned. Double doors were opened and “SURPRISE” rang out followed by the Happy Birthday song.

How did this happen? Well elaborate scheming and dozens of little white lies worked! I thought I was going to see a fashion show in which my granddaughter, Katelyn, who is taking a fashion design course in Calgary, was taking part. A sign outside the door about the show was authentically drawn by another granddaughter, Kelsey. Other family members, Ed, Wendy, and Erin invited me to ride with them. My two youngest granddaughters, Erin and Jasmine, and a granddaughter-in-law to be, Codi, were greeters. Two beautiful floral bouquets and an orchid corsage were designed by Codi. My son, Craig, and grandson, Kevin, organized and set up the room and displays ahead of time. AND—my daughter-in-law, Jaekan, had searched through my home while I was away, gathering dozens of phone numbers and also pictures for a display. Wendy contributed a display as well. I understand Jaekan enlisted the help of some square dancers, too. Marian and Dwayne Jenkins were of great assistance including arranging for the Old Timers Cabin. Craig master-minded the 'ruse' about the fashion show and the role of each of the 'players'. A friend from work took multi-pictures. My sister, Joey, and Denny had come from Calgary the day before to help. Wayne Russell arranged for sound and called the square dances, Birgit Blizzard cued the clogging, and Joan Tharme cued the round dance. Dozens and dozens of people from Edmonton and all over Alberta were there. Norm and Loretta Demeule of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society presented a special 80th certificate and a bouquet of flowers. ESDSA president couple, Ron and Elaine Fishburne, welcomed me to the “80 Club” with the ESDSA badge. I know that I have missed mentioning some key players, because each day I hear of others who contributed to this wonderful event, such as Jim & Sheila New & Carol Allen.

A tasty lunch including 2 very large cakes was enjoyed by all. It was good to hear all of the visiting and laughter, and I enjoyed dozens of “yellow rocks”! What a wonderful family I have and once again the square dance community is beyond comparison. Many thanks to all for your good wishes and love and for making my day so very special.

Love to you from the breathless one!

Hope Pennock



Doug Porter

July 7, 1946 - April 2, 2015

One of Country Cousins dancers, Doug Porter, passed away suddenly from a fatal heart attack in April. He and his wife, Diane were enjoying a card game with friends in Mesa, Arizona, on April 2nd. 2015, when tragedy struck.

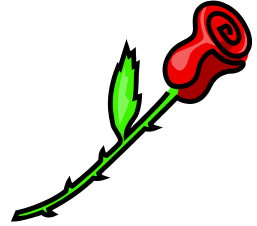
He is survived by his wife Diane, three children and nine grandchildren.

Doug and Diane started square dancing in 2007, I believe, and danced for many years with the Country Cousins. They have been spending their winters in Arizona.



IN MEMORIAM

Charlotte Power



Charlotte B. Power

Charlotte passed away peacefully on February 18, 2006 after a valiant struggle with cancer. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 58 years, Ernie; her sister, Mae Blanchard; her boys: Rick (Susan) and Jim (Ryta); her six grandchildren: Kerry (Phil), Curtis (Ibi), Bradley (Katie), Cameron, Kristyn and Kathryn; her two great-grandchildren Makena and Matthew; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



All square and round dancers in the Edmonton & District will miss Charlotte's presence and encouragement at the dances. She was a very special lady.

Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF



ERNIE POWER



I would appreciate it if you would let everyone in the square dance community know that my Dad passed away this morning, December 6th after an 8-month battle with cancer.

He is finally out of pain and no doubt helping to organize square and round dancing where ever he is with my Mom.

He will no doubt have a few off-colour jokes to tell everyone to spice things up a bit I'm sure. Hopefully he doesn't get kicked out.

He has asked that there not be a big funeral, so we will be having a private family service sometime in the new year.

Thanks to all their many square dance friends for your kind words and wishes over the last few months and your friendship set to music over the last 60 years of calling.

If anyone wishes to make a donation, STARS was one of their favored charities as it benefits us all.

Rick and Susan Power

Ernie and Charlotte Power were long time members and deeply involved in the development and history of the ESDSA (Edmonton District Square Dance Association) and the Caller's Association in the early 1960's till very recently.

Many activities and events related to square dancing were also family activities and resulted in many deep and lasting friendships in the square dance community.

We thank the Power's family for sharing Ernie and Charlotte with us over these many years.



Memoriam

Shirley Pukanich



January 2, 1939 - January 21, 2017

Shirley Mae (nee Watson) Pukanich, age 78, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at CapitalCare Lynnwood, mercifully released from the clutches of Alzheimer's. She was a self-taught pianist and artist, a 'green thumb' who loved the outdoors, a dedicated and loved teacher, and a generous contributor to many organizations including the Square Dancing community. She was born on a farm near Pickardville on January 2, 1939 to Charles and Ella Mae (Pollock) Watson, both active in the teaching community, and was the youngest of nine children. A music lover and driven learner, she taught herself to play the piano by ear and sing at a young age – a gift she shared freely with others her whole life. She attended, and then went on to teach, in a one-room schoolhouse. On July 4, 1959, she married Frank Pukanich in Fawcett, Alberta. After ten rewarding years of teaching, Shirley had three children and she devoted her time to being a mom. The family spent many hours in nature, and Shirley's ability to grow vibrant plants and find four-leafed-clovers was amazing! She had loving hands and enjoyed creating handicrafts and art, especially with children. Shirley proudly graduated from the University of Alberta in 1982 with her Bachelor of Education, and promptly resumed her elementary school teaching career, touching the lives of thousands of students by the time she retired. In 1971, Shirley and Frank were introduced to Square Dancing; Shirley's love of giving inspired service to that organization in various capacities for just under four decades. She will be remembered for her dedication to teaching and love of sharing her special qualities with everyone. Left to honour Shirley and hand down her loving energy and vitality are her loving husband of 57 years Frank Pukanich; her children Allison (Merle) McAssey, Kenneth (Dixie) Pukanich, and Michael (Louise) Pukanich; her grandchildren Shandro and Matero McAssey, Dayton and Kyra Pukanich, and Casey, Emily and Janelle Pukanich; her sister Kay Ruxton; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Harold and Ivan, and her sisters Helen, Alice, Dorothy, Sheila, and Sylvia.

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**Frank & Shirley Pukanich
50th Anniversary**



1996

Shirley and Frank first enjoyed country dancing together as they were growing up in the Fawcett and Chisholm Mills areas. They were married in 1959. In 1961 they moved to Edmonton where Shirley taught school at the Edmonton Public School Board and Frank delivered mail (rain or shine!) with Canada Post. Their daughter, Allison was born in 1968, followed shortly thereafter by two sons, Kenneth and Michael.

Shirley and Frank began their dancing career in 1973 with the Lamplighters Square Dance Club. Then they danced with the Set Squares, where they took their daughter to learn square dancing. They have danced with the 2 X 4's ever since. Shirley, an avid seamstress, made all of their lovely matching outfits. They have enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to their clubs as presidents and vice presidents, demonstrators and dishwashers. And the friends they have met dancing are awesome.

Shirley and Frank both retired in the late 1990's. They have enjoyed cruising to Alaska, and travelling through Norway and Sweden by plane, train and boat. Now, they are currently living in Edmonton, and are grandparents to 7 happy grandchildren.

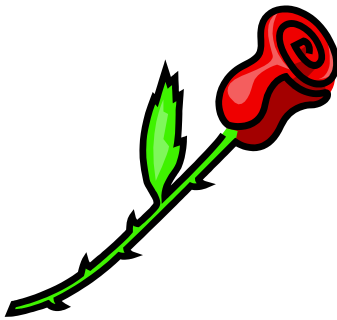
Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary, Frank and Shirley!

Shirley even tried her hand at square dance calling for the children at school.

Along with Shirley Sutherland, Shirley Querengesser and Shirley Junk, they formed the ad-hoc "Four Shirleys" group that even had their own badges. Times were fun, when the group formed their own dance square.

Memoriam

Ed
Querengesser



Ed and Shirley
Querengesser
1996

Edwin Eldrid Querengesser

May 21, 1923 - November 5, 2016

Ed passed away peacefully at the Misericordia Hospital, with his devoted wife Shirley, son Paul, and daughter Jodi at his bedside. He will be greatly missed by his church family at Hosanna, his special square dance friends, and many nieces and nephews.

They were long-time members of St. Peters 2X4s.



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Lenore Rampling



RAMPLING, Lenore Joyce 1932 - 2019

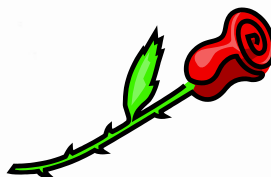
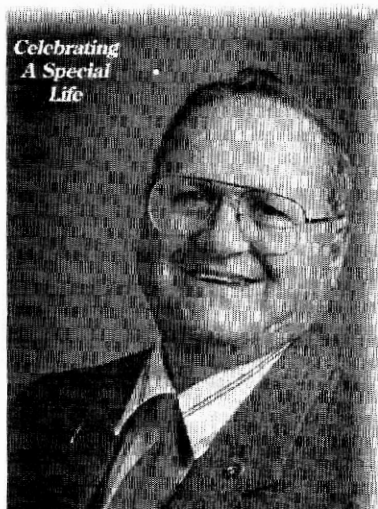
It is with profound sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Lenore Rampling, who died from a cerebral aneurysm on December 27, 2019 at the age of 87 years. Lenore will be forever loved and missed by Stan, her husband of over 66 years. Immediate family members who will also miss her are her children, Pamela (Alan) Scholotiuk and Roy (Ruth) Rampling; four grandchildren, Elaine (Blake) Buschau, Richard Scholotiuk, Jennifer Rampling, Heather Rampling; four great-grandchildren, Decklan and Kiera Scholotiuk, Colby and Cailee Buschau, her sister Lorene (Vern) Culbertson and her brother in law Kenneth (Dorothy) Rampling. Additional mourners include her nieces, nephews, other extended family members, long time friends from her childhood and teen years, as well as friends and neighbours from her adult years, including those from her times square dancing and in Arizona. Lenore had a passion for good times, music (especially playing the piano) and dance. She dearly loved her family, friends and others in her social circles, which included her square dance and Arizona communities. She will be sadly missed by all.

Stan & Lenore
Rampling
1996



George Rawson

IN MEMORIAM



George Willis Rawson

March 19, 1936 - November 16, 2006

George was born in Camrose, AB and spent his early years on the family farm near Kelsey, AB.

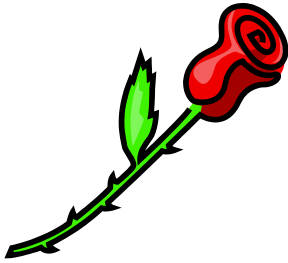
In 1942, the family moved to Edmonton where George completed his schooling. In 1954 he joined the RCAF, fulfilling a dream, and he spent the next 36 years living his dream as an AI navigator on CF-100 and CF-101 Voodoo fighter aircraft and on various ground tours.

He met and married Jackie Denney on his first ground tour in 1960 in Barrie, ON. They spent the next few years producing a family of 3 sons and a daughter between frequent moves across Canada.

By 1973, in Portage la Prairie, they finally had time for a "hobby". When invited to square dance with the Pairs and Squares, a new passion entered their lives. Over the ensuing 33 years they danced in many places from Vancouver Island to New Zealand and Australia. The highlight of George's dancing years was participating in the planning and producing of the 10th Canadian National convention in Edmonton as the Publicity and Promotions conveners, and keeping in touch with all the many friends made along the way.

George retired in 1991 and kept busy with square dancing, antique cars and events, Church, curling, card playing, community work and Family. He was an avid Edmonton Eskimo fanatic, attending as many games as possible. George died Nov.16, 2006, after a year long battle with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

Thank you to all our square dance community for all their love and support during that time.



Dian Reddekopp



September 16, 1939 - October 18, 2013

In 1926 Jan “John” Schram came to Canada from Holland. A few years later he met Charlotte Gibbons and they were married in 1937 and settled on a small acreage outside of Gibbons. Iona **Dian** was born Sept 16, 1939 and a sister Willa on Nov 22. 1944 and they attended school in Gibbons.

Dian married Peter Reddekopp in 1959 and lived on a farm outside of Gibbons where she raised her 2 daughters and a son - Charlene, Darrell and Karen. In 1986, Dian moved to Edmonton, attended Career College and then was employed at the Alberta Provincial Forest Fire Centre as a receptionist. She continued working there until her retirement.

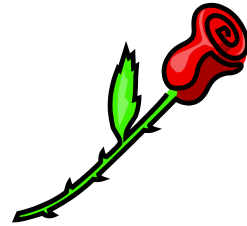
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Dian's square dance life started in January 1994 when Dian and her friend Maxine Mayer attended Hope Pennock's clogging class at Bonnie Doon High School. Then the following January 1995 Dian, Maxine and George Mann started square dancing with St. Peter's 2x4's. Dian continued to clog over the years with Hope, Joan Tharme and Adele Brewer. She continued to be a regular and valued member of the 2x4s. In 2011 she was awarded the "Backbone of the Club" award for her valued service and for her knack of being in the background getting things done. She attended National square dance conventions at Edmonton, Ottawa and Montreal, many Provincial conventions and clogging conventions in Nashville and Las Vegas.

Dian enjoyed most the simple things in life - attending church, going out to eat with friends, doing jigsaw puzzles with apartment friends, attending plays and ballets, backyard wiener roasts and car rides. One of her favorite trips was motoring to Nashville for clogging with Maxine and making stops at Branson and Memphis along the way. Also motoring in the Maritimes for 5 weeks in the summer of 2011 with Maxine and Rolf Twele.

Dian had a very delightful personality and many friends from dancing, work, and church. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all of her friends and family.





Don Rimbey

March 20, 1935 -March 18, 2015

Donald Chester Rimbey of Edmonton, formerly of the town of Rimbey, passed away peacefully at the age of 79 years. His memory will be forever cherished by Donna, his loving wife of almost 59 years; their children: Barb (Mel) Parcels, Wayne (Marla) Rimbey and Colleen (Dan) Oracheski as well as 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister Margaret Marshall and by many extended family members and many friends. Don was a loving family man and retired teacher who loved gardening, dancing, traveling and has left a treasury of his artistic talents behind for all to admire.





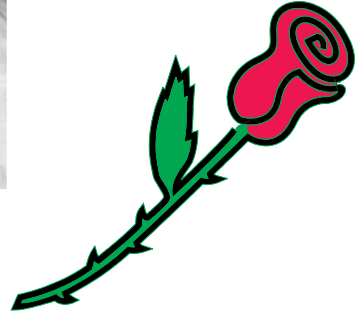
Donna & Don
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dancing at
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Herb Rinas



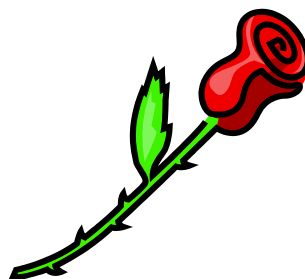
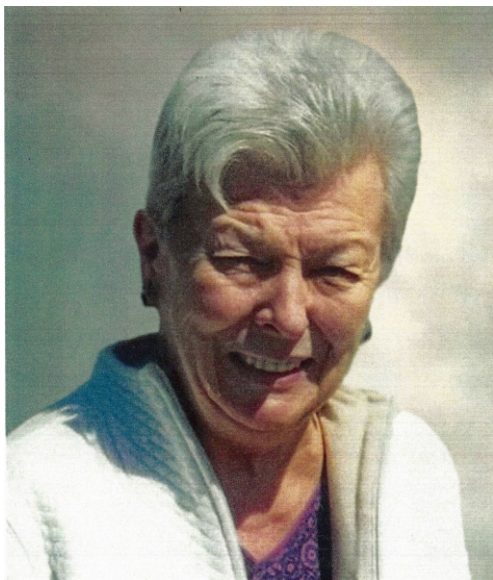
Herb and his wife Audrey have been square dancers for the past 46+ years, beginning with the Merry Mixers Charter Club in 1964, under the leadership of Gerald and Muriel Lander, the club caller. Herb owned and operated a large cattle operation, and as well, worked as a Veterinary Tech with an Alberta Health of Animals Operation. When that program ceased, Herb became a Warehouseman for Dow Chemical. He then took an early retirement when he and Audrey decided to use their large fifth wheel and became semi-retired. They belonged to the Merry Mixers and the Golden Slippers Plus, and loved being with the Kick-a-Poo Kids, and Wayne Russell's Plus nights, as well as all other Edmonton Clubs.

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Herb was very active in all community affairs; he was a Charter member of the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club. At one time, as the treasurer of the E.D.S.D.A., he discovered that the bank being used at that time had neglected to pay interest on the E.D.S.D.A. monies. After notifying them at approximately 2:30 pm one afternoon, it took them until 8:00 pm that night; then their staff delayed the search until the next morning, when he arrived at 8:30 am to resume the hunt. The money was found, an apology was made, and the missing few dollars was credited.

Apart from square dancing, Herb was a prime source for starting saddle clubs (gymkhana) ;for the Josephburg Sports Grounds and Parkhill Riders of Lamont County. He was significant in bringing private telephone lines and rural electrification to the district of Bruderheim, where their farm was located. He was a diligent church-goer and belonged to the First United Church of Fort Saskatchewan. Herb and Audrey were very involved in getting together several square dance clubs in the interior of B.C. – the Talana Twirlers, Eagle Bay Squares, and assisted in the beginning of the Thompson Valley Square Dance Association. Square dancing was their life; they loved their large travel area reaching far into the U.S.A, as well as being part of the Edmonton area with their many associates there, serving on various boards with them. His love of square and round dancing was easily seen in his association of so many of those friends.

Herb suffered a debilitating stroke a few years ago and was lovingly looked after at home by his wife Audrey, and very quietly called by an angel December 4th, 2010, and 'went to his Heavenly home". The service was held in First United Church, Fort Saskatchewan.



Cecile Rishman

Cecile passed away November 26, 2014.

