

# EARL & ALLIE WEEGAR

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## Funeral Chapel.

### LINDSAY "RUPERT" WEEGAR

Lindsay "Rupert" Weegar passed away Dec. 20 in Grande Prairie at the age of 78. He was born in Dundas County, Ont. and came to Balzac with his parents in 1902 and moved to the Peace Country in 1926.

Mr. Weegar was instrumental in organizing the start of the first Church at Bezanson. He served as a judge for a number of years for the Teepee Creek and Bezanson Stampedes.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; sons Earl (Allie) of Bezanson, Delmer (Betty) of Bezanson, Harvey (Pat) of Bezanson; daughter Lorice (Des) Stark of Bezanson; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and brother Maurice (Belle) of Calgary. He was predeceased by brothers Earl and Percy and sister Pearl.

Funeral service for the late Lindsay "Rupert" Weegar was held Saturday Dec. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Bezanson Community Church with Pastor Ron Neufeld officiating. Interment followed in Glen Leslie Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. A lunch was held at the residence of Mrs. Hazel Weegar following interment services. Funeral arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel.

# Bezanson functions offer good food and good friends

By BEA FELLS

BEZANSON — The Golden Years Club held a card party Oct. 26 with six tables. Winners were: Ladies' first — Cathrine Klassen of Debolt; second — Hazel Weegar; Men's high — George Lavrick, second — Art Lowen. Travelling prize — Flora Mellun of Debolt.

Many friends and relatives of Elmer and Joan Ford, and Keith and Kay Coney gathered at the Bezanson Hall Oct. 26 for a happy event — their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A buffet supper was prepared by family and friends, for about 200 people. Brenda and Ernie Ford, and Kim, Kelly and Scott Coney, children of the happy couples, got the occasion started and had lots of help from everyone.

Following the supper, entertainment included songs, skits and toasts. This was followed by a dance until the wee hours of the morning.

The CWL held a chicken supper Oct. 27 at the hall, serving about 250 people. There was also entertainment for

young and old upstairs after supper — bingo, bazaar table, fish pond, guessing games, etc.

Bezanson GYC sponsored the South Peace Crib Tournament Nov. 2 at the Legion Hut. There was a very nice turnout of 96 people — 24 tables.

The trophy went to Spirit River, with a score of 1,411.

The first pair of trophies went to Merle and Polly Patterson of Bezanson, with a score of 1,428.

The second set of trophies went to Dorothy Mansfield and Myrtle Gordon of Grande Prairie — score 1,426.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making it a big success for us.

Also, thanks to the ladies who set the buffet dinner out so nicely: Pearl McLaughlin, Lorna Nellis, Allie Weegar, Margrite Lavrick, Anita Sarmaga. You did a wonderful job ladies!

Eleven club members went to Goodwin to their opening card party Nov. 2. It was a lucky day for Buster Patterson as he won the men's high that night, as well as winning the trophy in the crib tournament.

# Family fun night, dance planned at 5-Mile

By MILDRED LAWRENCE

FIVE MILE — A family fun night and old-time dance will be held Saturday starting at 8 p.m., music by the Lamplighters. Lunch will be served at 10:30. Charge is \$5 and admission tickets can be had at the door.

This could be your opportunity to learn some different dance steps. Everyone welcome. For information, phone Ruby 532-6729, or Yvonne 532-6268.

Anniversary greetings to Steve and Edna McNally, and Allie and Earl Weegar. Congratulations to Bert and Wauneita Ogden of Pioneer Lodge who celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sunday. May you have many more.

I don't know where the time has gone.

It seems November was as popular as June for weddings back then and I know that weather in those days compared with our present weather and the roads then were trails. We didn't get too far too fast then as most of our travel was done with model T's or horses.

Don't forget the annual meeting is tomorrow night. Prospects for grant money are good and hopefully, along with money we raise, we will be able to do much needed improvements on the centre this winter.

Holly Dobbyn has opened the flower shop in the Co-op mall and we wish her success in her new venture.

We are going to be selling tickets on the Ski-doo and trailer, \$1,000 in sporting goods, and \$600 in camera equipment, in the Co-op store Nov. 30 and

Dec. 4-5 — that's Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The next week we will be at the Prairie Mall for three days. Need some books to sell or wish to help sell?

Give me a call at 532-6260.

The annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 15. Santa will be in attendance and there will be other activities of entertainment. Everyone welcome. More on this later.

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# *Spirit River wins Bezanson tourney*

Contributed by BEA FELLS

BEZANSON — Spirit River Club was the winner of the big trophy when Bezanson Golden Years Club hosted the South Peace Crib Tournament Nov. 15.

