

POWLESLAND, Bert Vernon

July 25, 1925 – September 24, 2011

Bert passed away peacefully at the Bethany Care Centre, Cochrane on Saturday September 24, 2011 at 86 years of age. He was predeceased by his parents Bernard & Effie (Bygrove), brother Glen Powlesland and sister Irene Brophy. Lovingly remembered by his wife Marion of 65 years, children Larry (Jim Russell), and Donna (Ian) Airth; Four grandchildren:



Leanne (Martin) Guenther, Howard (Jolene) Airth, Brett (Cara) Powlesland, and Clayton (Tamara Hockley) Airth; 9 great grandchildren, a sister Grace Widgell and brother Ray; as well as a large circle of other relatives and friends.

Bert was raised on a mixed farm at Del Bonita. He attended Del Bonita school and Olds School of Agriculture. November 1, 1945 Bert moved to Cochrane with a herd of purebred Hereford cattle later named Rusticana Herefords. While at Olds Bert met Marion Clayton and they were married in 1945. Together they raised Hereford cattle for over 40 years. Bert served many organizations: Alberta Hereford Assoc, Westbrook 4H Club, Cochrane Lake Gas Co-op, Cochrane Mutual Telephone, Cochrane Lions Club, Western Heritage Centre, Weedon Pioneer Community Assoc. Bert was inducted into the Alberta Hereford Assoc. honour roll, and Canadian Hereford Assoc. Breeders of Distinction. Bert contributed cattle to the Calgary Bull Sale and sold cattle to all parts of Canada, USA & Russia. Bert was a lifetime member of the Cochrane Lions Club and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Bert has served as a class agent for Olds College Alumni and this summer was inducted into the Olds College Alumni Hall of Fame. Bert & Marion loved to travel & enjoyed travelling in their motor home and fishing.

A celebration of Bert's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011 at the Cochrane Alliance Church, 902 Glenbow Drive, Cochrane.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes in Bert's memory may be made directly to: Olds College Alumni Association, Room 721, LRC Bldg. 4500 – 50 Street, Olds, AB. T4H 1R6, Stockmen's Memorial Foundation, Box 459, Cochrane, AB. T4C 1A7, or The Kidney Foundation of Southern Alberta, 6007 – 1A Street S.W., Calgary, AB. T2H 0G5.

Arrangements in care of COCHRANE COUNTRY FUNERAL HOME of Cochrane. Telephone: 403-932-1039.

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