She is survived by her husband Stan Rishman, three daughters, six grandchildren and 2 great grand -daughters. Cecile and Stan started Square Dancing in 1996 at Spinning Sets in Edmonton. They danced everywhere at many different clubs as they enjoyed dancing and the friendship of many square dancers. They were members of Starlighter's ,Twilight Twirlers, Double Diamonds, Edmonton Singles, Sandholm and St. Peter's 2 X 4's. Cecile loved dancing and tried Round Dancing, line dancing and clogging as well as Mainstream Square Dancing. For three years Cecile was the secretary for Twilight Twirlers and the Edmonton Caller's Association when Stan became a caller. Cecile and Stan enjoyed Square Dancing in different clubs in Alberta, British Columbia and Mesa, Arizona.

Thanks to all the Square Dancers who attended her funeral service. It re-emphasized the closeness and caring nature of the many dancers whom she called friends.

Sometimes Wishes Come True

The Duke and the Dauphin

Local square dance icon Cecile Rishman has had two lasting desires in life. One was to go on a long cruise. The second was to meet royalty.

While talking to her travel agent, she realized she could accomplish both. She told Cecile that there was a 10 day cruise where in fact three personages of royalty would be aboard. There would be a Count from Austria, a Duke from England and a Dauphin from France. She booked the cruise!!!!

After a week she still had not met any of the three royalty amongst the 3000 passengers. She was getting desperate.

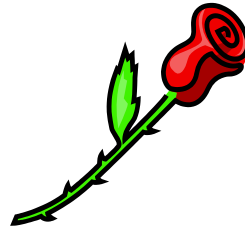
One night she was having Sasparillas with the wine steward. She told him her problem. He knew all on board and promises that the next day not only would she meet the Dauphin but she would get a kiss- European chivalry as it is.

The wine steward had a lisp and had a few martinis. Here is the result.





Memoriam



Ron Robinson

Ronald E Robinson
October 19, 1926 – May 12, 2016

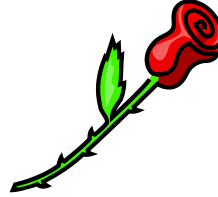
Ron was born in Brandon Manitoba and came to Mayerthorpe, Alberta as a young boy, after leaving school he went to work in Ontario on a Tobacco farm. He then returned to Mayerthorpe, Alberta, got married and had two daughters. His two daughters learned to square-dance as young teenagers, that is when Ron started square-dancing himself. Ron formed his own company and contracted with Trans Alta to string powerlines across Alberta.

He met Bertha at a social dance in 1996 and thereafter they danced together as both social and square dancers, they took numerous trips out of town for square dancing. One of his passions was playing cards; he had a strong desire to win and often visited the local casinos and before he knew it he was there all night enjoying himself. He will be missed greatly by all that knew him.

Have a rusty nail in his memory.



Madeline Romanchuk



Madeline Romanchuk passed away May 3rd, 2014. Madeline celebrated her 100 birthday in November 2013 with a celebration at Canterbury Court.

Madeline and her loving partner and companion Frank Jaksitz enjoyed square dancing for well over twenty years. Although we don't know the names of all the Clubs nor the many towns or cities where they danced, we do know that Madeline was loved by all who were fortunate to call her "friend". Madeline not only loved to square dance, she loved to sew and created many fabulous dance outfits. Some of those skirts are still swirling around the dance floor to this day!

When dancing did not fill her day and evenings, Madeline did needlework. Her dishcloths, kitchen hand towels etc. would be shared with all her dancing friends. Madeline asked for nothing in return just a smile and a hug.

Madeline was honoured at her 95th birthday with a special celebration hosted by West Edmonton Promenaders, the last Club she and Frank danced at. There were tributes from all levels of Government and the Dance community, which Madeline proudly displayed in her home.

Madeline and Frank will be forever missed but always remembered for their infectious smiles and sheer delight of the dance. Madeline is survived by her son Brian (Cynthia) Romanchuk and granddaughter Sabrina Romanchuk (Colin Davis).

Submitted with fond memories;
Zeta Samide & Ruth King

Dalton Ernest Roy

February 20, 1958 to March 26, 1997



Dalton Ernest Roy was born in Edmonton at the Royal Alexander Hospital on February 20, 1958. He was the youngest child of Jack and Doris Roy. He lived in Entwistle for 15 months, then moved to Grande Prairie.

Dalton called his first tip at a campout in Tupper, B.C. Dalton was 9 at the time. Dalton called at his graduation at Avondale School in Grande Prairie. He called to Light in the Window.

In 1969 the Roy's moved to Hinton. When the Roy's first came to Hinton the Entrance Square Dance Club were dancing to records, with Nalbert Marchand as their caller. At this time the square dance club was dancing at Mountainview School.

Dalton's good friend Trudy (Hammel) Bergstrom met at the apartments where they both lived. Trudy took square dance lessons in the 71-72 dance season and in the spring of 72 at the graduation Daltina Roy graduated from lessons, alias Dalton who danced the season as a girl.

In 1973 Dalton became club President.

In 1973 at the Alberta Convention in Grande Prairie Dalton called at his first convention. In the fall Dalton and Jack attended the first of 4 sessions of caller school. In the spring of 1974 Dalton and Jack graduated from student to caller. Dalton's partner when he attended the school was JoAnne Repchuk.

In 1974, Dalton & Trudy got the teens that were dancing with the club and started precision dancing under the direction of Don & June Foster. The teens would all bike out to the hall for the dance lessons and bike into town for coffee. The precision dance group danced for the jamboree in 1974. Also in 1974, Dalton became the club caller for the Entrance Square Dance Club.

1975 was the club's 20th anniversary, at the Saturday night dance at the jamboree Dalton came out of the cake dressed as a girl.

On April 24, 1977, Dalton called for the Dawson Creek Jamboree for the Chixs & Chuxs. A Texas Mickey was raffled off the night of the dance and Jack Roy won the Mickey and guess where the party was, it ended up at the Roy residence.

On the Labour Day weekend in 1977 at the Lethbridge Convention, Dalton met his future wife.

In 1978, Dalton called at the first National Convention. Shortly after the convention, Trudy met Reece Bergstrom. Reece took lessons and graduated in 1979. Reece and Trudy were married July 14, 1979. Dalton was the bestman for the wedding.

In February of 1979, the Yellowhead games were held in Hinton. The local square dance club joined in the games by holding a dance at the high school. The night of the games a square of teens came up from Quenel B.C. and drove back the same night in a snow storm.

In August of 1979, Dalton called at Penticton at the street dance. That year Dalton was on T.V. calling and both of us were in the paper.

On March 29, 1980, Dalton called for the Blueberry Moonshiners and the Woking Whirlers jamboree at Rycroft, Alberta. It had rained in the afternoon and the mud that was brought into the hall by the dancers turned into dust. They swept the floor three times and the fourth time they used dust bane on the floor and the sound improved.

On June 14, 1980, Dalton Roy married Faye Bowdige in Edmonton, Alberta at Luther Place Lutheran Church, officiated by Rev. Rober Pearson. Our attendants were made up of family and square dance friends. The attendants were my sister Elaine (Sverdahl) Roberts, Ida Burns (Murray), Trudy Bergstrom and Maureen Evers (Dakers). Our groomsmen were George Bunning, Faye's brother Don Bowdige, Dalton's nephew Wesley Poffenroth and Russell Manchester. My brother Laurence

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Bowdige and Dalton's brother Blane Roy were our ushers. Paul Busch was our M.C. Our wedding was supposed to be a little family gathering. Well this little family gathering ended up to be 200 people.

We called in Penticton on our honeymoon, Dalton called Wednesday night. When Dalton was standing by the stage waiting for his turn, he turned and said to me "I can't remember how Sweet Fantasy goes". But once the needle went on the record he remembered how the singing call went. We looked across the front row of the dance floor and all we could see was Albertans. What a sight! Dalton did a fantastic job of calling. I was so proud. As some of the callers were congratulating him I stood in the background and cried. This was one of the most memorable years.

Also in 1980 we called at the Calgary Stampede and the Alberta Convention. At all three of these dances the record that Dalton was informed to call was Sweet Fantasy. We left the record in the truck and it warped. Jack (Dalton's dad) had a Sweet Fantasy record so we were okay.

In the fall of 1981, Dalton called at Barrier B.C.

On the May long weekend in 1982, Dalton and Faye were flown up to Yellowknife, N.W.T. to call for their jamboree.

In the fall of 1982 the Hinton Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club was formed and Dalton was asked to call for the club. This club consisted of children from the ages of 6 or 12 years of age.

In October of 1982, Dalton was the fist caller to call for the Parkallen Button and Bow's "Spook Dance". He was a mystery caller that night. We went as Indians. I kept losing my fringe on the dress I was wearing. Dalton suddenly became fatter than what he was, with the help of a pillow.

December 1982, Dalton was hired on at Gregg River Resources, where he worked as a automotive mechanic.

On April 1983, we called the Little Smoky Jamboree.

A little later in April, Dalton called for the Lacombe club on the Friday evening. He had a cold that night, every thing went fine but on Sunday afternoon Dalton called in Lac La Biche and lost his voice completely. The only time he got a break form calling was when the president made an announcement. Dalton & Faye called for both clubs again in 1984.

On April 2, 1984 a bunch of the Hinton dancers wanted to get their Jail Bird badge. So after the dance it was arranged to dance in the drunk tank at the jail. All had a good time.

In 1985, the mine rescue team Dalton was on participated at the 5th annual Provincial Surface Mine Rescue Competition. This competition was held in Hinton.

In the summer of 1986, the new pool at Miette Hot Springs opened. The square dance club danced for the opening. Dalton again did the calling. Also in July of 1986 the National Square Dance Convention was held in Calgary. This was the last Canadian Convention that we would have the opportunity to attend.

The square dance club also participated in the opening of the Grande Cache to Grande Prairie highway opening in 1987. The highway was completed in 1996 with it being all paved from Grande Cache to Grande Prairie.

In August of 1988, Dalton and I had the privilege to M.C. the Penticton Square Dance Jamboree. We were the Thursday night M.C.s. At the Penticton Jamboree there were approximately 2000 dancers on the dance floor for this week long event. All dances are outside on a baseball field that is covered with plywood, unless it rains then they are held indoors at the Peach Bowl. At this jamboree Allan was 5, Jennifer was 4 & Daniel was 6 weeks old.

On March 31, 1990 the mine rescue team won the St. John Ambulance senior mixed competition.

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They were the Edmonton Region Winners, that then moved them into the competition in Red Deer. On April 28, 1990 they won the Provincial Championship winning the highest Aggregate and the Senior mixed.

In August of 1990, the Alberta Senior Games were hosted in Hinton. We got the honor of being M.C. for the dance competition. Dalton had a ball doing this. He was always very gifted whenever he got to M.C.

Dalton and I were always noted for forgetting something at home whenever we travelled. The times we always forgot something were usually when the Murray's or the Minn's were around. One year it was our outfits. (This was Dalton's fault as Faye didn't know the outfits were taken out of the van and left hanging in the closet at Rimbey. The other time was at convention 1990 in Red Deer. Faye must admit that she did forget to pack Dalton's pants in the trailer. So guess who got new pants to wear.

On April 11-13, Dalton and I, along with Willie and Sue Minns, drove down to Vancouver for the 21st National Callerlab Convention. This was the first time the Convention was hosted in Canada. And yes, we did forget something again. We forgot our bathing suits in the motel at Harrison Hot Springs. During this week Faye got her nickname that for some reason she just can't seem to shake off.

In 1995, Dalton started calling for the Edson Twirlers. He called bi-weekly on Fridays. In 1995 & in 1996 the Edson Twirlers hosted the Emeralds to play in Edson. Dalton called square dancing at the one in 1996 as in 1995 Dalton was recovering from having his first brain tumor removed.

In 1995 the mine rescue team Dalton was on again won at the Provincial Surface Mine Rescue Competition at Fort McMurray. They won 1st in Smokehouse, Spareman & Pan Fires and 3rd in Field Competition. Dalton was unable to be there, but did share in the glory by phone.

In June of 1995, Faye and Dalton celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary at Pine Bay on Jarvis Lake. Dalton and Faye renewed their wedding vows in front of a host of friends, by Rev. Bill Bulger.

In September of 1995, Dalton and I called for the EDSDA Kick-Off dance in Edmonton. We also went to the Kick-Off dance in Calgary where the Minns were calling and then to Red Deer for the Caller's meeting for Saturday and Sunday.


In May of 1996, we were one of three couples that travelled down to Lynnwood Washington to chaperone 9 teenagers who were competing at the Teen Festival. The teens won first in 3 divisions of the competition. The weather was wonderful on the way down but on the way home, the closer we got to Alberta, the worse the weather became. We came home to Hinton to about 3 feet of wet snow. I really wanted to go back where they had sunshine but Dalton wouldn't let me, seeing how he had to work.

In August again we travelled down to the Penticton Square Dance Jamboree. This was the last major event that Dalton would attend.

This year (1997) Dalton would have been celebrating his 25th year of square dance calling. If his health hadn't failed we would have flown down to the Callerlab Convention in Los Angeles to receive this Quarter Century Award Certificate.

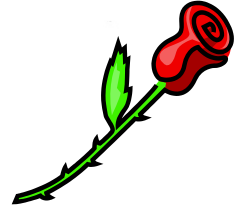
Other clubs that Dalton and I have called for have been the Spinning Set Squares, Happy Homesteaders, Edmonton Single Squares, Mill Woods Country Sunshiners, Bandalaro's and the Sherbrooke Shufflin 8's.

Dalton loved singing, he enjoyed life to the fullest, he was always a friend to everyone, and he always knew how to make people laugh. He will be sadly missed but forever remembered, until we are joyfully reunited in heaven

Faye Roy


IN MEMORIAM

Doris Rye



Doris Shirley Rye

On September 13, 2006, Doris passed away after a lengthy courageous battle with cancer.

Doris and her husband Ken started square dancing in the fall of 1953, with caller Arden Cooper at the Sunnyside Square Dance club. Following graduation and the later closure of the Sunnyside Club, Doris and Ken joined the ranks of the Bon Accord Kick-A-Poo Kids. Doris and Ken were Vice President and President couple of the Kick-A-Poo Kids for four years and later took A1 & A2 lessons with Murray & Barb Few at Extra Dance. Doris and Ken were the decorating co-ordinators for the square and round dance convention held in Spruce Grove Alberta in 1994. They also attended conventions in Vancouver, Winnipeg & Charletown, PEI. During their dancing years, Doris & Ken danced at many clubs from the east to west coast and as far north as Yellowknife. They were also part of an Australia/ New Zealand square dance tour. Doris' sense of humour and endless energy was felt by all who knew and danced with her.

She is dearly missed by all her square dance friends and other associates.





Faye Sather

August 20, 1932 - November 14, 2021



You Will Be Missed

On November 14, 2021, Gertrude Faye Sather of Edmonton, AB passed away at the age of 89 years.

She will be lovingly missed by her five children – Terry and Leanne Sather of Sylvan Lake, Linda and Harvey Hamilton of Edmonton, Jim and Trina Sather of Hughenden, Ron and Jodi Sather of Buck Lake, and Rick and Tammy Sather of Hughenden. Also cherishing her memory are her 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, brother Jim and Dolores Terry, sister-in-law Phyllis Terry, and loving companion, Mike.

Faye was predeceased by her parents Albert and Gertrude Terry, her husband Morris (Duke) Sather, her sisters Phyllis Manning, Sue Hawken, and her brother Bert Terry.

Faye had a wonderful positive personality, and brought so many laughs into our lives. She enjoyed many things in her life - teaching, lake life at her cabin, square dancing, cards, everything with butterflies, spending time with her grandchildren, and even tubing for her 80th birthday at Czar Lake.

A private family service will be held in her honour.

Lynn & Denis Schaub

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Lynne Marie Schaub: April 1st, 1949 to December 6, 2005

Denis Paul Schaub: November 10, 1949 to January 12, 2016

Denis and Lynne joined the Mill Woods Country Sunshiners in 1986-1987 and were the president couple in 1988-1989. The “Club” sweatshirt was designed that year and introduced to the Club for the first time. It was the year of the “zealous” beginners. The new dancers went out to “steal” mascots from other clubs without knowing that they “should” complete their first year of dancing before visiting other Clubs. There were two promotional dances at Millbourne Mall - one in September and one in November with Jerry Pierce as the caller.

During the 1988-1989 year guest callers included Bob Weller, Leo Ethier, Barry Sjolen, Arthur Ziegler, Tom Campanelli and round dance instructors Pat & Alma Falardeau.

In November 1988 Mayor Lawrence Decore declared January 28-29, 1989 to be “Square Dance Weekend” in Edmonton. In June 1989 one hundred forty-eight people attended the Barn Dance. The club hosted the New Dancers’ Ball with members carrying the banner in the New Dancers’ Parade. Three couples in the club represented Mill Woods country Sunshine’s in the Klondike Parade.

Lynn & Denis Schaub

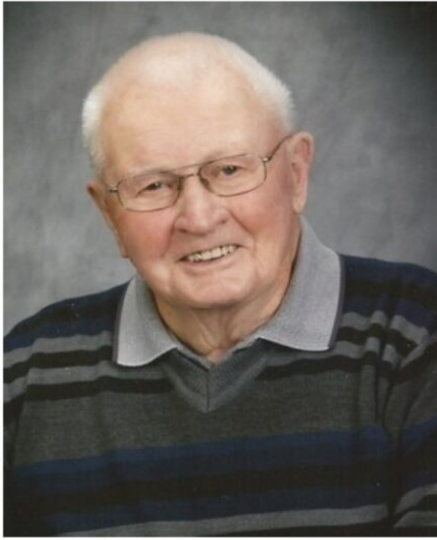
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Denis and Lynne were the past president couple in 1989-90, social convenors in 1992-93, treasurers in 1994-95 and 1995-96 and they shared social convenor duties with two other couples in 1997-98,

They were the Vice president couple in 2000-2001 when the club moved from Leefield Hall to Duggan Community League and when the club name was changed to "Country Sunshiners", served their second term as president couple in 2001-2002 during when the Club had its first Alien Night theme dance and when the Olympic Theme was used at the Graduation Night. They were past president couple in 2002-2003. They were always involved in the organization of the annual Hoedown held in June - both at Arthur Ziegler's barn and at Wilton Park Hall.

Lynne Marie Schaub died on December 5, 2005 at the age of 56 years with her family at her side. She and Denis had been married 31 years. She was survived by daughters Lisa and Anita (Scott) Curran and a grandchild soon to be born, her mom Olive Bonertz and brothers Allan (Marg), Mel and Ray.