Second-place winners were Willie Monroe and Frances Goodland as a team.

The 60 crib players from the six clubs attending had a very friendly and enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you all for coming and making it the success it was. Also, thanks to our kitchen help. They did a real good job. Helpers were: Allie Weegar, Lorna Nellis, Betty Ford, Molly Lavrick and Anita Sarmaga.

The doily raffle was held, with Dorthea Mansfield winning the first and second draws and Hazel Weegar the third draw.

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# Photo history of war vets

## Couple look far, wide for pictures of Bezanson servicemen

'They never even thought about it. And here their children are grown up, and their grandchildren, and they've only got the one or two pictures of themselves in uniform.'

- Allie Weegar

By ADRIA GAMBLE

History is coming alive for descendants and friends of war veterans in Bezanson.

A dedicated couple have designed a display of photographs of local men and women who were in the service.

Earl and Allie Weegar have collected more than 100 pictures, and there are more coming every day. This summer they will present them to the West Smoky Legion No. 244 to be displayed for all to see and remember.

They have invested their time and money to create five large frames with 20 pictures in each, and the love involved is apparent in the beautiful wood frames and carefully cut out holes for each picture.

The Weegars started their search for pictures last March, after thinking about it for nearly seven years.

"We talked about it for a long time," Earl said.

They said it was hard at first to get people interested, until they caught on to what they were trying to do.

Finding the photographs became much easier as more people found out about the project and gave the Weegars leads.

Sometimes they would follow a lead for a while - only to find that people had passed away or families had moved on to different places - and it would seem that they had hit a brick wall.

"Then someone else would say, 'Oh, I know where their daughter or granddaughter is, maybe you could check with her,'" Allie said.

She also said that the requests for a copy of a picture has prompted some families to have a negative made and copies sent to their whole family.

"They never even thought about it," Allie said. "And here their children are grown up, and their grandchildren, and they've only got the one or two pictures of themselves in uniform."

Each picture in the display has a gold plaque underneath, and one smaller frame has plaques only; they wait for a possible photograph, and if it never comes, the plaque ensures their name still won't be forgotten.

"Without everyone's help, we never could have gotten this far," Allie said. "Everyone has started to help us, when



Photo by Adria Gamble

Earl and Allie Weegar, and Allie's son Keith Patterson (top left), have put many hours into the collection of photos.

they realized what it was."

"And this is for the hard to find," Earl laughed, pointing to a collection of bills in his briefcase. If the family is sure there is no photograph, they will donate money towards a plaque, which the Weegars say is the most costly part.

The rest of the supplies - like wood, glass and cardboard - they purchased on their own. The carefully constructed frames were built by Ralph Selke, who took pains to match corner patterns

without wasting wood.

Then Allie stained them by hand, turning the plain wood into a beautiful golden color.

Among the men the have plaques for, but no pictures are Arthur McKinnon, Mickey and Riley Simpkins, Louis Soroka, Cecil Lebell, Peter Ramsey, Bill Hall, and Bill and Jim Storm.

Anyone with any clues to where a photo might be found, can contact the Weegars at 532-6190.

## Hazel Catharine Weegar, 86, of Bezanson

Hazel Catharine Weegar, resident of Bezanson, Alberta, passed away on Friday, October 4, 1996 at her home at the age of 86 years.

Hazel was born on August 9, 1910 in Oscole, Iowa, USA, the oldest daughter of Rex and Grace Patterson.



Some of the Pattersons came up in 1913 and filed on land in the Glen Leslie district.

In 1914 and 1915 they came up to Unity, Saskatchewan, went back to U.S. to get their families and came to Glen Leslie in the spring of 1916.

Hazel came on the second train up to Grande Prairie.

She lived in Glen Leslie until 1929 when she married Rupert Lindsay Weegar from Calgary. They spent 49 years together.

They farmed in DeBolt and Bezanson while remaining active in the community, school and church.

Hazel is survived by three sons and one daughter: Earl (Allie) of Bezanson; Harvey (Pat) of Clairmont; Delmer (Betty) of Bezanson; Lorice (Desmond) Stark of Grande Prairie; 17 grand-children, 27 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren; two brothers: Milfred (Edith) Patterson of Grande Prairie; Ken Patterson of Winfield, B.C.; and sister Wauneita Ogden of Grande Prairie.

Hazel was predeceased by her husband Rupert in 1978, father Rex in 1974, mother Grace in 1969 and brother Vernon in 1958.

