

## **WCRTA Memorials 2020 - 2021**

### **Alberta Jean Brown**

**March 5, 1925 - April 15, 2021**

Alberta Jean Brown passed away peacefully in the presence of her family at Royal Oak Manor on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the age of 96 after a long and accomplished life.

Alberta was born in Warkworth, Ontario to Jane (nee McCallum) and Albert Allen Parks, the youngest of four children. Her father passed away just a few months before she was born hence, she was named after him. When she was five the family moved to a farm just east of Esther, Alberta to look after her mother's foster mom, Rachel Campbell. In July of 1943 she attended Normal School in Calgary to train to be a teacher. There was a shortage of teachers due to the war, so she attended Normal School for 3 months before receiving her first teaching assignment at the Wolf Hill School near Byemore, Alberta. Her training continued in the summers of 1944 and 1945 in order to obtain her permanent teaching degree. She taught in several schools in eastern Alberta, Calgary and Crestomere. After retiring from teaching, she was Librarian at the Lacombe Public Library for seven years.

### **Jack Cookson**

**October 29, 1928 - July 8, 2021 (age 92)**

Jack was born in Lougheed, Alberta. He is survived by his four children Bruce, John, Robert and Sally and their partners Hania, Moira (Williams), Shirley (Mitchell) and Ken (Weenink). He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Amanda Cookson and Jasmin (Jeff) Abt; Matt (Kristy), Chelsea (Landon) and Jill (Will) Weenink; Katerina and John Cookson. In addition, Jack is survived by two great grandchildren (Maverick and Keely and a third expected this fall).

His family spent their early years farming in the Lougheed area and then in 1942 the family moved to Tees, Alberta. He attended and graduated from Banff High School. Jack persevered, graduated, taught school briefly in a one room schoolhouse in 1947 at Birch Lake and when finished went onto the University of Alberta where he earned a degree in Agriculture in 1951. On June 23, 1956 he married Ann from Wetaskiwin. Jack purchased a farm north of Lacombe in 1956. Jack, however, did not just farm. He taught school from 1958 to 1963. He was elected a counsellor for the County of Lacombe from 1963 to 1971. Jack then tried his hand at provincial politics and after an initial loss in 1967 he rebounded and won the Lacombe riding in 1971. He served as MLA from then until 1982 winning two more elections. During his last term Jack served as the Minister of Environment. After his retirement from politics Jack found the time to really pick up his saxophone again and for many years he played regularly. He organized music sessions at Kozy Korner and bluegrass and old time fiddle and bluegrass festivals in Lacombe. When Ann passed away in 2015, Jack moved into the Lacombe Lodge, then into Lacombe Long Term Care where he lived, happily, until 2021.

**Darlene Fay (Beckman) Crawford**  
**March 2, 1941 - August 30, 2021 (age 80)**

Darlene will be lovingly remembered by her husband Ross of 59 years; son Doug (Susan) and grandchildren Josie, Haylie (Austin), Britni (Wyatt), Meg and great grandson Hayze; son Rob and grandchildren Kayla and Jordyn; brothers David Beckman (Elizabeth Turner), Bert (Gail) Beckman, sisters Elaine (Hugh) Stewart, Carol Schultz, and Debbie (Mervin) Gallant; sisters in law Irene Crawford and Vivian Crawford; brother in law Bert Ganson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Darlene was predeceased by her parents Howard & Ethel Beckman; father and mother in law Jim & Mayme Crawford; brothers in law Dale Crawford & Harvey Schultz; sister in law Yvonne Ganson.

Darlene was born in Sherridon, Manitoba the 2nd born & eldest daughter to Howard & Ethel Beckman. She lived in Flin Flon, Manitoba for 4 years after which the family moved to Rosetown, Sask. When Darlene was in Grade 7 she arrived in Lacombe where she met Ross Crawford and from high school on they were

inseparable. They were married in 1962 and enjoyed & loved each other for 59 years.

She began her teaching career in 1961 and taught grade 2 for 30 years. In 1991 she was presented with the excellence in teaching award. She always said she loved her job & loved the children. Darlene enjoyed skiing, curling, trail riding, knitting and sewing in her younger years. Later she loved card making, scrapbooking, aqua size, traveling, golf and quilting. Darlene joined Ross at numerous team roping jackpots over the years as well. Darlene supported Ross in their efforts to build and enjoy a farm life beginning in 1965. She and Ross raised two sons on the farm, Doug & Rob where she loved her garden & her beloved tiger lilies. Dar always volunteered her time; such things as the UCW, IODE, Brownies, Girl Guides & 4-H clubs were dear to her. Darlene adored her granddaughters & great grandson. She always made sure everyone in the family was well looked after as well as anyone else in need. Visitors to the farm were always welcomed in for coffee, a meal and a visit.