Donald Leo Sharkey

May 7, 1924 - February 18, 2021



With great sadness the family announces the passing of Donald Leo Sharkey at the age 96. From a farm upbringing with 11 siblings, Don's agriculture and mechanic careers led him from Duhamel to Coronation to Edmonton. Don's Esso opened in Edmonton in 1960. In 1950 on his birthday, marrying the love of his life, Crissie, was a great present! Blessed with four children, Dwayne, Roddy, Jacqueline, and Michelle. Don worked extremely hard devoting time to work, family, and community. Don loved sports and spent time coaching and umpiring ball long into his later years. Don loved jokes and pranks with friends and family. With extreme joy in being a Poppa, he was the go-to-lap for cowboy lullabies and later on, made sure vehicles were fit for the journey home. Much time was spent, passing on his tricks, and watching many activities grand & great-grandchildren were involved in. Don & Crissie have relished their life-long friends from Wellington Park & St. Peters 2x4's square dancing. Don remained involved in baseball, working with the Trappers & Cracker Cats until 2006. Until the very last, Don's card shark talents made him the luckiest guy at the table. Lovingly remembered, by his wife of 70 years, Crystal; children Dwayne (Rita), Jacqueline (Chris) and Michelle (Mel); 7 Grandchildren; 5 Great-Grandchildren, 5 Siblings, Extended Family, and Friends. Donald was predeceased by his son Roddy and 6 Siblings.

IN MEMORIAM

Lorne Shaul



Lorne Shaul

Feb 24th 1939 – May 15th 2004

It is with great sadness we announce the loss of Lorne Shaul, a long time member of the Groovy Grovers Square Dance Club.

Lorne and his wife Pat started their square dance careers in 1979 in Duffield and then moved to the Groovy Grovers in Spruce Grove, where they danced for many years. They both held executive positions within the club for many of those years. They made many lasting friends through the square dance movement.

Lorne was born and raised in the Stony Plain community. He married Pat in 1963 and together they raised their three children: Mark, Terry and Lori – Anne; in his home community.

He started and ran his own construction company, Shaul Construction for 40 years. He was also a charter member of the New Home Warranty program of Alberta. Lorne was also active in the Stony Plain United Church and the Chamber of Commerce. He also gave back to his community by coaching minor baseball and by being active in the Sharks Swim Club.

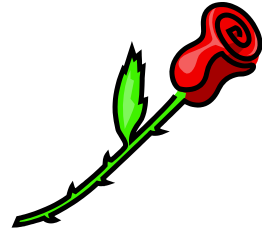
Lorne Loved to travel and over the last 4-5 years traveled over most of the province. In February of 2004 he celebrated his 65th birthday in Costa Rica.

He will be sadly missed by family, friends and Colleagues.



IN MEMORIAM

**Harold
Shaw**



Harold Shaw was born December 20, 1916 near Mill Creek, in Edmonton, and then moved in 1925 to attend school and graduate from Garneau High School. With a desire to get a degree, he attended the University of Alberta 2 years, but finances were a big challenge. He served with Canadian Officers Training Corps.

Harold worked for MacCosham Moving and Storage for 18 months, then 3 years for Queen City Meats. With an opportunity in the plumbing and heating business at W. Mould and Sons, he achieved his Journeyman's License, January 1946. After applying his skills many years, he retired in 1981.

Harold married Isabel Jordan, June 27, 1942. They spent many years doing lots of dancing, Old Time and Square Dancing, until Isabel's passing in 1987. Their years were busy raising their daughter and 5 boys. Harold liked bowling, curling, and enjoys his 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In 2001 he joined Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club, and also took to Round Dancing. With his friend, Rita Pineau, they served as DDD Visitation Coordinators and Vice President Couple. They like to visit other clubs weekly. A long time volunteer, Harold was early to rise to prepare and deliver Meals On Wheels, chauffeur cancer patients for treatments, a member of Calder Seniors Drop-In Center, and sang with Silver and Gold. He found joy in life when helping other people.

Harold passed away March 16th, 2010 at the age of 93. His funeral was held on the 19th at St. Peters Anglican Church, Edmonton.



Harold Shaw Sage Award Winner for Community building.

Possibly it was starting his working career during the great depression; perhaps it was working as a butcher and delivering the meat all over Edmonton on his bicycle; maybe it was the sixty hours of work for \$6 a week that gave Harold his incredible dedication. It might have been raising six children. Whatever the cause, Harold does not know how to slow down. He has achieved 3000 days of volunteer service to meals on Wheels and another 100 days transporting to the Cross Cancer Clinic. For fitness and fun, he square and round dances as well as holds various board positions with the Double Diamonds Square Dance Club. He is also a member of the Old-Timers Society, Masons Legion, Calder Drop in Center, and the Kensington Strollers.

Harold Shaw celebrated his 92nd birthday on December 20th, he can be found on the dance floor with his dance partner Rita Pineau.
Congratulations Harold!

Harold Shaw, Sage Award Recipient in centre
Rita Pineau, Harold's dancing partner

Ivan Sheppy

IN MEMORIAM John "Ivan" Sheppy (1911-2000)



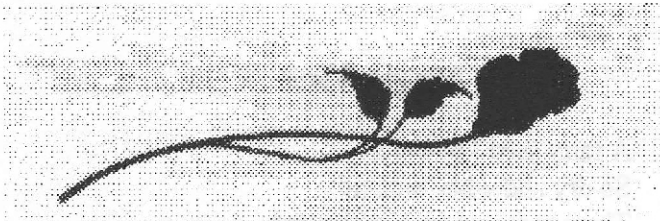
John Ivan Sheppy passed away on August 5th, 2000. His funeral, a graveside committal service, was attended by his family and about 40 members of the Square and Round Dance Community. He had a long career in the field of education as teacher, superintendent and later a registrar.

For dozens of long time square and round dancers the name "Ivan Sheppy" brings to mind many happy memories. HE called modern square dancing for over 46 years in Edmonton and area. He traveled endless miles to meet his calling for 13 clubs and still had time to attend various conventions, festivals and jamborees and to organize out of province trips for calling engagements. Ivan was the first president of the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation, and was among the original group to form the Wandering Squares. He was instrumental in helping to launch the first Provincial Convention in 1969.

It has been about seven years since Ivan was active in our movement, but many memories will be related by all who ever had contact with him. There can never be enough words to express the effect Ivan had on square dancing in Alberta. He was an extraordinary Man.

Rest easy Ivan.

Submitted by Andy & Hope Pennock



Our sympathy is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one.

Norm Simons

IN MEMORIAM

Norm Simons passed away on October 12, 2007 after a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

Norm was born in Calgary, Dec 18, 1936. He enjoyed growing up in Calgary and always claimed dual-citizenship in Calgary and Edmonton. His schooling was taken there including his training in Electronics at SAIT. After graduation, he went to Toronto where he worked on the prime armament [the Sparrow II missile] for the famous Avro Arrow Airplane. When that project was cancelled, he returned to Calgary where he worked for Canadian General Electric in the mobile radio department. When NAIT opened its doors in the fall of 1962, he was hired as their first electronics instructor. Norm taught for 32 years at NAIT retiring as an assistant program head in 1993.



Norm married Doris Whittemore on May 12, 1962. They have four children Janet [Art], David [Mable], Phil [Tracy] and Carol [Simon] and 10 grandchildren [Richard, Steven, Andrew, Christopher, Thomas, Justin, Tyler, Matthew, Daniel, and Charlotte].

Norm and Doris starting square dancing as founding members of the NAIT Set Squares in 1964. Their round dancing began in 1969 with Tait's Twirlers. In 1978, they started teaching for Tait's Twirlers under the capable direction of Bill and Pat Tait. They taught as a team with both of them teaching and cueing. Norm was passionate about teaching the basics using "hash" cueing [something that he learned to do very well in foxtrot and waltz]. Many trips were made to the Banff Institute and then to Cle Elum, Washington to study under such teachers as Bob & Mary Anne Rother, Easterdays, Chaffeys, and Bartons. With Norm's electronics background, he built a number of portable sound systems from scratch.

In addition to dancing, Norm found pleasure in renovating his home, Amateur Radio [he built repeaters all over the province], in gardening, and he was active in the Anglican church all of his life.

Norm put a lot of himself into the many areas of his life that were so important to him. He loved to visit with people and find out about their lives and their interests. He appreciated the many, many friends he made and Norm will be sorely missed by many in the dance world.



Doris & Norm Simons

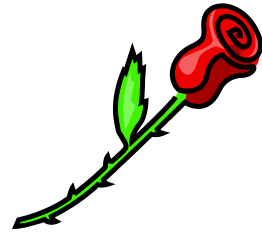


Tait Twirlers



IN MEMORIAM

Jim Skeels



Jim Skeels was born in England on February 19, 1935 and passed away at the Misericordia Hospital on August 21, 2009 after a valiant battle with A.L.S.

Jim started square dancing in 2000 in the Leduc area. He soon after joined St Peter's 2x4's where he met Terry Coulbourn who was to be his partner until his passing

Jim and Terry were also members of Kensington Strollers, Golden Slippers, Extra Dance, Cross Fire and Luke's and Lucy's at which club they were president couple for the last three years.

They enjoyed many Square Dance conventions, Western Workshops and weekends at Holiday Ranch.

Jim spent many hours aquasizing at the city pools and was a member of Toastmasters International for five years

He so enjoyed the fellowship of the square dance world.
He will be missed by many.



Memoriam

**Evelyn
Patricia
SLADE**



October 20, 1937 - January 9, 2018

On October 20, 1937, Evelyn Slade was born in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. She was the third child of seven born to Anna and Clarence Pelk.

She grew up on a wheat farm in High Bluff, Manitoba. She met her husband, Donald Worrell Slade, while attending college in Winnipeg.

They had four children and lived in Winnipeg for almost 25 years. They moved to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta where they lived for almost 40 years.

Evelyn lived a full life. She loved working with seniors and was a nurses' aide for many years. Ice skating, genealogy, gardening, singing and square dancing were some of her many pursuits.

She loved singing with her choir, The Old Time Singers, in Fort Saskatchewan.

Evelyn began square dancing in Fort Saskatchewan with the Merry Mixers in 2005 until they folded in 2009. Evelyn and her dance partner, Ken Decker, joined the Country Cousins in Sherwood Park in 2007, or so, and attended both Clubs until Merry Mixers closed. They continued to dance with the Country Cousins.

Evelyn Slade died on January 9, 2018 in Edmonton with her family at her side.



Memoriam

Bill Smith



March 1931 - October 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of William “Bill” Smith announce his passing, at the age of 92 years in Edmonton, AB. The second of four boys, Bill was born in Beausejour, Manitoba to Isabelle and David Smith in March 1931. He spent much of his early and teenage years helping out at the family farm. Bill was married in 1961 to his wife, Marjorie.

Following in his family's footsteps, Bill's career began with the CN Railway in Winnipeg. He subsequently found work with NCR Canada, where he was recognized for his troubleshooting skills. He eventually relocated to Saskatoon, and then Edmonton, where he held the role of Branch Manager until his retirement in 1993. In retirement Bill enjoyed a full and active lifestyle. With his wife Marjorie, they spent years of seasonal travel, heading south in their fifth wheel, where they looked forward to socializing with friends, exploring the area and playing golf! Attendees at his Celebration of Life were encouraged to wear their favourite golf attire.

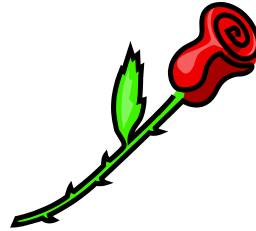
Bill was a man of great character. He faced everything with honesty and integrity and always welcomed new opportunities. He had strong morals and his opinions were valued. He showed incredible patience and always made time to help others. Bill was devoted to his family and friends and was especially proud of his grandchildren. Whether it was get-togethers, family time at the lake or cheering on his grandchildren in their many sports activities, Bill always looked forward to gatherings and celebrations. He loved card games and could be counted on to say “Yes” when it came to playing some crib or rummy! He was well known and warmly received by his children's and grandchildren's friends and coaches. Bill was great company.

Bill will live on in the memories of his children, Jeff (Sharon) and Pamela (Brian); grandchildren, Kennedy, Bryan, Joel, and Sara; brother, David; his special friend and partner, Louise and many other close friends and extended family. He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie in 2010.

Bill and his dancing partner Louise Litzenberger square danced for several years with the West Edmonton Promenaders and the St. Peters 2x4s. They also took round dance lessons from Joan Tharme at the Wild Rose Country Dancers.



IN MEMORIAM



Florence Sobkiw (Hall) 1946-2013

Flo and Ken started square dance lessons at St. Peter's 2x4's with Andy Pennock in the early 1990's. Later they joined the Lindseeds with Clem and Doris Nadon and danced with them until the Nadon's retired. They shared many good times with friends there. They had fun visiting other square dance clubs through the years. They were members of Double Diamonds and rejoined St. Peter's 2x4's for a time.

Flo also learned to clog and continued enjoying dancing with Adele Brewer for several years.

For 32 years, Flo was a medical lab technician and later worked for 5 years as a doctor's office assistant.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ken; son, Bill (Arlene); daughter Dawn (Scott) Belton and two brothers.

Flo and her sweet, happy smile will be missed by all who met her.

Information from Ken Sobkiw



Carl Donald Soderquist (Don)

1933—2020



It is with great sadness that the family of Carl Donald Soderquist announces his passing after a brief battle with cancer, on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the age of 87 years.

Don will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Carla; his granddaughters, Alyssa and Caitlyn; and his furry friend, Peaches, whom he secretly cared for. He will be fondly remembered by his sister-in-laws Elsie Lueck and Mitzi Cockreham; and brother-in-laws George Gulash and Alf Gulash. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

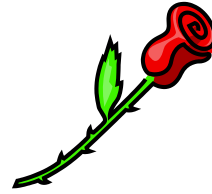
Don was predeceased by his wife Gladys; his special partner Thelma Gilchrist; his brother Len, and sister-in-law Rose Soderquist as well as his parents Carl and Esther Soderquist.

The family is grateful to all of Don's doctors and nurses for their kind, compassionate care.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

Don danced with Sandholm Crossroads Dancers

Gladys Soderquist



Gladys Edith Soderquist 1935 -1999

Gladys Edith Soderquist was born at Melville, Saskatchewan on June 21, 1935 and passed away at Edmonton on January 28, 1999 at the age of 63 years. Gladys was active in Rural Crime Watch and the Diabetes Association.

Gladys is survived by her loving husband, Don , whom she married on August 31, 1968, and one daughter, Carla and her special friend Dave Hajjar. She also survived by five sisters, Eileen (Alf) Almasi of Melville, Saskatchewan, Eleanor Moyle of Calgary, Elsie (Harold)

Lueck of Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Mitzi (Dennis) Cockreham of Portland, Oregon and Betty (Clarence) Stich of Calgary; three brothers, Henry (Marion) Gulash, George Gulash and Alf (Rene) Gulash all of Melville, Saskatchewan as well as numerous nieces and nephew. She was predeceased by her father, George Gulash in 1967 and her mother, Helen in 1990.

Gladys and Don took up square dancing in November 1996 and truly enjoyed the activity. Gladys will be sadly missed by all her square dancing friends whom she met during the short time she danced.

Let's Remember

Leonard Soenen

Feb.17, 1931 - Dec. 6, 2020



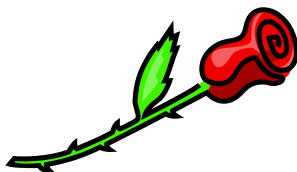
Len Soenen passed away on Dec. 6th, 2020. He and Elsie were friends of a great many dancers. They were popular participants at many camp outs. They were members of the Country Cousins dance club, but attended many dances put on by other clubs.

I saw that he had been called "hot foot Len". He was a great dancer, and an excellent swinger!

Len was born Feb. 17th in 1931 in Lintlaw, Saskatchewan. He and Elsie started square dancing with Buttons and Bows in 1996. They joined Country Cousins in 2001. They were a fantastic couple and very good people who loved dancing.

They were blessed with six children, 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Our condolences go out to Elsie and all the family.

This amazing man will be missed by many.



Gone
but not
Forgotten

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Jack Spence

1934 - 2022



It is with great sadness that the family of Jack Spence announce his passing on May 20th, 2022 in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta at the age of 87. Left to cherish his memory are Jack's children Terry (Gale), Janet and Robert; his six grandchildren Lindsey (Ryan), Crystal (Kevin), Amanda (Brock), Stephanie (Nathan), Lacey (Aaron) and Alex; eleven great-grandchildren Kason, Madison, Ella, Jase, Hazel, Hannah, Joey, Emma, Tayden, Braxten and Andy; sister Joyce, brother Don (Lynn) and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Jack was predeceased by his parents Gordon and Berta; brother Art; brother-in-law Ed, and nephew Gordie.

Jack grew up on farm in Sturgeon County, the second eldest of four children. He had an interest in farming and farm equipment, and worked for several years as a millwright. His true passion in life was socializing and square dancing with Loma, the love of his life. Jack could strike up a conversation with anyone he met. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

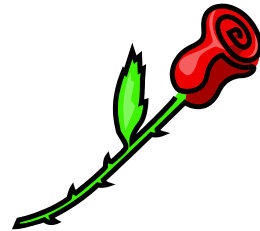
The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Fort Saskatchewan Hospital for their compassionate care. A Celebration of Life for Jack will take place at 2:00pm on Friday, June 17th, 2022 at Evergreen Funeral Home & Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jack's name to the Mazankowski Heart Institute of Alberta.



IN MEMORIAM

Craig Spencer



Beloved husband, father, papa, brother, uncle, and friend, D. Craig Spencer, passed away Thursday, December 6, 2018 after a long battle with cancer, at the age of 75 years. Craig is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Colleen and Tim (Elaine); his five grandchildren, Karen, Mackenzie, Daniel, Molly and Joshua; and his brother, Keith (Bev). He was predeceased by his parents, Ken and Bernice.

Craig and Donna were members of the West Edmonton Promenaders and St. Peters 2x4s. They regularly danced at various square dance clubs around the city and surrounding area.



