

# ALFRED & VIOLET WALES

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# Funeral held for city man

Rev. W. D. Waite officiated at funeral services for Rinehart A. Ladwig of Grande Prairie who died at his home Feb. 3 at the age of 73.

Mr. Ladwig was born in Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvira; two sons, Arnold, and Keith; one daughter, Doris Staszko; two step daughters, Elaine Osborne, and Violet Wales; and four step sons, Herbert, Herman, Robert, and Ellsworth Kimble. One brother, William, predeceased him, and there is also one sister Agnes Deeter, in Washington, and two brothers, Ben in Washington and Charles in California.

Services were held Thursday, Feb. 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Pauls United Church, Grande Prairie, with burial in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, Tom Osborne, Gerald and Hebert Wales, Gordon, Ronald, and Gerald Kimble.

# Winners go south

Ten Grande Prairie residents won trips to warmer climates this weekend at the first annual Shriner's \$100-a-plate dinner.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to aid crippled children in the Grande Prairie area and to raise funds for the construction of Camp Tamarack. The camp is a major facility proposed by the Shriners to be located in the dunes area about five miles south of the city. The camp will be specially built to accommodate the handicapped as well as non-handicapped people who want to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

The lucky people heading south — and escaping from the cold, snow and generally

miserable weather this area has had so far this spring — are:

Ed Haberman, W. Jacques, Don McDonald, Rita Alexander, Alfred Wales, Tom Shields, and Norm Trepanier. They go to Hawaii. Jack Clendening goes to Las Vegas, Laurie Little gets a Caribbean cruise and David Heiland gets a trip to Tahiti.

A total of 12 \$100 cash prizes were also given out at the dinner.

Total value of the prizes handed out was about \$20,000. About 700 people attended the dinner.

Organizers calculate the dinner raised \$20,000 to aid the crippled.

## HERMAN LANE KIMBLE



Mr. Herman Lane Kimble passed away at the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, on Thursday, June 15, 1989, at the age of 67.

Herman was born on November 24, 1921, in Crystal Creek, Alberta, where he was a lifetime resident.

He is survived by his beloved wife Louise; his son Albert (Carol) Robideau of Lake Louise, Alberta, and their children: Annette, Dunny, Rod, Tanya, and Billy Robideau; his son Melvin Kimble of Grande Prairie; daughter Donna (Sam) Kloberdanz of Grande Prairie, and their children: Greg, Henry, Scott, and Karry (Ed) Ophus and Jayden (great-grandchild); son David (Sharon) Kimble of Grande Prairie, and their children: Becky, Lorne, Kirk, and Jody; daughter Dianne (Garry) Wilson of Grande Prairie, and their children: Rhonda and Wyatt; daughter Carol (Neil) Murphy of Wembley, and their children: Derrick, Shauna, and Michael. He is also survived by his mother Sylvira Ladwig of Grande Prairie; 3 brothers: his twin, Herbert (Jean) Kimble, Bob (Stella) Kimble, and Ellsworth (Ann) Kimble, all of Grande Prairie; 2 sisters: Elaine (Tom) Osborne of Creston, B.C., and Violet (Alfred) Wales of Grande Prairie; his stepbrothers: Arnold (Anna) Ladwig, and Keith (Margaret) Ladwig, of Grande Prairie; stepsister Doris Stashko of Edmonton; brother-in-law Ray (Jean) Robideau of Grande Prairie; and sister-in-law Bea Fells of Bezanson.

Herman was predeceased by his father Herman Kimble, and step-father Rhinehart Ladwig.

Funeral service for the late Herman Kimble will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Monday, June 19, 1989, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Vern Begalke officiating. Cremation will take place at the Oliver Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

## OBITUARIES

### Herbert W. Kimble, 69, of Grande Prairie

Herbert Wayne Kimble, a lifetime resident of the Crystal Creek, Alberta area, passed away at his home on Sunday, April 7, 1991, at age 69.

He was born at Crystal Creek on November 24, 1921 to Herman and Sylvira Kimble.