**Erika Eveline Martin (nee Schnell)**  
**April 10, 1928 - March 26, 2021**

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Erika Martin at the age of 92 years. Erika taught school in the area for years as a classroom teacher and a substitute teacher. She was known to say; "Thank God for teachers they help parents keep their sanity." Erika is survived by her children, David (Wendy), Bob, and Evelyn (Rob) Dyck; grandchildren, Kyla (Kurtis) Ross, Jace Martin, Cameron (Taylor) Dyck, Courtney (Jordan) Martinook, Casey Dyck (Ben); great-grandsons, Lyric, Troyen and Chase; her sister, Dora Bilko; her daughter-in-law, Laurie Martin as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Erika was predeceased by her loving husband Gordon; son, Peter and her brother, Gerhard.

**Blanche Opal (Toews) Scheuchner**  
**October 5, 1916 - December 5, 2020 (age 104)**

Blanche passed away on December 5 at the Northcott Care Center in Ponoka at the age of 104 and 2 months, with her daughters by her side.

Blanche is lovingly remembered by her children: Hazel Snyder (Don), Judy Buijs (Buzz), Allen Scheuchner (Terry); her nine grandchildren, great-grandchildren; as well as cousins and friends from the Church of God, Carstairs and First Baptist Church, Ponoka. Blanche was predeceased by her husband Dan (1988), and then Arnold (2000) whom she married at the age of 80; her step-daughter Donna Duke, her daughter-in-law Sharon Scheuchner, and her grandsons Shawn Scheuchner and Doug Nicklassen.

Blanche taught grade two for many years in Black Diamond, then worked in various areas, most recently cooking for a gang of forestry workers before retiring. She enjoyed reading, travelling, sewing, embroidery, gardening especially flowers, and doing jigsaw puzzles picturing cats. She will be ever remembered for her ready smile for those assisting her and her unwavering faith in God.

**Patricia "Pat" (Curtis) Turner**  
**April 21, 1952 - January 20, 2021 (age 68)**

Pat was born April 21, 1952 to Patrick and Theresa Curtis (Nee McLean). She was the oldest of five children, the only girl.

Pat received her schooling in Glace Bay, Halifax, and Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Pat came to Ponoka for a job teaching with the Separate School. She taught school for many years and was a great teacher.

She met the love of her life, Neil Turner and they were married in April of 1980. They continued to live together in Ponoka for 40 years. They had no children.

Pat fought a courageous battle against cancer.

Pat is survived by her 4 brothers, their spouses, and their children: Michael (Wendy) of Birch Grove, Nova Scotia, Eugene of Glace Bay Nova Scotia, Kimble of Red Deer, and Janssen of Calgary.

On the Turner side Pat is survived by: Ray (Theresa) of Ponoka, Doreen (John) Turk of Airdrie, Lorraine (Rudi) Blatter of Edmonton, her loving husband Neil of Ponoka, and Connie (Tom) Sykes of Edmonton.

Pat will also be remembered by many nieces and nephews on the Turner and Curtis sides.

**Lorne Edward Ulveland**  
**February 4, 1936 - August 18, 2021**

Lorne was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and at the age of five, he moved to Salmon Arm, B.C. and then to Kamloops. He completed his university education at the University of Alberta and began his teaching career in Camrose. Rimbey became home in 1967 where he remained as Principal of the Elementary School until his retirement.

Lorne shared his passion for music as the Conductor of numerous school bands and played in many musical groups. His love of learning and travel led him to destinations around the world. Time spent with family and friends, engaging in conversation, playing games and laughing remained Lorne's most treasured memories. He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 61 years, Lorraine; his son, Dana (Char); his daughter, Karina; and his cherished granddaughters, Meagan, Brittany, Emma and Abby; as well as many nieces and nephews. Lorne is predeceased by his parents, Axel and Margaret Ulveland; as well as 14 brothers and sisters.

Special thanks to everyone at Points West Living and Extencicare Red Deer for their love, compassion and the outstanding care they provided Lorne over the past several years. Lorne was a protector and provider, an educator and teacher, a wiper of tears and offeror of advice, an encourager, a storyteller and a loyal friend with a laugh that healed the soul and a smile that brightened the darkest days. We love you and you will forever be in our hearts.