Funeral service for Hazel Weegar will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 1996 at 2 p.m. from Bezanson Community Church, with Rev. Mike McWinnie officiating.

Interment to follow in Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rainbow Society.

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## Marvin Roy Rigler, 48, of Grande Prairie



On January 8, 2001, Marvin Roy Rigler, lifetime resident of Grande Prairie, passed away suddenly, at the Queen Elizabeth II hospital. Mar-

vin was born on June 15, 1952, in Grande Prairie.

Marvin is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Ethel, sons Ryan and Cory and daughter Suzanne, his mother Elsie Rigler, sister Beverley Baker (Stanley), brothers: Wilfred (Linda), Gary (Marge), Ernie (Gillian), Philip (Charlene), sister Cherrie Lynn, father and mother-in-law Desmond and Lorice Stark, brothers and sisters-in-law Lorraine Kruger (Wally), Gary (Beverly), Murray (leaderdog Daisy), Randy (Kathy), Dale (Angela), uncles and aunts Ethel Dougan, Albert and Betty Rigler, Don and Erna Stark, Polly and Buster Patterson, Earl and Allie Weegar, Harvey and Pat Weegar, Delmer and Betty Weegar and numerous nephews and nieces.

Marvin was predeceased by his father Percy on October 10, 1989.

Marvin had a love for family and the great outdoors. He loved camping and hunting and spent many enjoyable days living life to the fullest. When

Marvin was young and trying to decide what to do in life he thought about being an electrician, but since all he heard about was mechanics, he decided if you can't beat them, join them. Marvin started his mechanical career at Loveseth's. He worked at a few automotive shops and was in partnership in a Texaco gas station, be-

fore starting his own shop, R & S Tuneup in 1978. Marvin thrived on repairing the most difficult automotive problems. Marvin thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the building of his own homes and the landscaping involved.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at 2 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005-107 Ave.) Grande Prairie with Pastor Lew Wiegel officiating.

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

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## Earl Lindsay Weegar, 70, of Bezanson



Earl Lindsay Weegar passed away surrounded by his family at the Q.E.II Hospital, on August 18, 2001 at the age of 70.

He was born to Rupert and Hazel Weegar in the DeBolt district and was a longtime resident of the Rex Patterson homestead in Bezanson.

Earl's huge heart made him a friend to all he met and the devotion of so many helped to lighten the burdens of his later years.

Earl is survived by his wife Alie, whom he cherished.

He loved and was loved dearly by Dave and Rhea Patterson, Keith Patterson, Val and Terry Williamson and Annette and Ron Mort. He was a loving and generous Grandpa to Sandy Mayhew and children, Terri, Greg, Joe, Trevor, Ashley and Brittany, Cathy Patterson and James Patterson, Lisa Wallace and son Dillon, Parri and Greg Ulrich and children Heather and Tanner, Michael Williamson and little Darrin Mort. Earl is also survived by his dear siblings, Harvey and Pat Weegar, Lorice and Des Stark, Delmar and Betty Weegar and all of their families.

He was predeceased by his parents Rup and Hazel and brothers-in-law Roger and Vernon LaValley.

Earl's great affection for all peo-

ple, a good visit and a 12-point crib will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. In memory of Earl Weegar, please send flowers to someone you love.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2001 at 2 p.m. from the Bezanson Community Church with Rev. Jonathan Siggelkow officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

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## Desmond Stark, 72, of Bezanson



Desmond Stark, a longtime resident of Bezanson, passed away peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with his wife and children at his side on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at the age of 72.

Des leaves to mourn his loving wife of 51 years, Lorice Stark; his six children, Lorraine (Wally) Kruger, Garry (Bev) Stark, Ethel (Marvin) Rigler, Murray Stark, Randy (Kathy) Stark, Dale (Angela) Stark; grandchildren, Jennifer and Matthew Kruger, Sharley, Tiffaney (Karl Inghaag), Kyle and Aurelea Stark, Ryan, Cory and Suzanne Rigler, Tristan and Hope Stark, Alise, Kaylyn and Erica Stark; great grandchildren, Kiera and Dayton; his brother, Don (Erna) Stark and sister Polly (Buster) Patterson; brothers-in-law, Harvey (Pat) Weegar, Delmer (Betty) Weegar; sister-in-law, Allie Weegar and extended family and friends.

His parents, James and Margaret Stark; two brothers, James and David Stark; father and mother-in-law, Rupert and Hazel Weegar; brother-in-law, Earl Weegar and son-in-law, Marvin Rigler predeceased Des.