Ray St. Louis

IN MEMORIUM

RAYMOND JOSEPH ST. LOUIS

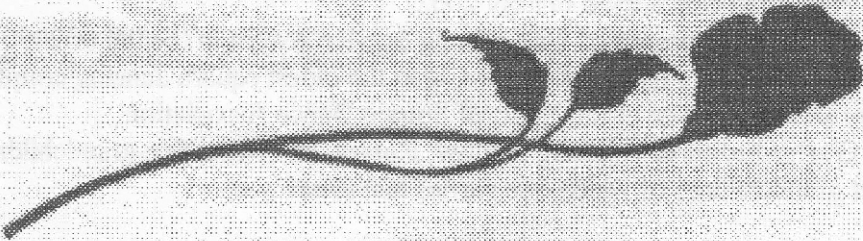
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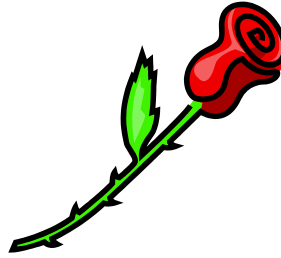
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our founding member Ray St. Louis. Ray and Louise were founding members of the West Edmonton Promenader Club, and stayed with the club for many years, until health reasons would not allow it. They still kept in touch and attended our Christmas and Wind-up potlucks when at all possible.

Ray was a great carpenter and he built a box for our first mascot (Grace and Otis). He also built the Club a moveable cupboard for all our supplies and it is still used and much appreciated today.

Ray is survived by his loving wife Louise; his sons Richard (Maryann); Marc (Betty) and Daniel; six grandchildren; four brothers and one sister.

Blessed be his memory.





John Stables

June 22, 1924 - May 2, 2013

John Stirling Stables was born June 12, 1924, 15 minutes after his twin brother Stewart in Newcastle New Brunswick. He joined the navy in 1941 as a boy seaman, and spent 4 years on the North Atlantic during WW II. He became an ASDIC operator (submarine detector) in 1942. In January of 1944, John detected a torpedo heading for his ship, the watch officer ordered the ship hard to starboard, to the bearing John gave him. The torpedo missed the ship, but the ship hit the submarine and damaged it. This happened not far from Halifax.

When war broke out in Korea, John tried to join the navy, but the navy was not recruiting at that time, so John joined the army. On November 21, 1950 John was on his way to Korea, when the troop train that he was on was hit head on by a passenger train from Vancouver, 10 km south of Valemount, B.C. John was on the first car that didn't go off the track. 17 soldiers and the 4 train crewmen were killed.

In Korea he was with the 2RCHA. After Korea, John married Jackie and stayed with the army. He was attached to RCEME, Black Watch, and PPCLI. While with the Black Watch, he spent 4 years in Germany. He was honourably discharged from the army in 1971 and moved to Fort McMurray. In Fort Mac he taught mechanics in Keyano College.

IN MEMORIAM



A. H. (Duke) Stafford
July 18, 1915 - April 26, 2010



Rosamond & Duke Stafford
1996

Duke Stafford

Duke learned to square dance with Parkallen Buttons and Bows and St. Peter's 2x4's. He and his wife Rosamond were very active in the square dance world holding several executive positions in both clubs and the ESDSA. They enjoyed many years of dancing as "Snow Birds" as well. Duke loved sports and had a great sense of humour. Between tips at a dance, he would hurry to his little radio to catch the score of whichever game was being played that evening! He passed away on April 26, 2010 following a lengthy hospital stay.

Rosamond and Duke Stafford

Rosamond started dancing in the early 50's with Parkallen Buttons and Bows. Duke had not square danced prior to meeting Rosamond. In the fall of 1970 Duke, accompanied by Rosamond enrolled in new dancer classes. Shortly after graduating from classes, they took on the position of President Couple for Parkallen club for 1971-1972 and again for the 1979-1980 dance season. Not only did they become actively involved at the club level, but in 1975-1976 filled the vice-president's chair for ESDSA, and as noted in the Parkallen history book, as president couple of ESDSA in 1978.

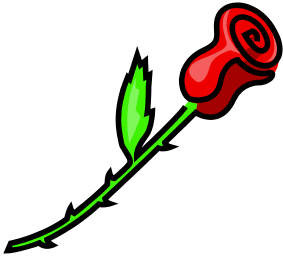
Now in retirement, they spend the winter months in Arizona. They are both avid golfers. Rosamond enjoys playing bridge and walking. Duke is a keen sports fan. Their rich sense of humor is enjoyed by all. Recently they sold their house and have opted for a condominium lifestyle in the Heritage area.

April 29, 1995, at the Parkallen windup supper dance, they were presented with Life Member scroll badges for their contribution in promoting square dancing.

May they enjoy their new home and many more years of dancing.

Memoriam

Rosamond Stafford



STAFFORD, Rosamond Emma
(nee Stewart)

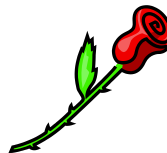
September 23, 1917 – September 6, 2017

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rosamond Emma Stafford, just seventeen days short of her 100th birthday, after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her husband of almost 40 years, Duke, parents Fletcher and Edith Stewart and by siblings Doug, Marion, Alex and Lillian. She is lovingly remembered by her sister Jean Treble in Regina and by twin daughters Sharon (Daryl) Walker and Shirley (Al) Zemrau, grandchildren Jeff (Natalie) Walker, Krista (Max) Bagnall, Greg (Anne Marie) Zemrau and Colleen (Stephen) Gordon. She also had ten great-grandchildren – Carson, Ruby, Geneva, Willem, Alaina, Liam, Zachary, Craig, Theodore and Callum and many nieces and nephews. Mom valued family highly and was happy and proud that all of her great-grandchildren knew and loved her. She loved to be active and square danced for over 60 years. After moving to BC in 2010, she became active with the White Rockers Square Dance Club and loved being a part of that welcoming group.

When asked what her secret of long life was she always replied 'square dancing!'



IN MEMORIAM



Melitta Starke

On July 21, 2013, Melitta Starke of Edmonton passed away at the age of 91, survived by her daughter, Carola and her husband, David Unsworth, of Edmonton, son Richard and his wife, Alison, of Lloydminster, grandchildren, Roland, Alastair, Angela and Lydia, her sister-in-law, Mary Kaefer, as well as numerous nieces and nephews both in Canada and Germany. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Alfred, sister, Klara and her husband, Albin Winkler, and brother, Edgar.

Melitta Eugenie Starke, nee Kaefer, was born in Nikolaital in the Ukraine on April 9, 1922 and emigrated to Canada in 1952. She met Alfred Starke in 1955 at a dance in the Edelweiss Club; she recalls that he stepped on her feet a lot but obviously they worked that out and on September 1, 1956 they married. Daughter Carola arrived a year later and son Richard in 1960. Melitta's desire to support her children's activities soon led her into the work for which she would become known and recognized – volunteering. One of her first endeavors was to organize a Youth Talent Show – her involvement was to extend for the next 25 years. Melitta's dedication to her volunteer work led to 14 awards and recognition from a wide range of organizations including the Calder Community League, the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Edmonton Lion's Club, German Friendship Centre and the City of Edmonton. In 1989 she was one of 20 Canadians to receive the Canada Volunteer award which was presented at a special ceremony in Ottawa. Melitta was also an avid gardener who grew a large and highly productive vegetable garden and carefully tended her beautiful flower beds outdoors and exotic plants indoors.

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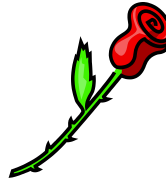
Melitta Starke - page 2

Melitta and Alfred got involved in square dancing. Melitta had heard about square dance classes and thought it would be a good way to get out, meet some new people and get some exercise. Alfred may have been reluctant at first, but soon they were avid participants, attending dances all over Alberta and even going on cruises for square dancers. After Alfred passed away Carola stepped in for Alfred and Melitta was able to dance for several more years. Even though she hadn't been able to dance for the last couple of years she stayed on the phoning committee because she loved the friendship and camaraderie of the square dancing community.

Melitta was always very proud of her children. She and Alfred made huge sacrifices so they could take music lessons, participate in school activities, go to University and pursue their career goals. They were proud that both of their children had become doctors. Melitta was proud that they followed her lead and became deeply involved in their communities. She was just as proud watching her grandchildren take up their own interests – she couldn't skate or swim but she followed Alastair's speed skating and Angela's diving with keen interest. She loved Lydia's gymnastics and was very proud that all four of her grandchildren could speak German. She was also very proud of Roland's quest to serve as a Lutheran Pastor, just as her grandfather had done in the Ukraine. She taught her children to be thorough, persistent and to commit to a task and complete it - to hold true to your faith and your principles, to accept the abilities you've been given and share them with others, to love and be loved. Thanks for her long life and her very special presence. There is no question she will be missed but she will never be forgotten.



Art Strawson



Arthur Henry Strawson

1928 - 2004

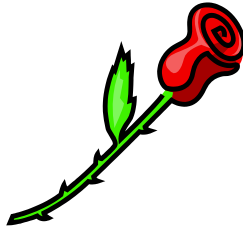
Art was born in Bon Accord where he grew up on the farm and attended school. He worked 27 years in the Star-Key coal mine and farmed part time. He retired from mining and started farming full time till his death. Art served on many community organizations in the Bon Accord area like the Anglican Church, Oakhill foundation and Lions Club. Art loved dancing and was a charter member of the Kick-A-Poo-Kids Square Dance Club. He served on various positions in the club and he also served on the ESDA executive. Art is survived by his five children and many grand children and great grand children.

Submitted by Gail St. Nicolaas.



Memoriam

Emma Soch



Emma Kobza was born on September 11, 1928. She attended school at Maple Hill near New Sarepta.

She and Walter Soch were married on November 10, 1948. They farmed near New Sarepta, and had two daughters, Linda and Karen. Emma and Walter had always been avid dancers. They started square dancing in the early 1980's, and were among the founding members of the Happy Homesteaders Square Dancing Club in New Sarepta. They enjoyed travelling to various square dancing events and jamborees, and they made many good friends. Their passion for dancing evolved into an interest in round dancing as well.

Emma's life changed dramatically in 1994 with Walter's sudden and untimely death. In 1996 she moved into New Sarepta where she began a whole new phase of her life. With the unwavering support of her devoted square dancing friends, she once again became involved in the dancing community, and also became active in the Golden Pioneers Seniors Association.

She enjoyed life in New Sarepta until she made the decision at 85 years of age to sell her house and move into a seniors' facility. In October 2014 she moved to Planeview Place in Leduc.

On Sunday, September 18, Emma passed away gently and peacefully in her sleep, exactly the way she had always said she hoped to. Her family would like to think that somewhere up in Heaven, right now, Emma and Walter are dancing again.



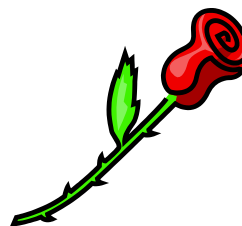
Memoriam

Larry Stinsman



Roy Larry Stinsman died April 11, 2016 at the age of 85. Larry is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and three siblings. At Larry's request there was no funeral. His obituary was in the April 14, 2016 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Larry joined Edmonton Singles Square Dance Club in September, 2001, graduated in April, 2002, and continued dancing with the Singles until May of 2005. Larry was a very friendly person who was always eager to help the Club and keep the fun in square dancing.



John Strudwick

January 22, 2021

John Edwin Strudwick passed away peacefully on January 22, 2021, in his 94th year. Loving father of Grant (Joan) and Dale; grandfather of Gillian (Achin Chugh) and Dana (Colin Oakley); and great-grandpa of Remi. Lovingly remembered by Ruth's family, Kerry (Jesse), Leah (Dennis), Jeff and their families. Beloved husband of Della (d 1995) and Ruth (d 2018). Predeceased by son, Barton. Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Private burial at Anselmo Cemetery.

1993 - John danced with Linseeds Square Dance Club, that amalgamated with Spinning Set Squares, to become Double Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club,

Sept 1997. After the passing of Della (1995), John met and re-married dancer, Ruth McLeod. She danced with DDD 1999 - 2018, and was secretary 2000-2004.



Howard Sutherland

January 11th, 2006

Mr. Howard Sutherland of Sherwood Park, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 75 years as a result of injuries due to a fall. He will be lovingly remembered by his family; his wife of nearly 54 years Shirley, son Terry (Debbie) and daughter Loree (Mark Lasby) Sutherland, three grandchildren Lindsay, Matthew and John David, five siblings Phyllis Hanson, Jack (Susan), Norma (Don) Allen, Shirley (Lloyd) Schmitke and Lyle (Laurie), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

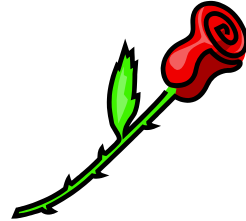
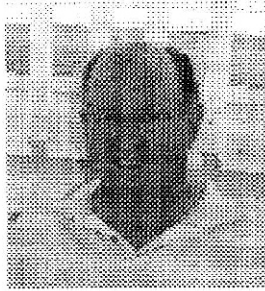
Howard & Shirley's Dance History

Our square dance careers began in 1959 with the 'Hardisty Homesteaders,' caller couple Jim and Norma Gower. Raising a family intervened and later in 1984 we returned to dancing as beginners with Clem and Doris Nadon, graduating in 1985 and became active members of the Lindseeds. While living in Victoria we danced with 2 clubs, C Saws and Promenaders. On our return to Edmonton we resumed dancing with the Linseeds, who in 1997 amalgamated with Spinning Set Squares to become Double Diamond Dancers.

Howard and Shirley served as the Visitation Couple 2000 - 2003 and were the President Couple 2004 - 2006 until Howard passed away.

IN MEMORIAM

Martin Swekla



“Martin” Metro Swekla
(October 8, 1940 - February 8, 2005)

Martin was born in Willingdon. Later, his Mom, Dad, brother, and sister moved to Westlock. Then moved to Edmonton, and on to Glendon where he met the love of his life Grace Hillman. Martin and his family moved back to Edmonton where he attended Vic Comp.

Martin married Grace in August 1963 and together they raised a son and a daughter. Martin graduated from NAIT in 1966 and worked for the Alberta government until 1974 when he transferred to A.G.T., drafting tower designs until his retirement in 1993. After his retirement he did contracting jobs from his home for Western Telcom in Thorsby.

Throughout the years they took up bowling with the Foresters and with a community group, in 1986 took up golfing.

In 1994 they decided to take up Square dancing with the **Whirlaways** and the following year round dancing with the **Kensington Strollers**. Then they got the bug and went south to Arizona for three winters.

While at home they danced with the Whirlaways, Kensington Strollers (where they were president couple for several years), Central Rounds, Leduc Happy Homesteaders, Tait's Twirlers, Trach II, Lukes and Lucys, Extra Dance (A1, A2) and Fun Steps. Martin was an excellent wine maker, photographer, and woodworker. Although Martin was very ill the last two years, he always maintained his cheerful disposition and never complained.

Martin will be missed by all who knew him.

Submitted by Audrey Eliasson

Ross Symington

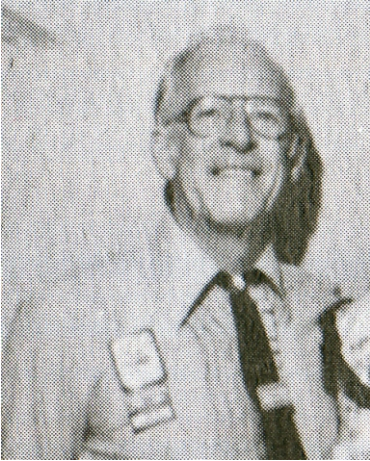
It is with sadness that the family of Ross Symington announces his passing away on November 15, 2001, after a courageous battle of Pancreas Cancer.

Ross was the founding member of the Camp=He-Ho-Ha Dance, which originally was held at the camp, but has moved to another location in Edmonton.

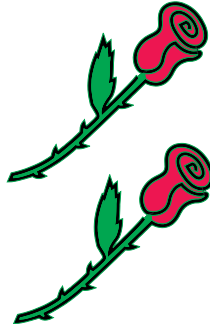
Ross and Joyce were members of the Sherbrooke Shufflin' 8's and as well were members of the Wandering Squares.

Ross will always be remembered for his love of life, family, and helping others. HE touched many lives throughout his 66 years of life.





Bill Tait



Pat & Bill Tait (1996)

WILLIAM IRVING TAIT

November 14, 1920 – January 8, 2011

Bill touched and influenced many lives in a positive and happy way. Here are some thoughts from a few of his many friends within the dancing community:

From Doris Buryn, Round Dance Instructor

So much of what we enjoy today in the square dance world is built on things that were put in place by people who have gone before. Bill Tait, was a caller and round dance teacher who did so much to set the stage for all we enjoy today. He and Pat helped organize and were strong supporters of EDCIA, EDSDA, Round Dance Council and the first National Convention.

Bill started calling in eastern Canada and when he and Pat arrived in Edmonton in about 1964, he was put to work immediately. Bill had a great voice and rhythm and was very pleasant and enthusiastic, so he was always fun to dance to.

There were no round dance clubs at that time. Round dances were taught just at the square dances. In 1966 some dancers talked Bill and Pat into teaching rounds on a separate night. They started the Tait's Twirlers – dancing the first year in their basement. As the club grew, they moved to school gyms. They always taught new dancers, but soon the dancers wanted more challenge so an advanced group was started on a separate night. For many years, Tait's taught 3 nights of rounds as well as calling for the St Peter's 2 x 4's.

Bill and Pat not only taught hundreds of people to round dance, but they taught and encouraged many leader couples. There was a time when almost all of the members of round dance council were people who had spent some time in their club.

Banff Institute was the only source of training for callers and cuers in the 60s and 70s and the Tait's attended the sessions regularly. They would learn the dances and the basics, then come back and share what they'd learned with all of the other leaders.

In the rest of his life, Bill was a devoted husband and father. His family of one son and twin daughters and then grandchildren were his pride and delight. His work in Edmonton was in the accounting department of a Tire company. He was very active in the Anglican Church where he was a lay reader and choir member for many years. He also did many hours of volunteer work. The most memorable one was the walk he did every year in the spring to support UNICEF.