He is survived by his loving wife Jean; and children: son Gordon (Pat) of Grande Prairie and their children Tanya, Neana, and granddaughter Ashley of Grande Prairie, Monte (Joanne) and their children Nicole, Jennifer, and Ches of Grande Prairie,

Rocky of Grande Prairie, and Robin of Grande Prairie; his mother Sylvira Ladwig of Grande Prairie; 2 brothers: Bob (Stella) Kimble of Grande Prairie, and Ellsworth (Ann) Kimble of Grande Prairie; 2 sisters: Elaine (Tom) Osborne of Creston, B.C., and Violet (Alfred) Wales of Grande Prairie; sister-in-law Louise Kimble of Grande Prairie; step-brothers: Arnold (Anna) Ladwig of Grande Prairie, and Keith (Margaret) Ladwig of Grande Prairie; step-sister Doris Stashko of Edmonton; as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Herbert was predeceased by his father Herman Kimble, Sr., his step-

father Rinehart; and twin brother Herman.

Funeral service for the late Herbert Wayne Kimble will be held at the Alliance Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, April 10, 1991, at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor Victor Zacharias officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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# Brush with success

## Art auction raises more than \$20,000

**LAURA TESTER**  
Herald-Tribune staff

The picture is looking brighter for The Prairie Art Gallery following a fund-raiser Saturday.

Art enthusiasts raised more than \$20,000 for the gallery during the 17th annual auction at the Grande Prairie Inn.

Gallery curator Donna White said the auction drew 65 pieces of work donated by artists. Total donations of \$24,000 were raised for both the silent auction and live auction. "That's in the range of what we raise every year," she said, before thanking the artists and collectors.

White said the painting which fetched the highest bid at \$1,300 was donated by local artist Robert Guest. A sculpture by

Mervin Bielish also drew a top bid at \$1,100, she added.

Clive Padfield, executive-director for the Alberta Foundation of the Arts, was the guest speaker for the evening. Also honored was outgoing gallery president Cheryl King.

Among the 220 people who attended the event were Violet Wales of Grande Prairie and her friend Jean Kimble of Crystal Creek. "We come every year because we like it," Wales said.

Wales' own painting, entitled *Deserted*, was bid on in the silent auction. The picture of a barren old cabin with a stove is Wales' first donation to the art auction.

"There's quite a few artists I like here — Dianne Gaboury, Brenda Strom, Jim Adrian...," said Wales as she strolled down the aisles looking at the paintings on easels.



Staff photo by Laura Tester  
**Violet Wales** (left) and Jean Kimble have a look at one of the paintings auctioned off Saturday night.

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# Pioneer spirit not lost on the Wales

Local family endured its share of hardships while settling in the area

**BILL LAYE**  
Herald-Tribune staff

Early in the century, the Wales family was lured up to the Peace Country from Edmonton on the promise there would be a rail service out here within a year.

But it was four years before the trains came.

"You couldn't send anything out, the grain had to be used here," said Charles Wales, 84.

The family made do bartering with neighbours and living off what the land produced.

"You didn't expect as much in those days," added his sister Elizabeth McLaughlin, 80.

In 1912, their father Ross Wales, 24 at the time, packed up his belongings and, with his new bride Anna in tow, hit the Edson Trail. They were the first of the family to come to and settle in the Glen Leslie area, about 20 kilometres east of Grande Prairie.

When he got there, he filed for a quarter-section of land for himself and one for his father.

"They were only allowed a quarter-section (each)," Charles noted.

The couple made a fairly decent living growing oats and raising some cattle, he added.

They also started their family of four children on the homestead: their first, Alfred was born in 1913, followed by Charles in 1914, John in 1916, and their only daughter Elizabeth in 1919.

Once settled, Ross built a two-story log house and a barn, and the main road — such as it was — from Bezanson to Grande Prairie ran between the two buildings.

The house became somewhat of a landmark on the trip, with no shortage of weary visitors stopping to rest.

McLaughlin recalls a story her mother told her about a native family which stayed at the house one night. The family camped out on the living room floor.

By morning, the visitors had made new beaded moccasins for all the Wales children as payment for their hospitality.

A year after Ross arrived, his father and mother, Alfred and Alice, joined him.

The elder Waleses moved in with the couple while their own house was being built.

When the railroad finally came in 1916 there were new opportunities, but trade between neighbours was still common.

"There were two bachelors just west of us (who) would bring us 200 pounds of flour," Charles remembers.

His mother would bake half for them and half for her family.

In the '30s, barter was about the only way people did business, because no one had any money, he said.

Pioneer life had its fair share of hazards, he added.

In the winter of 1914, Ross was hauling a load of timber across a frozen lake.

Unfortunately, the ice was a little too thin. His horses — wagon and all — cracked the ice, fell into the frigid water and were lost.

"He had to walk back to Edson to buy more horses," said Charles.

