

## **Wolf Creek Retired Teachers Memorials 2022/2023**

### **Rose (Hagemann) Anderson**

**June 3, 1932 - January 5, 2023 (Age 90)**

#### ***In Loving Memory***

Rose passed away at home on her farm near Rimbey. She attended Normal School and later received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. She began her career in many places across Central Alberta. Her last position was with Rimbey Elementary, where she taught classes and was also in administration. She dedicated over 40 years to students and always saw the positive side of students. She was married to Laurence Anderson. They had 2 daughters Debbie (Gord Cord) and Brenda Anderson (Gustafson).

### **Brian Verne Chapman**

**September 7, 1947 – August 15, 2022 (Age 74)**

#### ***In Loving Memory***

Brian was raised by Sid and Grace Chapman in Stettler, Alberta. The Chapman Family were very involved in baseball and Brian played for several teams during his youth and early adult life. After university, Brian taught in the Lacombe area for over 30 years. After retiring from teaching, he kept himself busy working for H&R Block. He leaves to mourn, Sheila, his wife of 39 years; children David, Christine and Sara; five grandchildren; Brother Charlie {Ann} and all their families.

### **Damkerng (Duncan) Congcar**

**April 6, 1937- September 5, 2022(age 85)**

#### ***In Loving Memory***

Duncan was a loving, supportive and caring husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, brother and cousin. He was born and raised in Nong Chang, Uthai Thani, Thailand. Duncan first arrived in Edmonton to complete his Education Masters Degree on a scholarship at the University of Alberta. He fell in love with Alberta and made Rimbey his permanent home. Throughout his life, he became an accomplished teacher, a great mechanic, a business and land owner, a town councillor and a community leader. He cared deeply about teaching and had a collection of all the attendance books since the 1970's. As an avid golfer and curler, he led an active lifestyle and was always ready for the next adventure. His kindness, generosity and friendly nature touched those around him. Duncan has left a great impression. His smiles and presence will be greatly missed by all.

**Robert (Bob) Forsyth**  
**April 16, 1942 - August 19, 2022 (Age 80)**  
**Linda Mary (Renwick) Forsyth**  
**July 16, 1944 - April 21, 2023 (Age 78)**

**In loving Memory**

Bob was the first in his family to attend university and completed a BSc and BEd at U of M before beginning his teaching career. Bob and Linda met in 1967 in Winnipeg and were married in Neepawa. They settled in Calgary and welcomed to their lives Jane and Mike. Linda excelled in school, was always the head of the class and even won the provincial spelling bee in 1958. Linda attended teacher's college in Winnipeg and explored her love of literature as she specialized in English language arts. She taught in Winnipeg and then New Westminister. The family moved to their upgraded cabin on the shores of Sylvan Lake in 1981 when Bob accepted a teaching position in nearby Bentley. Linda also taught at Bentley School on and off over the years and then spent many happy years teaching ESL in Red Deer.

Bob's energetic and fun-loving spirit was appreciated by countless students throughout his career, as he enthusiastically taught high school mathematics and science and one year of grade 6. He took advantage of early retirement in 1997. Their tree business and his work with the phone directories brought him much enjoyment as he made meaningful connections in communities throughout Central Alberta. In recent years, Bob kept busy on his acreage and caring for his beloved wife. Linda resided at the Rimbey Care Centre since the fall of 2018. Bob loved life and loved all the people he met. He lived his journey with openness and kindness. His corny wit, twinkling eyes and easy grin will be greatly missed.

**Joyce Dorothy (Easton) Petterson**  
**January 9, 1928 - January 6, 2023 (age 94)**

**In loving Memory**

Joyce completed her schooling at the Federal School and then high school in Coronation. She then attended the Faculty of Education in Edmonton (1946-47) while later completing an Elementary and Intermediate Certificate. She enjoyed teaching at Warburg, Calmar, Crestomere, and Ponoka Schools. Joyce had a great sense of humour and always kept her classroom perfectly clean as well as the students' desks. On August 23, 1951 she married Russell Petterson in a marriage that lasted 60 years. Russell and Joyce had three children: Terry Lynn, Gregory Brent, and Garth Russell. Joyce and Russell travelled extensively throughout the world, while wintering many years in Arizona. In her earlier years, Joyce enjoyed horse riding, curling, bowling, square dancing and camping.

## **Spouses**

***Peter William Pears***

***August 4, 1944 - January 15, 2023 (Age 78)***

***In Loving Memory***

Peter was a loving husband, father, son and nephew. He seemed to be always on call for his parents, his in-laws and aunts and uncles.

He also was an incredible worker on the farm. He loved hard work and was good at it. He rebuilt the barn, the fences and the outbuildings. He thoroughly enjoyed working with nature and livestock. As his health failed, he loved to have his kitties on his lap. (Cats were then allowed in the house.)

He married Betty Crooker on September 3, 1966. Peter and Betty had two children, Bradley (Robbie) and Jennifer (Garth) and two grandsons, Brendon (Ashley) and Ben. Peter's greatest joy in life was having children and he was extremely proud of both of them.

Peter was very musical and loved playing the button accordion or mouth organ for enjoyment, as well as for his children and later on, his grandchildren who were regular overnight visitors at the Pears' farm. The children's friends often joined them. His memory is beyond precious and will live always in our hearts.

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**Severin John Gartner**

**October 12, 1951- April 30, 2023 (Age 71)**

**In Loving Memory**

Severin will be lovingly remembered by his wife Marlene; his 5 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; along with numerous nieces and nephews and extended families.

He was one of 14 children born to Theordora and George Gartner. In his late teens, he took an interest in the construction trade earning a Journeyman certificate in Carpentry and that lead him to Edmonton where he raised his three beautiful children. A fond memory his children can recall was the comfort knowing dad would always answer his phone and help in a moments notice followed by a humorous dad joke. A construction project brought him to Ponoka. It was this job plus the golf course where he met the love of his life, Marlene. They married on June 5, 2004. In their retirement years, together they enjoyed the passion of travel.

Severin was known to be an avid sportsman enjoying curling, camping, fishing and hunting. Every Thursday night was poker night with the guys and every Saturday night was couples' night playing pegs and jokers with dear friends. Sev was also a member of the rusty nuts men's golf club at the Ponoka Golf Course.