I am finding it hard to put thoughts together about Bill Tait without it just sounding like a list of facts. I feel so strongly that he set the tone for so much of what Norm and I did in the years we worked with Tait Twirlers. But I can't seem to put that down and maybe that is just a treasured memory for me.....

From Grace Turkington, Square and Round Dancer

1. Most dancers are not really aware of the hours of work callers and cuers put in preparing their programs. Bill was not only a hard worker but a real worrier, yet came to the dances and taught and called and cued with a big smile as if it was very easy.
2. He always had time to encourage others to learn to call and to teach rounds.
3. Bill willingly took on the chair position for the dance program of the 1st Canadian Square Dance Convention. Along with the callers from U.S.A. Aust./Japan and Canada there were the many levels of dance to deal with – which also led to how many black plastic tarps to partition off separate rooms at Rexall Place.
4. The Tait's often opened their home for club “after parties”. A social part of square dancing that helped to bond friendships.
5. Off the dance floor Bill loved to experience the beauty of western Canada. May long weekend became a camping weekend and dancers were welcome to join in. Eventually this became a club event. Hiking and canoeing were also enjoyed by this very active man.

From Ken Crighton, Square and Round Dancer

Some Thoughts to Remember BILL TAIT

It was about 1974 when I first started dancing with Bill. He was calling for the St. Peter's 2x4's and along with his wife Pat, made sure that we perfected our skills and learned to enjoy the sociability of square dancing. His easy going personality made him the perfect teacher, his certain way of correcting students without ever talking down to anyone.

His ability to make everyone feel comfortable set him apart. He was able to take a joke, such as the night be called "Firedrill" and everyone left the hall, or the times when his sound system would break up in the middle of a dance because someone outside keyed up a C.B. radio causing certain static in his player.

For ten years, Bill and Pat organized and ran a camp for square and round dancers on the May long weekend at the Overlander Lodge, just outside the Jasper Park gates.

Pat's first job was to assign couples to the several cabins where she always managed to put different couples together every year. A very good way for everyone to get to know their fellow dancers a little better. The weekend consisted of workshops, dances, community meals and always lots of free time to hike the surrounding mountains and trails. Saturday night was after party night, with everyone dressed in garb that indicated what year they joined the group.

For all the time spent making square and round dancing enjoyable for the dancers, he didn't neglect the newer callers and helped to bring along what has turned out to be some of the best callers in the country.

Of course we all miss Bill, but we can look back fondly at some memories that would never have been possible without him.

From Edna Trach, Square Dance Caller's Wife

All of us have a special memory of Bill, he was larger than life, and has left his memory for us to reminisce on. One of my memories of him was at callers' meetings, where he often became President. Bill loved gum, one especially, Big Red, which he would place above his notes. As the flavor was gone, he nonchalantly replaced that stick, and sometimes ran out before the meeting was over. Not wanting him to be distressed, I started placing 3 pieces, in front of his chair long before he got there. I don't think he ever knew, but it gave him a good chuckle.

From Deane Evans, Square Dancer

Even after moving to Edmonton, Bill & Pat, being from Saskatchewan, had a very close connection to an International Organization of dancers, from Manitoba & Saskatchewan on this side of the border and North Dakota on the U.S. side. It was @ these Jamborees that we got to know Bill & Pat the best.

Being avid dancers and 2x4 members, we would take holidays and accompany the Taitts to these Jamborees. The workshops and different levels of dancing were superb.

We alternated, one year in Canada and the next in the U.S. Some of the locations were in smaller centres and the dancers would take over the entire motel. Pat & Bill always hosted the most fabulous after Parties. There were always a few Alberta couples that did attend.

My fondest memories of the Taitts will always be of the aforementioned dances. We made so many friends (thanks to Pat & Bill) that a couple from Bridger, Montana are still, after 35 years, one of my closest friends.

What a pleasure to have known & danced with the Taitts.

It is appropriate that William Irving Tate's initials spells "WIT" as he obviously enjoyed wit and definitely was a witty man.

From Hope Pennock, Square and Round Dancer

THE KIDNAPPING ESCAPADE

Andy's first position with the 2x4's was to teach and call for the new dancers – a great two year session with four squares of eager, creative members. After graduation, the decision was made to invade the Overlander 2x4 Campout of experienced dancers without their knowledge. The Overlander is near Jasper. We spent hours working out devious plans one of which was to 'kidnap' Pat. Our cabins were separate from the original group, so a car load of us were able to pluck Pat away and take her to our cabin. She opened the car window and called out in her loudest whisper, “Help. Help”, smiling the whole time. No one came to help! We tied her to a chair with a large rope, took a Polaroid picture and sent it off to Bill with a ransom note which stated that she would be returned when the original group went out onto the parking lot and performed the 'Bird Dance'. Well, Bill said that he was in no rush to save her as she had already set up the coffee etc. for the evening dance!! We had so many laughs that weekend that our sides literally ached.

Seriously though, Andy and I owed much to the encouragement and mentorship from Bill and Pat Tait (who taught us round dancing) and Bill and Kay Coulter (who taught us square dancing).

“Holy Bird Dog” Bill, thank you for your exceptional legacy in the square and round dance world as a caller, cuer, and creator of fun!

From Clem and Doris Nadon, Square and Round Dance Instructors

Thoughts about Bill and Pat Tait:

Doris and I started Round Dancing shortly after we started Square Dancing and Bill and Pat were our teachers. HOLY BIRD DOG was his favorite expression! It was questionable if we were doing it right or wrong; but we could tell by the twinkle in his eye that we were progressing. He was always a teacher with entertainment included.

Good Bye Bill and Pat. Thanks for the Memories!

From Enid Stables, Square and Round Dancer

Bill worked for an Edmonton tire company. I can't remember the name but it was owned by Edmonton's former mayor, Bill Smith. I also can't remember what brand of tires they sold, but I do remember that when Bill was driving and needed gas, he would not buy gas from any service station that did not sell the brand of tires sold by the company where Bill worked. I don't think he ever ran out of gas, but I do believe he came close.

One of Bill's favourite calls was "Fire Drill", which on occasion all the "2x4's" left the floor. Don't recall what we were supposed to do. Guess I left the floor too much.

Bill and Pat attended many International square dance conventions in Canada and the U.S.A. These International Conventions were between Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and North Dakota.

I never heard Bill swear either on the stage or in conversation among friends. The closest he came to swearing was "Holy Bird Dog".

I attended some caravans with the Taitts travelling to distant conventions. One of these caravan trips, was during the summer Olympics. Bill and Pat organized our own summer Olympics, which included the long distance runner. This consisted of seeing who could throw a running shoe the farthest. I thought this was very inventive. The Taitts also presented medals.

From Frank and Arlene Werth, Square Dancers

My most prominent memory of Bill is his reaction whenever he met someone. Whether it was by chance or planned, there was always a smile, a firm handshake for the men and often a hug for the ladies. There was always the sense that he was genuinely pleased to meet you. Subsequent discussion, short or protracted, whether light-hearted or serious, a sense of friendship was always present.

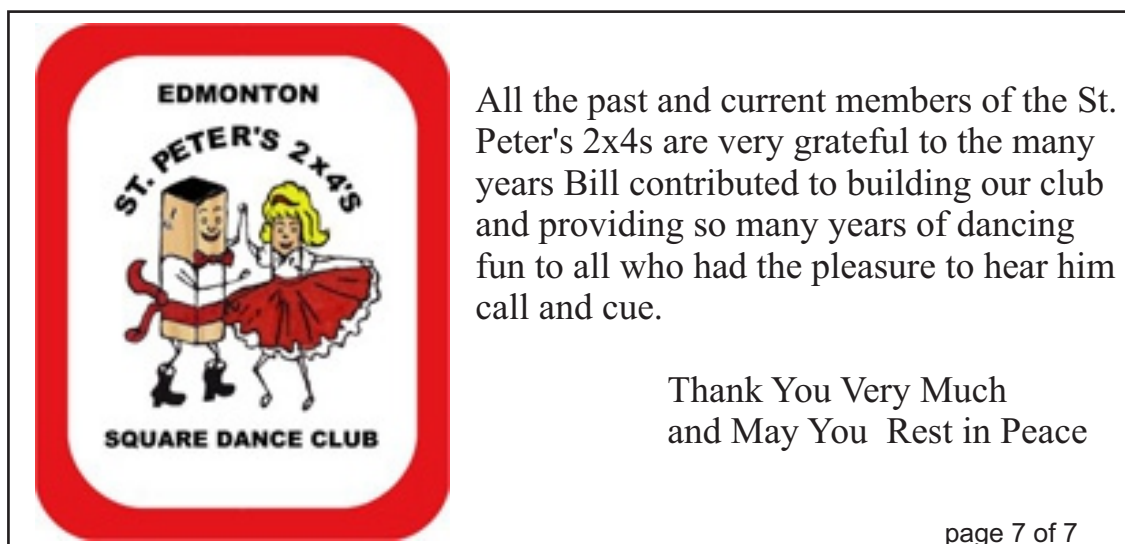
From Murray and Barb Few, Square Dance Caller Couple

Barb & I first began our association with Bill & Pat Tait when we joined their Round Dance Club, Tait's Twirlers. Now since we didn't know our round dance basics, we should have joined their Monday night class, but as I was calling a dance on Monday nights, they took us under their wings and we joined their regular Thursday night club. That year, under their able tutelage, we learned 2 dances per night and stumbled through the rest. We weren't married at the time so it was a true test of diplomacy on our part.

In 1971, Bill asked us to call for the new dancers of the St. Peter's 2x4s Club. That association continued until 1976.

This past summer we were asked by Hope Pennock to call for a group of dancers to entertain Bill at his residence in Stony Plain. We were pleased to do so and as Doris Byrne so appropriately said: "I didn't know anyone could smile bigger than his face."

Bill Tait was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and the world, and square dancers in particular, will miss him.



All the past and current members of the St. Peter's 2x4s are very grateful to the many years Bill contributed to building our club and providing so many years of dancing fun to all who had the pleasure to hear him call and cue.

Thank You Very Much
and May You Rest in Peace

Auddie Taylor



May 15th, 2023



Auddie & John Taylor

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Audrey Verlyn Taylor, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, Tutu (grandmother), relative, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. She touched the lives of many over her remarkable 94 years.

'Auddie,' was born in Edmonton to Samuel and Rebecca Meneer. Her early years were spent in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and The Pas before returning to Edmonton. She attended Oliver School and Victoria High School, and her path led her to train and work at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 43 years, continuing to volunteer for another 32 years on the Women's Auxiliary and in the gift shop. In her 20s, she bravely traveled to Hawaii to work as a nurse, where she met her one and only love, John Edward Kapena Taylor. He followed her home, they married, set up a home in North Glenora, and together raised seven children. They always felt supported by family, lifelong friends, and their church community. The magical moments saw Auddie telling a story through a graceful Hula while John played the ukulele and sang in Hawaiian. What a love they shared.

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Auddie had such strength, boundless energy, and gracefully balanced the roles of motherhood, full-time nursing, community work, and living life to its fullest. She helped her children navigate their own life's pathways, imparting strong values and life skills. She sewed and knit, crafted beautiful things, and elegantly wrote heartfelt letters and cards that left lasting impacts on family and friends. She found joy in her volunteer work, synchronized swimming, square dancing, clogging, and learned various languages - a lifelong learner, nurturing a sharp mind until the end. Her impish blue eyes, humor, warmth, and charitable nature will be remembered by all.

She is lovingly remembered by her children Kai (Jeannie), Maile (John), Dia, Tina (Scott), Tara (Joe), and David Kane; her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; son-in-law Rocky (Sandy); nephews Don and Alan; niece Patty; sisters-in-law Lauriette Fields and Lori Abbink; many relatives; and dear friends. She was predeceased by her husband, John Taylor, of 58 years; daughter, Lani; parents; siblings (natural and adopted); grandson Brendan; and great-granddaughter Summer Jayne.

Dance History

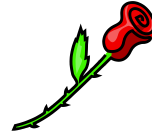
She joined St. Peter's 2x4's with husband John in 1991. Offices held include Treasurer and a member of the Phoning Committee. Auddie had assisted with decorations on several occasions. AB Rhythm Cloggers acquired Auddie in 1988. Come the 90's our honoured member joined Wild Rose Cloggers and Footwerx.

Provincial conventions attended include Strathmore, Spruce Grove & Edmonton. Again, Auddie was involved in decorating the venues. Another highlight included attendance at the National Convention in Edmonton in 1996.

Auddie was a faithful member of St. Peter's 2x4's. It was always a pleasure to have her in the work group, clogging group or a dance square.



IN MEMORIAM



John Edward Kapena Taylor

June 22, 1930- May 6, 2013

John was born June 22, 1930 on Oahu – the first son & seventh in a family of twelve. He had ten sisters & one brother which wasn't enough – his parents adopted a baby boy when John was ten.

As a teenager he watched Pearl Harbour from their home on Tantalus when he became a good cook as parents & older sisters worked with the wounded & dead.

He completed high school & was already a ticketed telesetter but soon conscription took him to Germany in the Military Police.

It was on his return to R&R on Kuhio Beach that he discovered a blond little nurse which leaves little to be said...!

We had 58 happy years of marriage & raised seven children – 2 sons – 5 daughters. John was also very proud of his 15 grandchildren.

He had his own tile & marble company, was President of Edmonton Construction Ass'n., Provincial teacher, inspector & was still working with son.

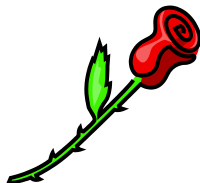
We joined St. Peter's 2x4's in 1991 – with Andy Pennock – clogging with Hope. He also loved golf with Highlanders & NASA hunting & fishing which he excelled at.

He passed beyond the sunset with bone cancer – all the family & many friends miss him but know he is at peace after a great life – no regrets.

He was Chairman of the Board at Church when Hart Cantelon was minister.

Manual Life Building was a feather in his cap re: granite tile & marble – named Building of the year for North America.

Ken Thomas



We celebrate the life of Kenneth Peter Thomas, February 2, 1953-September 16, 2024. Ken was known by many as a music lover, athlete, community builder and activist for persons with disabilities. Ken was born to Sheila and Alan Thomas in Calgary, Alberta. A medical error lead to Ken's cerebral palsy, a condition which affected his coordination and speech but not his mind. The family, having lived in Calgary and Lethbridge, moved to Edmonton in 1965 where Ken resided for the rest of his life. Ken's cheerfulness, willing participation and positive attitude was acknowledged in 1974 when staff at the Glenrose Hospital School presented him with the Dr. J. E. Bradley Citizenship Award. This was but the first of many awards, including those for athletics. Ken competed in the sport of wheelchair track on a national and international basis from 1981-1994 winning many trophies and medals, including two from the Paralympics in Seoul, Korea in 1988 for the 100 and 400 meter race. Ken's website "Backwheeler.ca" gives away his signature style of racing backwards. Because Ken could not use his hands he also had a signature style of typing- with his nose!

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The number of letters and reports he typed with his nose while on the following Board of Director's is so impressive: Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta (1978-1984); Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities (1979-1985); first President of the Alberta Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (1979-1994), the City of Edmonton Custom Transportation Services Advisory Board (1985-1990), the Artspace Housing Cooperative Board- VP Maintenance (1994-1998), and the City of Edmonton's Advisory Board for Persons with Disabilities (2005-2011). For his community service he received the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal (2002), Ewan Nelson Mayor's Award for Self-Advocacy (2012), and from the Canadian Paraplegic Association the Honorable Lois Hole Community Development award (2012). For recreation Ken attended Camp He Ho Ha from 1960-1979, and enjoyed swimming at the ACT, Hardisty and YWCA pools.

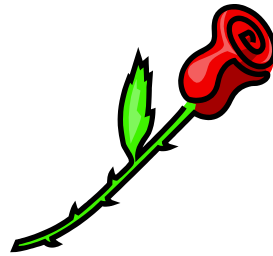
Wheelchair square dancing was a big part of his life for many years, travelling across the country with the Swinging Spokes and then more recently dancing with Double Diamonds Community Dance. Ken was also the man in the wheelchair sitting in the front at many theatre and music events, attending the Edmonton Folk Music Festivals for 43 years! Ken was a champion for independent living and user-directed car. He lived at the Mcqueen group home (Easter Seals) and then in his own apartment at Artspace Housing Co-op. The Supports for Artspace Independent Living (S.A.I.L.) staff were amazing, particularly in the past three years when he was struggling with pain and limited mobility. Ken is survived by Brian (Genny) Thomas, Lorna Thomas and Phil Haug, Cayley Thomas-Haug, CarrieAnn (Dennis) Dykes, Scott (Erin) Thomas; Anne (Jim) Northey and their children Keller, Finn, Myles and Bridget; cousins in Medicine Hat, Calgary, Camrose, Vancouver Island and Ottawa. He is predeceased by his nephew Alex Thomas-Haug, his parents, grandparents and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He had a beautiful circle of friends who walked, ran, wheeled and danced beside him throughout his life.



Memoriam

Leola Thomas

July 21, 1931 - December 22, 2004



THOMAS, Leola Doris "Sarge" Leola Doris Thomas passed away in her sleep December 22, 2004. Leola was born in Lac LaBiche, July 21, 1931. Leola was known as a very compassionate and caring person who did all she could to assist others in their time of need. Her passions included gardening and square dancing. Many hours were put forth into these endeavours and she won numerous awards for her gardening. She worked as a teacher in Edmonton for many years and remained a close friend of many of her former students. leaves to mourn her special friend Joe Bouvier; brother: Elgie Schirmmacher (Yvette); nieces: Roxanne and Suzanne; nephews: Troy and Kurt (Shauna); great-nephews Coltyn and Jordan; great-niece Meagan. Leola was predeceased by her parents, Ernie and Bernice Schirmmacher.

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As president of the Edmonton Single squares for the past 15 years and Publicity Director of the E.D.S.D.A.. for 11 years, Leola was very much a part of our square dance community.

She was awarded the Alberta Rose Award for the many years dedicated to Square Dancing, Rounds, Clogging, and Community Dance. There were very few clubs in Alberta that did not know who she was.

