

JOHN DELANEY

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Albert Clarence Richard Delaney

Bert passed away suddenly on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at the age of 61. Bert was a long-time and well-known resident of the Peace Country. He was born in Sexsmith, AB, March 2, 1944, and attended Morning View School and later Sexsmith Public School.



Bert has been involved in thoroughbred racing, judging World Pro Chuckwagon racing, as well as driving his team of Percherons. After 18 years, he was again involved with the Ag. Society, contributing to the planning and expansion of the grandstand and the racing association.

Bert started his own business, West Country Products, in 1977, which still currently operates East of Grande Prairie. In 1982, he acquired the Home Hardware franchise in Grande Prairie and later purchased the Revelstoke store in Grande Prairie. After combining the two stores, Bert opened a new Home Hardware Building Centre in 1987. After selling that business, Bert and Dianne along with Layne and Cathy, took over the UFA Petroleum Agency in Grande Prairie until recently turning to retirement where he hoped to go back to his love of selling farm products, and spending more time with his granddaughter, his family and his horses.

Bert was especially proud of his children: Layne for many years working with him, and Lana for graduating from veterinarian medicine this spring. He deeply loved his wife, Dianne, who supported him in all his endeavors, successes and challenges. Together they brought meaning to each others lives and the lives of their children.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Dianne of 39 years; his son, Layne and his wife, Cathy and their daughter, Mackenzie of Grande Prairie, AB; daughter, Lana Delaney (Ryan Shoe-

maker) of Saskatoon, SK; his mother, Rose Fitzsimmons of Sexsmith, AB; brother, Bob (Mary) Delaney of Spruce Grove, AB; brother, Dale (Theresa) Delaney of Sexsmith, AB; sister, Rita (Henry) Mitchell of Teepee Creek, AB and sister, Joanne (Leo) Perry of Grande Prairie, AB.

Bert was predeceased by: his father, John Delaney and step-father John Fitzsimmons.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at Clarkson Hall, Evergreen Park. Luncheon will follow the service and a private graveside service will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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Rose (Delaney) Fitzsimmons



Rose was born in England on September 13, 1921. She passed away on July 20, 2006 at the age of 84 years, at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital.

At the age of five, Rose and her family came to a farm in the Mount Star area, west of Teepee Creek. Rose, Mary, Becky and Dick went to school at Mount Star.

On February 14, 1935, she married John Delaney. The two farmed east of Sexsmith for a number of years until John's death in 1955, leaving her with four children: Bob, Bert, Rita and Dale.

On December 30, 1957 she married John Fitzsimmons.

A daughter, Joanne, was added to the family to make it complete.

Rose loved her farm; the cattle, pigs, chicken, and the grain, and more recently the peacocks and pheasants.

She resided on the same farm for the last 60 years until the last three weeks of her life which were spent in the hospital.

Rose was very active with Emmanuel Anglican Church in Sexsmith for many years. Grandma's love of Sunday suppers with her family and the card games "Tic" and "King Pedro" were some of her favourite past times.

She will be sadly missed by her children: Bob (Mary) of Spruce Grove; Dianne of Grande Prairie; Rita (Henry Mitchell) of Teepee Creek; Dale (Theresa) of Sexsmith; Joanne (Leo Perry) of Grande Prairie; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; her sister Mary Rea, many nieces and nephews and her good friend Christina Limun.

Grandma was predeceased by her parents Tom and Edith Smith, sister Becky Charney, brother Richard Smith, husbands John Delaney and John Fitzsimmons and son Bert Delaney.

The family of Rose Fitzsimmons would like to thank Dr. C. Patterson, his nurse Brenda, the ladies of home care and the nurses of 5N who have taken such excellent care of Mom.

Public visitation will be held on Monday, July 24, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Oliver's Funeral Chapel.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 20 p.m. at the Sexsmith Civic Centre, with lunch immediately following. Canon Phyllis Lock officiating.

Interment at the St. Stephen's Anglican Cemetery after the lunch at approximately 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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