Other concerns for the homesteader were mosquitoes, water, and fire.

One of the first orders of business was to dig a protective fire cutline around the property.

Sometimes that wasn't enough, though.

Alfred Wales lost his barn to a grassfire in 1916. Charles, two at the time, can still remember seeing his grandfather's hands bandaged up from burns received fighting the blaze.

Of course, getting to school wasn't as easy as it is today, either.

They had to walk about three kilometres to the Glen Leslie Presbyterian Church, which also served



The Wales family is being honoured Sunday as the Pioneer Family of the month for August at the Grande Prairie Museum. From left to right, family representatives Neil Moon, Charles Wales, Elizabeth McLaughlin, and Marguerite Laverick.

Photo: Bill Laye

as the community centre then, Charles said.

They both agree, by comparison, life today is a snap.

"Nothing to it," Charles said. "Push a button."

"Back then, you hedged a trail through the bush and now they want four lanes," laughed Elizabeth.

"When (the pioneers) first came,

they just brushed a piece of land and set up a tent while they built their log house."

The Wales family is being honoured Sunday as the Pioneer Family of the Month at the Grande Prairie Museum in Muskoseepi Park.

The Heritage Day festivities get under way Sunday at 1 p.m. in the park and run until 5 p.m.

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## 5 Card Of Thanks

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### ALFRED ROSS WALES

Thank you to everyone who gave support during the hospital stay and loss of Alfred. For all the time spent sitting with Alfred, the food brought to the hospital and to the house. Also the beautiful flowers and kind donations I would like to specially thank all the following: Dr.'s Pope, Strehlke, and Senziak along with Brenda and all her staff on 3 North for all the caring and compassion given to Alfred. Carol and all her Palliative Care volunteers. The Home Care workers that made a world of difference in Alfred's life in the last 2 months caring for him in the time Especially to Jane and Rowlanda for becoming his special friend and brightening everyday for him. Reverend Vern Begalke for the wonderful service, the kind Alfred would have appreciated. To the Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers, pianist, and soloist and all those people involved in the service. To the Just-Us-Club for the after service luncheon and Bev for the beautiful flowers for the service. To Gene Krause and all the staff at Olivers. Again thank-you to everyone for making this time easier to bear. Your continued support is appreciated.

Violet Wales and family.

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# Elaine Eleanor Osborne

## 82, of Holden

Mrs. Elaine Osborne of Holden passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at the age of 82 years.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; children, Tom, Jim, Carol, Ruth and Susan; 12 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; also her sister, **Violet Wales**; brothers, Robert and Ellsworth Kimble.

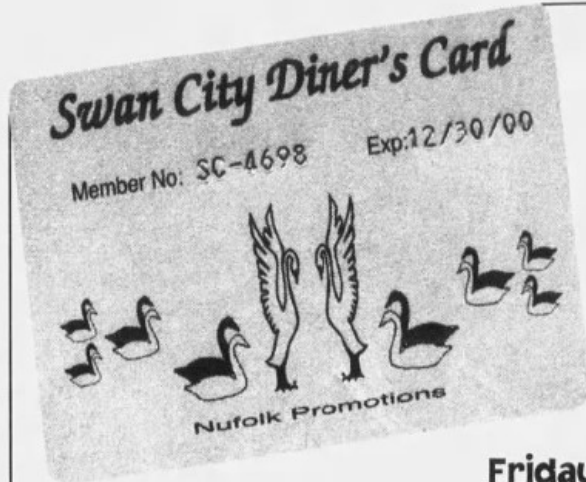
Elaine was predeceased by her parents and twin brothers.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 24, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Holden Lutheran Church with Reverend David Anderson officiating. Interment in the Holden Cemetery.

Donations to the Diabetes Association or charity of one's choice will be appreciated.

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## Swan City Diner's Card

# WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to everyone who entered.

### Friday, November 19 Draw

Erin Stashko - Grande Prairie  
Lyle Carlstrom - Grande Prairie  
Audrey Rooke - Grande Prairie  
Louis Marceau - Grande Prairie  
Maybel Tissington - G.P.  
Nellie Sterr - Sexsmith  
Gerald & Pat Hafner - G.P.