Although Leola was no longer the Publicity Director, retiring from that position in January 2003, she still made sure that dancers took part in the Santa Clause Parade, the Festival of Trees, the Breakfast with the Premier, Rodeo Week at the Legislature, July 1st, Sherwood Park, Ukrainian Village, Fort Edmonton Park and at any Banner Parade.

"Sarge" was her nickname and many of us dealt with her under those terms. Whatever the cause, she could take charge and make it fly. She was straightforward and you always knew where she was coming from.

Leola was a dear friend and confidant, she will be missed by all who knew her.



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Here is Leola's story in her own words as it was printed in the Promenader a few years ago.

Impossible and the ridiculous have collided. I have been asked to write the story of my life on one page. What nonsense! Generally, there is enough drama in one day to fill a novel. However, this one page limit has forced me to focus on the really dramatic events in my life. One thing became obvious, all of them were simply there or someone thought that I could or should do it and I tumbled into another adventure. Do I want to write this chronicle? No, but Wally Paplinski has been on my case for weeks to do this.

I was born in Lac La Biche in a house with an attending doctor a long time ago...there was no hospital there then. My parents took me home to the farm and a log house where the wood was in the pile, water was in the well, light was in the coaloil lamp and the loo was out back. There I lived until I was five. When I was a year and a half old, I acquired a brother. He wasn't much of a playmate for a long time, but I had a little spotted dog. He and I spent hours playing outside with an old scrub rag...he on one end and me on the other.

When I was five, we moved to Shell Lake, Saskatchewan and then back to Edmonton. I started grade one in Queens Avenue School. It no longer exists. Then we moved back to the farm and I took correspondence until our one room log school was built. There were 35 students in that school. We all washed in the same basin, drank out of the same dipper and all survived the experience. My brother was now ready to start grade one. We walked three and a half miles to school on a lonely road. In the winter, we walked in the sleigh tracks. If it drifted too much, we walked on the drifts. One cold winter night, we spent lots of time making snow angels in the banks along the road. When



we got home, our mother was ready to do drastic things to us. Our father was getting ready to come and look for us. He just smiled and said, "They're home now!" In grade six, we moved again: This time five miles from school. For a while we walked then rode horseback. That began my passion for horses. What did we do for entertainment? In the summer, we played ball and rode horseback. In the winter, we rode horseback, hauled wood (that was our job) and danced old time square dancing in our local school.

After finishing high school in Lac La Biche, I went to the University to take the Junior E Teaching Program and then went back to Lac La Biche to teach. Seven miles off the highway, was Old Trail School. They needed a teacher. My superintendent thought that I would survive there. It was the experience of my life. It was a one room log school with a teacherage that had no insulation. If it rained too much or snowed too much, I stayed because the road was impassable. Water was in the well, wood in the bush (not in the pile), the saw hung on the wall and the coaloil lamp was on the desk. I've been here before. I had eleven students in grades one to seven. Each night, I stayed in the school until seven at night with my dog and the coaloil lamp and filled the black boards for tomorrow. The last thing before going was the banking of the stove in the school or else we would freeze to death until noon tomorrow. One weekend, I stayed there alone with the dog. The following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the temperature was -31 degrees F. and a windchill. Not a kid turned up. After five days of this solitude, the walls were beginning to talk. One family had nine kids (not all in school). One Friday night, they came with the team and wagon to take me to a house party at the



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neighbours. We danced old time square dancing until six o'clock in the morning. These same neighbours had a huge collie dog. Periodically, in the night, he would get off this tether, come and swing off anything that might be on the clothes line. The following spring, my dad came to get me on Friday night. He arrived just in time to help put out a forest fire that was hoping to burn down the place. People tell me that the teacherage finally burned but the old school still stands. When June came, I was prepared to go back. However, my superintendent thought that I should go to Grassland to teach grade three. Two years I was there. It wasn't nearly as exciting.

Then I came to Edmonton. Westmount was the first school. I will never forget it. It was a big school in those days and a new adventure. The first morning, I met a man on the steps. I said to him, "Are you the principal?" He said, "No, I'm the caretaker." I never was good at judging those kind of things. After teaching grade two there for five years, I moved to Mount Royal and taught Grade five and Phys. Ed. At the time, the W.P.Wagner program was in the planning stages. Counsellors came one day to tell us about the program. I thought that looks interesting so I phoned the Principal. He said, "I need someone who can handle these kids and write program." The kids were fun. Did program get done? Yes, eventually after much trial and error. I seem to have a knack of wandering into things that I know nothing about. The next twelve years in the Wagner Program were the most rewarding of all. Each day was a new challenge and lots of laughs.

Some where in those years, I took one year of modern square dancing with Jim Lindsey and then got away from it. Somewhere too, I acquired a seven year old horse. He had a personality all his own. He dumped me several times, left a few bruises and finally broke my arm.

Did I keep him? Yes.

After twelve years in Wagner, we moved to the farm in Mannville for one year. Horse went too. When I came back, horse came too. This time, I taught at L.Y.Cairns School for eight years and then retire. By this time I've had old horse for 25 years. He was now 33. He was very arthritic and life was not pleasant any more so the vet put him down. It was a great loss.

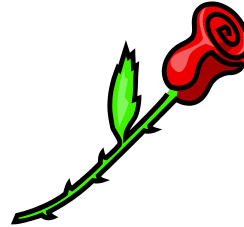
Somewhere in those years, I discovered that I like to grow things. Gardening is now a passion. Do I grow peas? No. Food for the body I can buy in the store. Flowers are food for the soul and are worth every minute that they require.

After I retired, I started square dancing at S.E.E.S.A. because it was close. Ernie Power was my first caller and teacher. He thought that I should go to Singles. I wasn't there long when the singles crew decided that I should be president because there was no one else who would do it. Did I want to do it? No. Do I regret it? No, it has been a rewarding experience. At about this time, Bob Johnson was president of the EDSA. Irene Anderson was publicity. She wanted some help. Bob suggested that she phone me. For one year, I was her assistant and then she decided that she didn't want it any more and I could do it. Did I want to do this? No. Did I know anything about it? No. Time is a wonderful teacher. I do enjoy the square dancing and publicity. Nothing is more thrilling that gathering square dancers from all over and going somewhere to dance. Square dancers seem to have some kind of a special happiness energy that keeps me going. Looking back at where I've been, I realize that I'm a survivor and will get through most anything...hopefully a little wiser. Each day only brings new adventure. I think that this exceeds one page.





Memoriam



Norris Leigh Tomlinson

May 04, 1929 – March 31, 2016

Norris was born in Hardisty, Alberta, the oldest of four children. He attended a one room country school with grades one to nine and then graduated from Irma High School. Norris continued his education at the Vermilion School of Agriculture and graduated in 1951. After graduation he continued farming with his brother on the family farm south of Irma for an additional six years.

On December 18, 1957, Norris became a railroad policeman and spent over thirty years with the Canadian National Railway. He was a guard for the 1959 Royal Train in Kamloops, an instructor for new police recruits, a member of the CN First Aid investigation team that won several trophies and he received CN awards in recognition of service. Norris retired in 1988.

Norris married Shirley Mae Brown from Irma in 1958. They lived in Edmonton all his career, except working three summers at Jasper Park Lodge and six months in Kamloops, BC. They have two children and six grandchildren.

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In 1953, Norris took square dance lessons in Irma. In 1971, Norris and Shirley Mae took beginner square dance lessons together at Sherbrooke Shuffling Eights with Morris Trach and Murray Few calling. In 1973, they joined the Spinning Wheel Squares at St. Francis School. About 10 years later, they began Plus and Advance and later Round dance lessons but they always supported their Mainstream club.

They were avid square dancers. The 1st National square dance Convention in Edmonton in 1978 was their first big dance. They travelled to 6 National Square dance Conventions. They served as Support Chair Couple for the Edmonton Convention in 1996. They attended two World Square Dance Conventions in Seefeld, Austria in 1990, The Hague, Holland in 1991, Portland in 1994, most Alberta conventions and numerous festivals through the years.

Norris and Shirley Mae were also Editors of the Promenader for four years.

Outside of dancing Norris led a full life. Norris and Shirley Mae loved to travel. They camped most weekends and after retirement travelled to see as much of the world as they could. In 1997, they actually travelled in a rented motorhome through Switzerland, Spain, France and Germany.

Norris Tomlinson's contributions to the square dancing community are numerous and his service to the community will be missed.

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Mabel Towers

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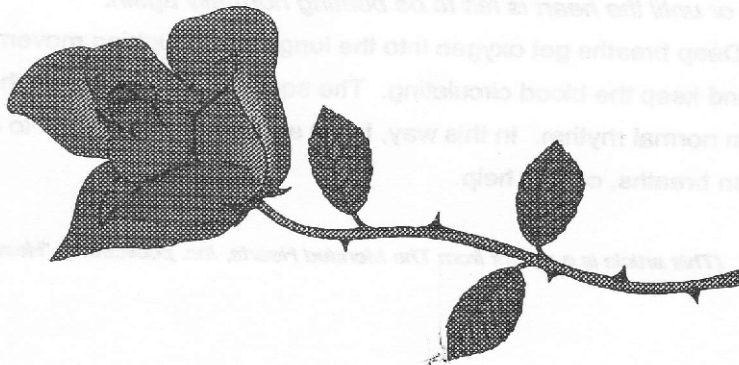
On Friday, December 31, 1999, Mabel Towers passed away at the age of 88 years. She was born in Brownfield, Alberta on May 23, 1911. Mabel lived and worked in many places in Alberta. She also worked at Dawson Creek, B.C., on the Alaska Highway where she needed a special permit because she was a woman.

Mabel and her husband, Enice, first started square dancing with the Duffield Circle Eights where Ivan Sheppy was calling. They joined Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights in 1967 but continued dancing with other clubs until Enice passed away in 1980. They had danced together for over 40 years. Mabel was awarded an honorary membership in the Dance -a- Lots Round Dancing Club.

Mabel and Enice had no children of their own but did a lot of great work with young people in their circle of friends. Their home was a welcome haven for teens, R.C.M.P. trainees and any others who were fortunate enough to know Mabel and Enice.

Mabel started volunteering at the Cross Cancer Institute soon after Enice died. She was also an avid quilter and one of her quilts was raffled off at the Federation Convention in Spruce Grove on 1994.

Mabel Towers will be remembered and she will be missed. Mabel was a recipient of the **Alberta Rose Award** in 1996.



Dancer Profile

Featuring Mabel Towers



Mabel Towers was born in Coronation and lived in many areas in Alberta. She even lived in Dawson Creek in the North, where she worked on the Alaska Highway, needing a special permit at the time because she is a woman. She and her husband Enice finally settled in Edmonton.

They danced in many districts. In Edmonton they Square and Round danced for over 40 years. Their first club being the Duffield Circle '8s with Ivan Sheppy as caller. They belonged to Sherbrooke Shufflin '8s and Mabel was made an honorary member of Dance-a-Lots Round Dance Club. They danced from Victoria to Ottawa, and most places in between. They had a great love for young people, even though they had no children of their own. They were very active with the Teen-Fighters Club. They were chaperones for most of their dances. Mabel's home was the favorite eating place for the Teens. She remembers fondly a time after a Toy Dance when she invited the Teens over for "Sloppy Joes", and 84 hungry teens showed up. She remarked, "It was no problem, we love having company", or another time when there was a visiting Teen Club from B.C. and she offered to do breakfast - 49 came. She did cook the sausages the night before, the flapjacks at the time. They are happy memories for her. Other humorous

remembrances were of Sherbrooke Shufflin '8s Hillbilly Dance. Mabel and Enice always carried outlandish clothes in the trunk of their car just in case they could promote that special dance when they were out visiting clubs in another area. Her stories are endless and wonderful. Mabel kept active in her home clubs but thoroughly enjoyed all the other clubs she frequented so often.

Camp He-Ho-Ha is one of her favorite charities and she hasn't missed a Benefit Dance for the Handicapped in the 31 years. She loves each and every child, helping in so many different ways. She volunteered at the Glenrose Rehab Hospital and the Red Cross. She made quilts for Alberta Northern families in need. Remember she quilted the quilt for Convention '94, Spruce Grove!!! 5 bucks! 5 bucks! 5 bucks!

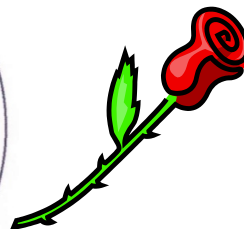
Enice lost the battle with cancer in 1981. Mabel continued volunteering at the Cross Cancer Institute and for 14 years was a faithful and dedicated "angel". She was able to help so many as she knew firsthand what people were coping with. She has worked in the background so often. She was honored with the "Unsung Hero" award in January 1989 for her unassuming manner and her unselfish devotion for helping others.

Mabel has a pleasant smile, that can cheer anyone, a fantastic sense of humor, loving a story and has the love, respect, and admiration of hundreds of friends.

Wyatt & Margaret Grant

Memoriam

Morris Trach



Morris & Edna Trach

A Kind and Gentle Man left us
MORRIS TRACH
1925 - 2002



An ardent square dancer for over five years Morris turned his attention to Calling (1960) which he did until his retirement in 1985. During this time he called for Sherbrooke Shufflin' Eights, Hashin' The Breaks, Belles and Beaus, Stony Plain Moonlighters, and Trach II's. Very active in the Sherbrooke Community League where he and his family lived for twenty years, Morris was always interested in people and their welfare. Out of these interests were born the challenging group at Alberta Hospital "The Hoedowners". A very patient man, this proved to a very successful programme in the mental health activities, Camp-He-Ho-Ha has become a favorite to many individuals and its benefits help many.

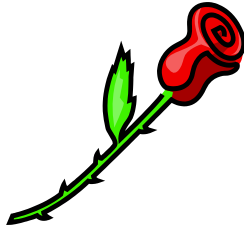
Morris was also active in both Alberta and Edmonton Callers' Associations serving various executive positions in each.

Morris loved the challenge of "Patter Calling" which was his favorite part of the square dance movement. Travelling many miles in Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan became familiar to him. At age 14 Morris started playing baseball for many years, stamp collecting became a life long hobby, and later in years became interested in coin collecting. A very proud father he was involved in his children's activities, baseball, hockey, cubs, scouts with sons Ronnie and David, and baseball for Dorothy and Pat.

Six grandchildren enjoyed many years of boating and fishing at Island Lake at the cabin Morris and David built. Two years ago, Jordyn and Taylor, twin great grand daughters became the apple of his eye.

Memoriam

**Edna
May
Trach**



Our Beloved Mom

April 9, 1925 - August 5, 2016

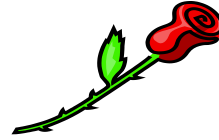
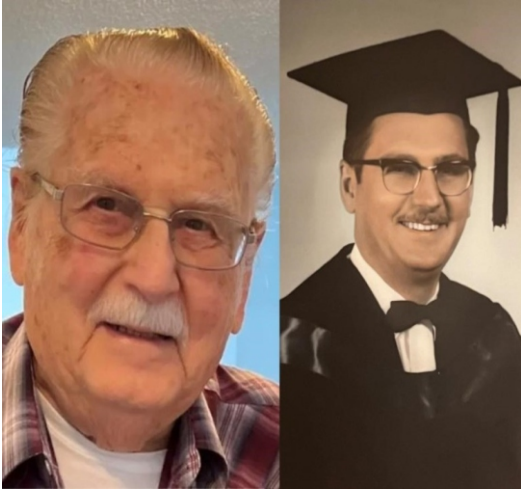
Our Mom was the love of our Dad's (Morris Trach) life. Thank you, Mom, for caring and loving us all. Thank you for being so sweet and so kind.

Our Mom was an incredible cook and an amazing seamstress (she made 28 wedding dresses, including her daughters and granddaughters'). She loved to dance. She loved being with her family. Our Mom was so giving and so grateful for everything she had. Mom, we will miss your smile, your laugh, your beautiful blue eyes and your soft, gentle, loving hands.

From your children, David, Pat (Hav), Dorothy (Brian): we were so lucky and proud to have you for our Mom, and now we have such an ache in our hearts. From your grandchildren, Brandy (Sven), Charmaine (Brent), Shane, Charlene, Amanda (Jason) and Jessica: you loved all of us so much and we loved you Grandma, Grams and Grammy.

From your great grandchildren, Taylor, Jordan, Kai, Tia, Alexa, Russell, Emerson and Kayden: making cookies and crafts with you was always special. Thank you for the snuggles.

You gave us unconditional love. We love you so much and will miss you always. You are our sunshine, Mom.



Henry Unrau

JUNE 27, 1932 –
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Henry was born to Johann “John” A. Unrau and his second wife Karoline Bansen in 1932. He was his father’s eighth child of twelve and his mother’s first of five.

Henry completed high school and over several years he received a Bachelor of Education in 1966, a Registered Industrial Accountant Certificate in 1972, and Masters of Education in 1973 from the University of Alberta.

Henry worked in various positions from server, parts and service, pipeline, pump jockey, fuel truck driver, bookkeeping, and roofing. He even got his private pilot’s license and finally settled on teaching. In 1956, he met the love of his life, Helen, at the Rainbow Ballroom.

Henry and Helen were married in the Norwood United Church in 1958. From 1962 to 1990, Henry taught at Capilano Elementary School, Mount Pleasant Elementary/Junior High School, Strathearn Junior High, Vernon Barford Junior High and Rutherford Elementary. He loved helping children reach their potential. In 1968, he was thrilled to have a beautiful baby girl they named Audrey and he was very involved in raising her to be a lovely lady.

Henry was always busy with new adventures. He and Helen took up square dancing, which led to him learning how to call. He also became involved in various boards and planning committees.

After Henry retired, he enjoyed traveling all over the world. When he was not travelling, he enjoyed singing in his band, the Swamp Ratts, which performed at various senior’s residences around Edmonton. He also got more involved in helping to campaign for the conservative party.

After moving into their retirement condo in 2011, Henry adopted more of a gentleman of leisure persona (including business cards). He continued to learn and expand his mind, reading lots about current events and building whatever he needed.

He is survived by his wife Helen, his daughter Audrey (Tony) and his two grandchildren Brittany and Alex, brother Nick and half sister Helen.

Square Dance History

Henry & Helen Unrau

Helen and Henry were introduced to square dancing in 1973 at a Klondike Days Demonstration. They found their way into Bill Coulter's square dance class with Parkallen Buttons and Bows.

Henry and Helen Attended Caller School with Orval Martin in Red Deer Sept 1978

Clubs he called at:

- Battle River Wheelers in Ponoka (1978)
- Twilight Twirlers (Northgate Lions Center – Edmonton) (1978 – 1984) - Beginners to Plus Level
- Devon Derrick Dancers (1981 – 1988)
- Beginners Class at Lukes & Lucys
- West Edmonton Beginners Promenaders (1989)
- Edmonton Singles

They attended the following conventions:

- 1978 First National Square Dance Convention
- 1988 BC Provincial Square Dance Convention in Prince Rupert
- 1994 August is the 9th Canadian Square Dance Convention in Halifax
- September 1994 Alberta Provincial Square Dance Convention in Spruce Grove
- September 1995 BC Provincial Square Dance Convention in Prince George
- September 1997 Alberta Provincial Square Dance Convention in Medicine Hat
- July 1998 is the 11th Canadian Square Dance Convention in Ottawa
- 1998 September Alberta Square and Round Dance Convention in Lloydminster – last time Henry called and then he retired from calling.

In 2009, Henry and Helen attended various clubs to learn to plus dance. They were able to dance plus level successfully at the 2010 National Convention in Halifax.

1991 September – September 1994 They were President of Edmonton Callers Association.



Helen & Henry Unrau
1996 National Convention Chaircouple



A toothpick hat made by dancers for Henry to wear at the 1996 National Convention in Edmonton.

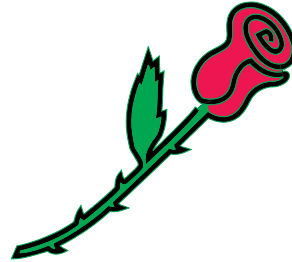
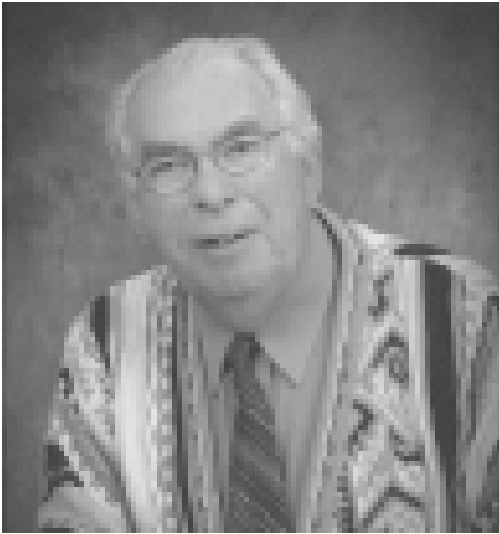
They had lots of fun and fond memories of all the conventions but the most memorable was the 10th National Square Dance Convention held in Edmonton in July 1996. Henry and Helen were the Chaircouple for the convention and the dancers paid tribute to them by dancing to the song "Dance with me Henry". Henry sought out and got approval from Gordon Lightfoot to use his song "Alberta Bound" as the convention theme song..



At left, a wall display in the Unrau's home



IN MEMORIAM



Ted Van Beek

April 5, 1935 — September 7, 2012

On September 7, 2012 Theodore (Ted) Van Beek of Edmonton, passed away at the age of 77 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Cecile; daughters Marielle (Mike) and Danielle (Jeff). Granddaughters Adrienne, Alexandra, Elyse and grandson Maxime. Ted also leaves his brothers Luuk (Riek), Ad (Truus), Wim (Maria), Hans (Simone), Leo and brother-in-law Wim; as well as numerous nieces and nephews especially Wim (Anja) of St. Albert. He was predeceased by his parents and Sister Philomeen Jansen.

Ted and Cecile danced with the West Edmonton Promenaders for several years.



Henry Vos

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Henry Vos announce his passing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at the age of 70 years. Henry will always be remembered by his loving family, daughters, Cheryl Vos (Jesse Skwaruk) and Julia Vos (Ryo Takamatsu); two grandchildren, Darci and Grace; sister, Hillie (Sidney); brother, Albert (Wilma); as well as extended family and many dear friends. Henry was predeceased by his parents, Jan and Geesje; and his sister, Gonnie.



Gone But Not Forgotten

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering

**Wally
Waldemar**



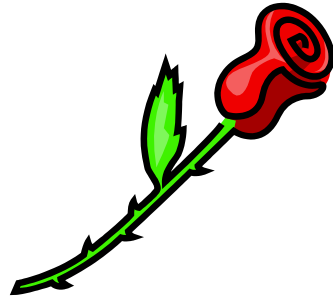
"Wally"

**Waldemar "Wally" Mertz
August 5, 1923 - January 14,
2008**

Wally and his wife Rose joined the Groovy Grovers in 1980, and were active members of the club until 2005.



IN MEMORIAM



WAY, Gerald (Jerry)

April 15, 1924 - December 25, 2012

Gerald (Jerry) Way brought joy and happiness to all that knew him! His laughter and caring compassion for all things living will be always remembered. Jerry's love of trains was nurtured from an early age and later became one of his many careers. Jerry also joined the Airforce but due to the fact that flying made him dizzy he switched to the Army. Another career change saw Jerry in the Social work field working with families and youth. After retirement Jerry joined the Commissionaires, where he spent some years at Concordia University College supervising the parking. He always had a pocket of change to help out the students with their parking fees. That's just how Jerry was!

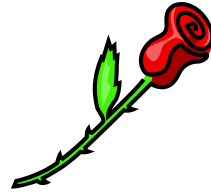
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Jerry volunteered with the Paralympic Sports Association and the Provincial Museum as well he gave of his time with many other volunteer positions, receiving citations for many. Throughout all of this Jerry's model railway grew and for many of us living in the west end of Edmonton a trip to Meadowlark Mall was not complete with out stopping to see him work his trains through tunnels and over bridges, with his eyes twinkling and that wonderful chuckle. Jerry and Sandy both loved Square dancing, and danced for many years with both the St. Peter's 2 x 4's and the West Edmonton Promenaders, where they held positions on the Executive. Jerry and Sandy played Santa and Mrs. Claus for many groups, so it seemed fitting that Jerry went to his Heavenly Home on Christmas day, 2012. We will miss him!

Jerry is lovingly remembered by his wife of 29 years Sandy, children: Jennnifer (Howard), Janet, Jonathan (Shona), Alana (Matthew) and Alison, grandchildren; Emily (James), Gabrielle (Brad), Alexandra, Kayla, Rachel, Lauren and Abigail, great grandchildren Solange, Samantha and brother Harlow (Pat), as well as numerous relatives friends and colleagues. He was predeceased by his brother Fred.

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Fran Webster

Frances “Fran” Marian Webster (nee Dakin) passed away peacefully and with dignity on Friday, August 2, 2024, surrounded by her three children in her beloved garden. She was 83 years young.

Born in 1941, in Kingston, Ontario, Fran was the middle of three daughters born to the late Thomas Russell Dakin and the late Evelyn Isabel Bull.

Fran attended the nursing program at Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario (1960-63). It was during this time that she not only formed friendships with classmates that lasted throughout her lifetime, but she also met the love of her life, Charles Daryl Webster. The two were married on April 4, 1964, and were fortunate to share 46 loving years before he died in 2010.

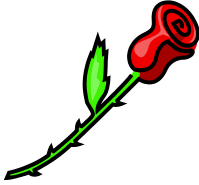
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Fran and Daryl lived briefly in London, Ontario, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, before settling in the Greenfield neighbourhood of Edmonton in 1968. Here they raised their two sons, Scott and Brent; and their daughter, Shona. Fran was active in her community and developed lifelong friendships.

Fran was always athletic and enjoyed skiing, curling, racquetball, and tennis. More recently, her focus was spending time with friends, playing pickleball and square dancing, going for walks, gardening, playing bridge and other games, and enjoying the company of her neighbours. Creativity was also an integral part of Fran's life. Over the years her creative expression evolved to include cake decorating, calligraphy, photography, sewing, painting, flower arranging, card making, and scrapbooking her life adventures.

Fran is predeceased by her parents; husband, Daryl; and sister, Libby Jordan. She has left countless memories for her family to treasure. She will be greatly missed by her sons, Scott (Gloria McKale) and Brent (Jacquie Eales); and her daughter, Shona Nichols (Darren Nichols); grandchildren, Drew Forward (Lisa), Brad Webster (Rachel Anthony), Marc Webster (Eman Osman), Jade Webster (Kylie Wayne), Alexander Nichols, Zoe Nichols, and Austin Webster; great-grandchildren, Ella and Henry Forward; sister, Wendy Corbett; brother-in-law, Duane Webster; and cousins, Bron, Tim, and Richard in New Zealand.

Fran felt extremely blessed and grateful to her many friends and family members for giving her such a good life.



Bob Weller

(Caller for over 60 years)

November 16, 1941
- October 21st, 2023

*Bob Received the Alberta
Rose Award in 1999 for
his outstanding
contribution to the square
dancing community.*



As requested here is the write up about my career in square dancing:

I STARTED SQUARE DANCING IN 1954 , MY MOTHER AND DAD WERE THE CALLERS FOR THE CENTENNIAL HOEDOWN CLUB IN SAULT STE MARIE. MY FATHER HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM DRUMHELLER TO SAULT STE. MARIE THE YEAR BEFORE AND INTRODUCED MODERN SQUARE DANCING TO THE AREA. HIS FIRST CLASS IN 1954 HAD ABOUT 6 SQUARES IN IT BUT, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN IT SEEMS, THERE WERE MANY MORE WOMEN THAN MEN IN THE CLASS SO THE SONS OF THOSE DANCERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE CONSCRIPTED TO LEARN SQUARE DANCING. I DID ENJOY THE LEARNING ASPECT OF THE CLASSES AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL ASPECTS.

IN THOSE DAYS THE LESSONS LASTED TEN WEEKS AND THE CLUB HELD THREE CLASSES A YEAR . EACH OF THE CLASSES WAS TOP HEAVY WITH WOMEN WANTING TO LEARN SO IT ENDED UP I TOOK THREE CLASSES A YEAR FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

MY DAD USED TO LEAVE HIS SOUND SYSTEM SET UP IN THE BASEMENT SO HE COULD PRACTICE, WHEN HE WASN'T AROUND I WOULD LEARN THE DANCES AS WELL. IN 1956 MY FATHER LET ME CALL ONE TIP A NIGHT AT THE CLUB [USUALLY A COUPLE OF SINGING CALLS] THIS CONTINUED ON FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS UNTIL I DECIDED TO BUY MY OWN SOUND SYSTEM AND RECORDS.

IN THE FALL OF 1958 A SITUATION AROSE WHERE MY DAD HAD A SERIOUS PROBLEM AT WORK AND HE TOLD ME I WOULD HAVE TO DO THE CLUB THAT NIGHT , SO I WAS THRUST INTO A CALLING SITUATION AT THE AGE OF 17. THAT FALL I TOOK MY FIRST CALLING SEMINAR THAT WAS RUN BY ED GILMORE & FRANK LANE. THIS WAS HELD IN TORONTO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 5TH ATLANTIC SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION AT THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL.

IN THE SPRING OF 1959 I STARTED MY OWN GROUP WHICH WAS A GATHERING OF FOLKS THAT HAD SOME DIFFICULTIES IN LEARNING THROUGH THE CLASSES. I ENDED UP WITH BETTER THAN FOUR SQUARES IN A GROUP WE CALLED OURSELVES THE "LOW LEVEL DEVILS"

I ALSO CALLED FOR A GROUP TWICE A MONTH IN SAULT STE MARIE MICHIGAN FOR TWO YEARS.

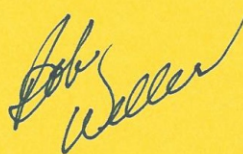
IN 1966 I WAS MARRIED WITH THREE LITTLE ONES AND WE DECIDED TO MOVE BACK TO ALBERTA . [EDMONTON WAS MY BIRTHPLACE] I JOINED THE EDMONTON CALLERS ASSOCIATION IN 1967. OVER THE YEARS I CALLED FOR AND TAUGHT AT MANY CLUBS . IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES BECAUSE OF ISSUES WITHIN MY MARRIAGE I TOOK A HIATUS FROM SQUARE DANCING AND WHEN THINGS STABILIZED I STEPPED BACK AND LOOKED AT WHICH PART OF THE SQUARE DANCE ACTIVITY DID I GET MOST OF MY PLEASURE FROM AND I DECIDED TO CONCENTRATE ON NEW DANCERS CLASSES.

MY FIRST CLASS I TAUGHT AFTER COMING BACK WAS FOR A GROUP CALLED THE SAINTS "N" SINNERS IN SAINT ALBERT. I THINK THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS I CALLED AS A GUEST CALLER AT THE MAJORITY OF CLUBS IN THE EDMONTON AREA. IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES I CALLED FOR A GROUP AT NEW SAREPTA CALLED THE HAPPY HOMESTEADERS , I THINK I CALLED FOR THEM FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS , I ALSO TOOK OVER A GROUP ON THE SOUTH SIDE CALLED THE STARLITERS AS WELL I TAUGHT THE NEW DANCERS FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE SINGLES .I ALSO CALLED FOR THE MERRY MIXERS IN FORT SASKATCHEWAN

IN THE EARLY NINETIES I STARTED CALLING FOR THE CHERHILL CHAINERS WHICH I CALLED FOR UNTIL MAY 2015, I ALSO TAUGHT AND CALLED FOR CLUBS IN FORT ASSINIBOINE, BARRHEAD, MAYERTHORPE AND WHITECOURT ONE YEAR I CALLED 302 NIGHTS INCLUDING GUEST CALLING.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS I GUEST CALLED ALL OVER CENTRAL AND WESTERN CANADA AS WELL AS FOURTEEN OR FIFTEEN STATES. I HAVE CALLED AT MULTIPLE CONVENTIONS IN CANADA AND THE U.S. AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY SQUARE DANCE VACATION PACKAGES IN CANADA AND THE U.S. INCLUDED WERE SIXTEEN YEARS AT PENTICTON.

TO SUM IT ALL UP YOU MIGHT SAY THAT MY LIFE HAS BEEN A 'LIFE OF SQUARE DANCING'

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

FAREWELL TO BOB WELLER

How does one say good-bye to someone who taught and entertained so many in an activity many of us loved? And a person who was a mentor to me when I started the same activity? A person who made so very many people, especially kids at Christmas time delighted with his bright lights and decorated trees? This is my dilemma as I say good-bye to Bob Weller.

Bob was born in Ontario November 16, 1941. His Father was a then famous Square Dance Caller. Bob would spend many hours practicing what was to be his fame. Bob taught us Square Dancing after being nagged by Gene Redington to “ give it a try.” After the first night we were hooked. For those of us who partook in the activity, he was one of the best. Bob was an amazing teacher and an extremely skilled Caller. He called for some 60 years across Canada and into the States. He would drive to Unity Saskatchewan for an evening dance and turn around to drive home as he had to work the next day. This routine including many clubs in Edmonton and was often repeated some 5 days per week. Bob pushed a number of us into taking up the skill as a Caller. If you listened he had much to offer. He even mentored a fellow from Denmark. I was proud to call him my mentor.

After he quit calling he got into the Christmas light business. I say business because every year he would, with the help of Sharon, put up 30-50,000 lights. Bob designed and Sharon climbed. Last year was planned to be the finale and it certainly was. A light show that attracted people from all over. I had the pleasure of playing the big red guy. We took one year off when the covid thing started which was a mistake. People came even though it wasn't advertised.

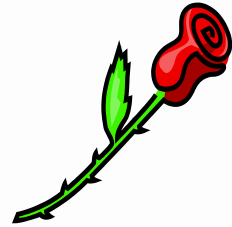
Bob was always thinking of others. When I went to do my part at Christmas I could be sure everything would be laid out perfect. Sharon made many hundreds of candy bags over the years. Bob took great pleasure in seeing the little ones eyes, and some old ones, light up. Bob was a fantastic artist and spent many hours coloring figurines or one inch high people for his brothers train sets. His hands didn't shake even into his 80's.

Shall I miss this man? I certainly will! We became good friends over the years and through him I met many hundreds of other wonderful people. Bob passed away October 21, 2023.

Bill De Groot

IN MEMORIAM

Gerry Welsh



Gerald (Gerry) Welsh

December 6, 1932 - January 17, 2006.

Gerry passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Bernice and children: Sharon Welsh, Shelly (Steve) Sorensen, Warren (Anne) Patterson-Welsh, Greg (Carla) McIsaac, Perry (Kathy) McIsaac, Tom McIsaac, Angie (Ian) McKay; and grandchildren: India McIsaac, Matthew, Chad and Ryan McKay.

After retirement, Gerry did a lot of RV traveling all over the States for several years and in the summer months RV'd in campgrounds all over Alberta.

After taking square dance lesson in Tucson, Arizona, Gerry joined the Happy Homesteaders Square Dance Club in Leduc and had been a member for the past 15 years. Gerry took Plus lessons from Wayne Russell and Murray Few and danced Plus for many years. Gerry was head of the social committee for a few years and organized some excellent skits.

He was also a very active member of Leduc's Bridge Clubs and traveled to a lot of bridge tournaments. Gerry also floor curled at Telford House Senior Centre in Leduc.

Gerry will be sadly missed by Bernice and family, the bridge clubs, curling friends and all his square dance friends.