### Friday, November 26 Draw

Mrs. Marilyn Bozarth - G.P.  
Norman Zan - Spirit River  
Arne Severson - Grande Prairie  
Marilyn Bowers - Grande Prairie  
Yvonne Tremblay - Girouxville  
Henry Kamphuis - Bear Canyon  
Melanie Almond - Sexsmith

### Friday, December 3 Draw

Louis Marceau - Grande Prairie  
Iris Wegner - Grande Cache  
**Violet Wales** - Grande Prairie  
Alexandra Hippard - Fairview  
Louise Howatt - Grande Prairie  
Wanda Haughian - G.P.  
Mrs. Denise Kohlman - G.P.

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## Violet Wales

The Golden Age Centre would like to thank Violet for her support in the sale of raffle tickets. We appreciate your commitment and participation. Thank you!

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## Ellsworth Anton Kimble 73, of Grande Prairie



Ellsworth Anton Kimble, lifelong resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta passed away suddenly in Grande Prairie on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at the age of 73 years.

Ellsworth was born in Grande Prairie on May 12, 1931. He took over the family farm and lived there his entire life. He enjoyed farming, camping, hunting and fishing.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Anne, sons; Tony (Peter), Bill, Danny (Diane), daughters; Mary Ann (Frank Johnson), Debbie (Bill Tinkess), grandchildren; Dennis, Jason (Melissa), Michael, Jamie, Kristy, Jeff and Matt, brother Bobby (Stella), sister Violet Wales, sisters-in-law Louise and Jean Kimble and numerous nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff at the QEII Hospital for their care and compassion given to their husband and father.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ellsworth's memory may be made to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Kidney Foundation.

Funeral service will be held at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005-107 Ave.) Grande Prairie on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. George Malcolm officiating.

Family and friends are invited to a reception afterward at the Crystal Creek Community Hall.

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FUNERAL CHAPEL  
& CREMATORIUM**

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## Gerald Brian McCurdy of Grande Prairie



Brian McCurdy passed away peacefully at home on August 19, 2005, surrounded by his loving family. Brian was born in Grande Prairie on April 18, 1939, to William and Doris McCurdy. He married Eleanor in 1960 and began his life as a husband, father and "Master" plumber.

Brian spent his early years playing hockey for the Grande Prairie Athletics, and later for the Grande Prairie Oldtimers and the Hythe Oldtimers.

He tremendously enjoyed the camaraderie of his teammates through those years, and brought the love of hockey to many of his family as well.

Brian cherished his family and made it a point to attend as many functions as possible for his grandchildren, including dance recitals, hockey games, and school activities.

We will all remember Brian for his sense of humour and gentle spirit. He had a smile and positive word for all those he came in contact with.

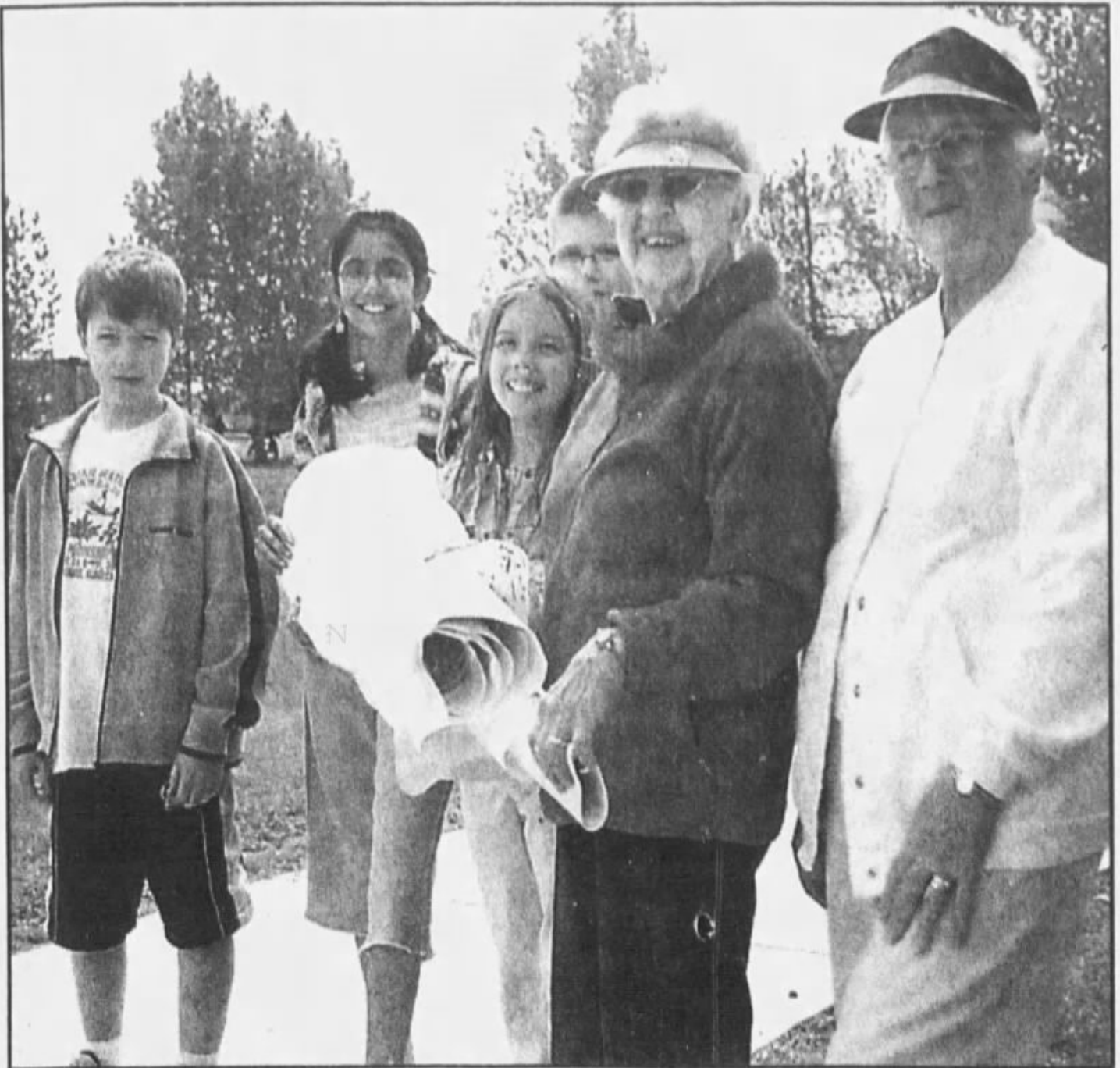
Brian will be fondly remembered by: his loving wife of 45 years, Eleanor; his children, Terry (Jim) Roth, Brent (Becky) McCurdy and Tracey (Darcy) Halwa; six grandchildren, Paige and Chase Roth, Trevor (Jennifer) and Jodi McCurdy, Kyle and Megan Halwa; great-granddaughter, Mason McCurdy; sister, Jeanette; mother-in-law, Violet Wales; numerous extended family and a legion of friends. He was predeceased by: his parents; brother, Bob and father-in-law, Alfred Wales.

Funeral service for Brian will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at People's Full Gospel Assembly at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Dale Jones officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society c/o Community Foundation, #208, 11130-106 Street Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 7X9.

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**Alexander Forbes students pass the relay torch to Wild Rose Manor residents **Violet Wales** and Betty Eskdale as part of the torch relay for the Alberta Active Living Challenge Day on Thursday. The students are (left to right) Brendan McCoy, Kurneesh Garcha, Kale Smith and Dawson Hancharuk.**

Photo: Crystal Rhyno

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## Keith Lloyd Ladwig



Keith was born fourth child to Rinehart and Nellie Ladwig on July 3, 1939. He passed away August 3, 2008 after a brave battle with cancer.

Keith married his life long partner Margaret in 1965 and they raised two children. Together they farmed until 1993 when they quit farming and Keith went out to work. He drove grader for the county until his retirement in 2003. Together they enjoyed many trips and camping with friends and family.

Keith will be greatly missed by his wife Margaret, daughter Karen (Warren) Baehler, son Dean; Grandchildren Jody, Brock and Shae-Lynn Baehler, and great-grandson Kaiden; Brother Arnold (Anna), sister Doris, brothers-in-law Donald (Nancy) McDonald, Bruce (Helen) McDonald, step-brother Robert (Stella) Kimble, step-sister Violet Wales, step sisters-in-law Jean Kimble, Louise Kimble, and Anne Kimble, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Keith was pre-deceased by his parents Rinehart and Nellie, brother Morris, step-mother Sylvira, step-brothers Herbert Kimble, Herman Kimble, Ellsworth Kimble, step-sister Elaine Osborne, step-brothers-in-law Alfred Wales and Tom Osborne; Mother-in-law and father-in-law Jennie and Jock McDonald, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Lena and Jack Moon.

Memorial service will be held at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, 10005-107 Avenue on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 11 am. Donations may be made to the QE II Palliative Care Unit on 5 North, or a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.oliversgrandeprairie.com](http://www.oliversgrandeprairie.com)

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