Exceptional Square Dance Contributors



Arlene
and
Frank
Werth



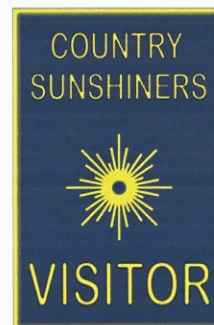
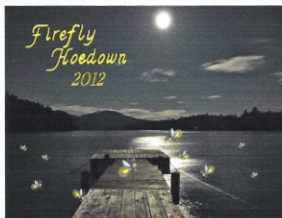
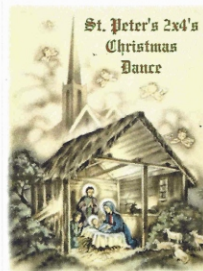
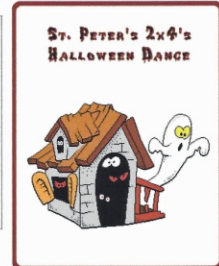
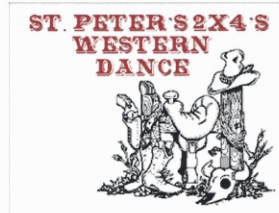
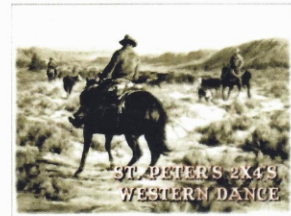
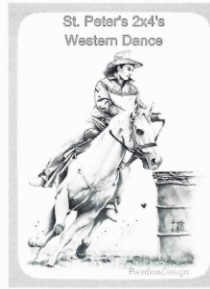
In the fall of 1980, over four squares of new dancers joined the St. Peter's 2x4's Square Dance Club. Among them were Frank and Arlene Werth who have continued membership ever since. They served on the Social Committee, as Vice-President Couple, President Couple, and Past President couple and went on endless demos.

The last few years they have not been dancing because of health issues, but they have continued to contribute - Arlene with her "guess the saying" game at our wind-up dinner and dance and Frank making badges for our special occasions. Just look at the number of badges and multiply by the number of members plus extras for visitors. He designs, prints, laminates, cuts and polishes the edges of each and adds the pin. He has made badges for other clubs as well. Quite amazing!!

Thank you Frank and Arlene for your creativity, ability and time!

A collection of the badges can be seen on the next page.

Badges - Arlene & Frank Werth





Let's Remember

Charles J. White
(Charlie)

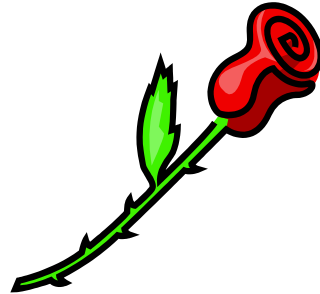


It is with great sadness that we share with you the recent passing of our friend and fellow Square Dancer, Charlie White on January 21, 2021. Charlie and his wife Alma were members of the Bon Accord Kick-A-Poo Kids square dance club. If you wish to reach out to Alma, her phone number and address are: (780) 914-6393; Box 160 Bon Accord, AB, T0A 0K0. You may also, if you wish, access the Facebook page "Remembering Charles J White" and request to join the group.





MEMORIAM



Tom Whitnack

Tom was born May 28th, 1932 in Hemaruka, Alberta. He grew up in the Hemaruka and Brownfield areas. Tom worked as a truck driver throughout Alberta.

He started square dancing in Calgary in 1986 with the Single 8's club. Tom had the pleasure of dancing in the Opening Ceremonies of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary.

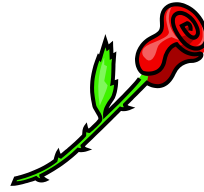
Tom moved to Edmonton in 1990 and danced with Edmonton Singles, The Starlighters and the West Edmonton Promenaders as well as Lukes and Lucy's and the Crossfires plus club. During that time Tom served two terms with the ESDSA as Dance Director.

In 2009 Tom was honoured to receive the Alberta Rose Award.

Tom passed away in August 2018.



MEMORIAM



Doreen Williams

On the morning of December 7, 2018, Doreen Hortense Williams, succumbed to her many aches and pains at the age of 95. Her spirit remained strong but physically she had become increasingly fragile. Doreen was born in Northgate SK surrounded by 2 brothers, a sister, aunts and uncles. Northgate, where walking across the US border was a simple daily occurrence, often took them through her Aunt Freda's house for treats. She was educated in Loverna Sk. Where through chance of alphabetical order Doreen Wilson sat in front of her future husband Arthur Williams. From the '40s through the '70's the Williams house was a place of children, friends and neighbors with much music and merriment. In 1965 Doreen, Arthur and the 5 children moved to West Edmonton where Doreen remained making many friends in the community, her church, Trinity United, West Edmonton Seniors and the Renaissance. Doreen will be remembered for her kindness and helpfulness to all she met. Each of her children tell stories of how with amazing feats of strength and quick thinking, she saved them from what at the time, seemed like impending doom. Her hobbies and abilities were vast;

Dorren Williams - page 2

She was no stranger to tools, restoring many pieces of antique furniture and maintaining a beautiful garden of flowers that was enjoyed from her deck by her and many friends. When family or friends needed help, she was tireless, caring for many senior friends until the end.

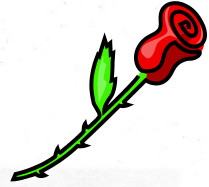
She enjoyed riding her Arabian horse. There were always games to be played (Mum rarely losing) after the endless family dinners she tirelessly and expertly prepared. We've lost a loyal, determined, and capable woman. She always did more than her share and never complained. Lovingly remembered by her children, Beverley (Greg), George (Jennifer), Jerry (Paula), Robin (Rita) and Rick (Grace). Grandchildren Michael (Lisha), Jack, Max, and Megan, Great-grandchildren Maddie and Ava. Predeceased by her husband Arthur, her sister Dorothy, Brothers Bert and Wilbur and granddaughter Andi.

She was a beautiful dancer and was a member of Wild Rose Country Dancers for many years where Doreen was the round dance partner of George Anderson. She was also a member of the square dance club West Edmonton Promenaders. Swinging Doreen was like swinging a feather as she was so incredibly light on her feet.



Ernie Williams

IN MEMORIAM



Ernie Williams (1915 - 2004)
square dancer 1953-2004

Ernie took his last square dance steps Jan. 31, 2004 at the Morinville Yellow Rock Dancers. Ernie began dancing because one more person was needed to fill a square (he had just gone to open the hall). Ever since, he never sat when he could dance. Ernie and Jessie attended 34 Penticton Jamborees, 34 Provincial Conventions, 4 National Conventions, and many Wandering Squares events. Ernie is survived by his wife Jessie; three stepchildren: Carol Newson, Kathy Charlet, and Lorne (Bernadette) Anderson; and six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

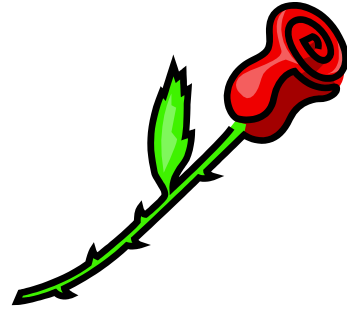
We wish to thank all square dancers, clubs, EDSDA, EDCIA, Wandering Squares, and former dancers for their support and encouragement, the many cards received, and the donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. To all who attended his funeral service on Feb 7th and to our home club, the Spruce Grove Groovy Grovers, thank you for your fellowship and caring.

Bless every one of you!

Jessie Williams

Lorne & Bernadette Anderson





Jessie Williams

April 5, 1926 ~ September 2, 2014

On April 5th, 1926 Jessie Zelkovich was born to parents Louis and Florence Zelkovich in Edson, Alberta. During WWII there was great concern that the Magnolia Railroad Bridge would be sabotaged so the Federal Government hired four WWI veterans, known as Veteran Guards of Canada, to guard the bridge. Thus in 1939 Louis Zelkovich, along with Roland Ryley, Dennis McCafferty and Dave Churchill were installed at Magnolia. In 1940 Louis moved his family to Magnolia. They settled in a small house by the Sturgeon creek in Magnolia, located just a short distance from the Railroad Bridge, and later built a home at the corner of Highway 16 and Magnolia Corner. After the war was over the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta.

Jessie by this time had met Carl Anderson, son of Swedish pioneers of Magnolia, at a dance and later at ball games. They were married in St. Faiths Anglican Church, Edmonton, Alberta on November 15, 1945. In due course four children were born to them: Carol - October 10, 1946, Katherine - April 29, 1949, Danny - May 28, 1953 and Lorne - February 12, 1957.

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After the local store burned down in 1958, the telephone was installed in Carl and Jessie's house and Jessie became the local operator. She was paid to deliver messages to neighbours. Sadness struck the family when Danny passed away June 26, 1955 at the age of 2 years. Four years later on October 28, 1959, Carl succumbed to polio. The family was devastated and Jessie was left with 3 young children to raise on her own.

Jessie had started square dancing in 1955 with her first husband, Carl Anderson, in Magnolia, Alberta, with the Patty Cake Partners. Jessie resumed square dancing and met a wonderful man while dancing at Entwistle, Alberta. Ernie William lived at Highvale, Alberta and soon wedding bells would ring again for Jessie. They were married August 8, 1964 at Entwistle Church and the family moved to their new home in Highvale. They were avid square and round dancers and members of the Duffield Circle 8's, Seba Beach Swingers, Northgate Rounders, Extra Dance. Many trips were made to the Peach Festival at Penticton, B.C. and the Square Dance Jamboree held there; 34 to be exact (one of them for their honeymoon). They also attended 34 Provincial Square Dance Conventions, 4 National Conventions, plus there were many Wandering Squares campouts and visits to many clubs in Edmonton and surrounding areas. They strongly supported Lorne's calling activities, frequently attending the clubs/dances where he called.

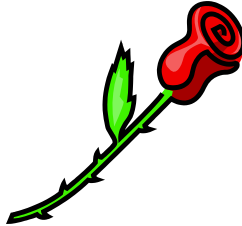
In 1973 Jessie, Ernie and Lorne moved to Stony Plain. While Ernie was still driving school bus Jessie worked for a few years at the Stony Plain Reporter in the front office. Soon they would both retire and enjoy a more relaxing way of life. Ernie and Jessie also enjoyed golfing and belonged to the Seniors Bowling League in Spruce Grove, Alberta.

But sadness was to strike the family once again. On January 31, 2004 Ernie passed away while square dancing at Morinville, Alberta. But Jessie remained very active and continued to bowl, garden, and square dance with the Groovy Grovers and later the West End Promenaders until her health declined.

On September 2, 2014, Jessie Williams passed away at the Stony Plain Hospital after a battle with dementia. She is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 1 sister, 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Memoriam

**Douglas
Wilson**



We are sad to report the passing of Doug Wilson on June 13, 2016 at the age of 81.

Country Cousins offers their condolences to his wife of 59 years and reportedly his best friend, Ann. Also to his son Brian and daughter Cate and his grandsons.

Doug and Ann have square danced with Wayne and the Country Cousins since 1992. Doug had the job as Sheriff for some years.

Doug was born in Sarnia, Ontario and attended public and part of his high school in that city.

In 1951 he and his family moved to Regina, Saskatchewan. Doug completed his high school at Balfour Tech High where he was a member of the school track and football teams.

He and Ann met at a church young people's group and they became high school sweethearts.

After high school Doug attended the University of Saskatchewan in Regina and then Saskatoon where he studied and graduated in engineering. On December 29th, 1956 Ann and Doug were married. They lived in Saskatoon for several years.

From 1958 until 1965 they moved around the province, living in Saskatoon, Regina and Squaw Rapids. Doug worked on construction of power stations and small buildings. During this period, their two children, Brian and Cathy were born.

In 1965, the family moved to Ottawa where Doug worked on design and construction of federal buildings. It was during this time when the family were visiting his parents in Amherstburg, Ontario, that they witnessed an outdoor exhibition of square dancing. Doug was very impressed with the outfits worn by the dancers, and the fact that they were having so much fun. This memory stayed with him.

They were moved to Edmonton in 1973. Here, Doug worked as a design engineer and manager in the building and energy saving programs, retiring in 1995.

In 1991 they decided to try square dancing and so began with the Lamplighters with Murray Few as caller. Unfortunately, on New Year's Eve, Ann broke her right wrist while skating, and that ended their dancing for the rest of the season.

The next fall, 1992, they started up again with the Country Cousins and Wayne Russell at Colchester School. They graduated and since then have also tried Plus Level dancing and Round dancing.

They also enjoyed camping and traveling.

Since Doug's heart attack in 2012 they have continued only with the mainstream with the Country Cousins.

After retirement, Doug found a place to volunteer and spent 2 mornings a week for 10 years, refurbishing bicycles at Brick Sport Central. His passion was fiddling with the Wild Rose Fiddlers.

Aside from square dancing, Doug enjoyed skating and curling in winter, golf, cycling and camping in summer, and played guitar, violin and piano and singing all year. He enjoyed entertaining other seniors in nursing homes with a little group from the Wild Rose Fiddlers.



In Loving Memory of
George Matthew Young
July 24, 1926 - June 19, 2020
(age 93)



George was born in the Park Court area on the family homestead in 1926. He was the youngest of 4 sisters; Janet, Margaret, Marion and Sarah. He attended school in Park Court, then in Evansburg for high school. After high school he began farming the family farm alongside his dad, until eventually, taking over completely. George met his wife Joan at a dance at Park Court Hall in April 1961. They courted for a short time, got engaged in July, and married the following year on May 26th ,1962. They had their first son Donald on August 11th ,1966, followed by Keith on December 7th, 1967.

George was an active member of the community, helping keep the community association going, planning and designing the extension of Park Court hall with neighbors. George was a lineman for the community for many years. He drove the school bus for Evansburg schools from 1969 to mid 1983.

Farming was George's passion and life. He raised registered Angus cattle from the mid 1940's until 1991, then grew grain and hay. Harvest was always a joyous time, as the result of the season's work was seen.

George's hobbies included his love of dancing with his wife. For about 51 years they enjoyed square dancing, round dancing and social dancing. George passed down his knowledge of farming, building, mechanics, family and life to his sons, who both excel in those areas.

From his first day to his last, George happily lived his life on the family farm. He is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Donald and Keith. Keith's wife Argentina, and their three children Maria, Ethan and Jason; and two great grandchildren from Maria, Kinnin and Adelynne.

Dance History

George Young had lived his entire life on the family farm by Park Court, just north of Evansburg, AB. He started dancing in 1953 at Entwistle. During his first year dancing, besides dancing at Magnolia, he danced at Entwistle, Evansburg and Wildwood. His first callers were Gordon Mohl and Jack Roy, then later Ivan Sheppy.

His wife, Joan started dancing in 1961 with Ivan Sheppy. Ivan Sheppy called squares and rounds in the basement of Joan and George Young's home on the farm.

The Youngs have square danced at Magnolia, Fort Assinaboine, Duffield, Drayton Valley, Evansburg, Cherhill, Darwell, Park Court, Barrhead, Lukes and Lucys, Extra Dance, Seba Beach, Saints and Sinners with Syd Dequire, Groovy Grovers with Ches and Irene McKay, the Brazeau Dancers with Bob and Joan Leeder. George and Joan were president couple of the Park Court Promenaders for many years. They have also round danced with the Bartons; with the Dance a Lots and instructors Clem and Doris Nadon, and with the Kensington Strollers (instructors Glen and Audrey Eliasson). They attended the Canadian National Convention in Edmonton in 1996, many campouts, and several Penticton dances.



October 17th, 1951
- December 3rd, 2019

Vicky Younie



*Wife of 48 years
Mother with boundless love
Woman of rare beauty
Spirit ever ready to give
Always looking for good in
others
Finding beauty in the world
That others missed
Tiny bird in a tree
Comforting purr of a cat.
Too humble to realize
How truly wonderful she was.*

Memorial Poem written by John

Vicky Younie lost her third and final battle with cancer on December 3rd. She is survived by her husband John, daughters Angela and Jane, brother Don, his children Laura and Jennifer, and his partner Paul.

Vicky was born in Summerside, PEI to Jack and Beatrice Dickson. She met her husband John at CFB Penhold, Alberta in 1969. They attended Red Deer College together, fell in love, married and embarked on 48 years of adventure.

Vicky achieved honors at Red Deer College and NAIT. As a Chemical Technologist, she worked for Syncrude and EPCOR where her friendliness, hard work and sense of fairness gained a circle of close, lifelong friends.

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John & Vicky
Red Deer College

Memorial for Vicky Younie

Vicky and I met at Penhold Air Base in the summer of 1969, around the time of the first moon landing. It was an instant common interest that helped us grow close. For the next 50 years, our interest in anything related to space, especially Star Trek, never dimmed.



Pioneer Square
Dance Club

Later that year, in January of 1970, we took up another life long interest. We became founding members of Carpenters Squares when the caller and his wife (Ron and Helen Carpenter) found us sitting on the steps in 25 below awaiting their arrival. We square danced with Ron and Helen until the summer of 1971 when we got married and moved to Lethbridge. During that time we completed two years at Red Deer College and never missed a single dance. Both years, Vicky distinguished herself as one of the top scholars at RDC.



Captain Hook

Immediately after getting married on August 28th, we moved to Lethbridge, only stopping for a two day honeymoon in Calgary on the way. After a year at the University of Lethbridge, we moved to Red Deer for my first teaching job and then to Eckville for my second. Then it was back to Lethbridge to teach and complete my B.Ed. That done, we returned to Eckville for 4 years. That time saw us move onto an acreage where Vicky had 2 bee hives and we returned to square dancing with the Spruce View Swinging 8's.



Wedding Day

After these 4 years, we moved to Edmonton so Vicky could complete her Chemical Technology course at NAIT. Again, she distinguished herself, winning awards and finding employment at Syncrude quickly after graduation.

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Vicky Younie Continued

Over the next 10 years, we moved several times within Edmonton, each changed jobs several times, greeted the arrival of our two children and went back to square dancing, joining the Double Diamond club. Along the way we also started round dancing and found time for ballroom and western dance lessons. During this time Vicky also had her first battle with cancer.

When Vicky retired in 2008, we moved to Sylvan Lake and started spending winters in Texas. We lived for 9 winters, end of October to mid-March, at the Pioneer RV Resort in Port Aransas, Texas. Phil and Anna Miller lived across the road from us. When Phil mentioned he was a caller, Vicky was determined that Pioneer RV Resort had to have a square dance club. With Vicky as the motivator, we once again became founding members of a club, the Pioneer Square Wheelers. The club is still going strong without us.

Twice we had to come home from Texas early for Vicky to undergo cancer treatments, her second and third battles with cancer. As the cancer stole her health, it didn't dim her spirit, not even at the very end. Now I've gotten back into dance as I promised Vicky I would. I can't help but think how much Vicky would have enjoyed dancing with all my new friends at Country Sunshiners and Fun Steps, and how much they would have loved her. She was a truly remarkable person.



Double
Diamonds



Cat Lady