The Stark family emigrated from Scotland in 1926 and settled in the Bezanson district. Des was born on October 16, 1930 in Grande Prairie, Alta. His mother passed away when Des was three years old and he was raised by his father, grandfather, brother and sister and Mrs. Hazel Hunter. At the age of 15, Des spent his first winter logging and his summers as a farmhand. Des married Lorice Weegar on October 24, 1951. In the winter of 1954 Des suffered a severe logging accident. After spending a year recuperating, Des went to work for Jim Clarkson on his farm, where he discovered a love for planting seeds and watching them grow. In 1958 he purchased the Ott Patterson farm in Bezanson where he farmed until his retirement. Des raised pigs, milked cows and sold the cream to make a living. He particularly enjoyed raised his Black Angus cows until his health forced him to sell the cattle. Des loved to walk through the cows and call each one by name.

During his lifetime, Des' love for life was expressed in his commitment to Lorice, his children and grandchildren and his involvement in the community. He loved the simple things in life. His appreciation of watching nature's renewal through the seasons has been passed on to many of his children.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2003 in the Bezanson Community Church at 2 p.m. Pastor Lew Wiegel officiating. Interment to take place at the Glen Leslie Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Bezanson Community Church. Public viewing at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel on Friday, January 24, 2003 at 8 p.m.. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation.

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## **Kenneth Patterson, 78, of GP/Bezanson**

**March 2, 1925 - April 10, 2003**



W i l l i a m  
Kenneth (Ken)  
Patterson, a well-  
known resident of  
Grande Prairie,  
passed away at the  
Queen Elizabeth  
II Hospital in

Grande Prairie on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the age of 78.

He is survived by his loving daughters Barb (Rod) Fredrickson, Donna (Wallace) Drummond, son Ernie (Caryn) and their mother Laura; nine grandchildren, Michael, Deanna, Teresa, Jason, Keith, Kevin, Jesse, Brett and Alex and many more great-grandchildren; sister Waunieta Ogden, brother Milfred (Edith) Patterson, sister-in-law Allie Weegar, as well as many other relatives and many dear friends. He will be sadly missed by all.

Ken was predeceased by his parents Rex and Grace, brother Vernon and sister Hazel Weegar.

Ken grew up in the Bezanson area. He farmed at Five Mile. After this he worked at the Grande Prairie water filtration plant for 11 years. Ken then worked for the Grande Prairie school board after

which he moved to Grande Cache.

Ken retired in B.C. but friends and family drew him back to Bezanson. For the last year he resided at the Heritage Lodge in Grande Prairie where he had many friends. Ken was also a longtime member of the Grande Prairie Elks Lodge. He was involved with A.A. for many years and enjoyed their meetings.

A memorial service will be held at the Bezanson Community Church on Monday, April 14, 2003 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating. Cremation. If friends so desire, donations may be made to the Alberta Lung Association.

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**WEEGAR, Betty Lou.** Betty Lou Weegar, longtime resident of Bezanson, Alberta, passed away at the QEII Hospital on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the age of 55 years. Betty will be sadly missed by her husband Delmer; son Gerry; daughter-in-law Rachel; grandchildren Bradley, Johnathan, Haylee, Krisania, and Ethan; sister Pearl (Albert) Klimack; brother Larry Lindgren; niece Jennie (Shane) Adair and their children Damon and Tia; as well as many nieces, nephews extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her children Barry and Amanda Weegar; her parents Ken and Myrtle Lindgren; sister Bev Stark; sister Marcy Leduc; sister-in-law Terry Lindgren; mother and father-in-law Hazel and Rupert Weegar; and brother-in-law Earl Weegar. A memorial service will be held at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel on April 22, 2011 at 2:00pm with a viewing prior to the service at 1:00pm. A luncheon is to follow at Bezanson Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the QEII Hospital Foundation – Cancer Centre. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.oliversgrandeprairie.com](http://www.oliversgrandeprairie.com)

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## Obituaries



**OGDEN, Wauneta Amanda.** February 6, 1916 - June 2, 2011. Wauneta Ogden, resident of Grande Prairie, passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the age of 95 years. Wauneta Ogden was born in Murray, Iowa, United States. She came to Canada in April 1916 with her sister Hazel and parents Rex and Grace Patterson. She married Bert November 20, 1935. They made their home on the farm in Bezarson. Wauneta loved to play the piano, and enjoyed her flowers and vegetable garden. She loved to have family and friends around. In 1982, due to failing health, Bert and Wauneta moved into Pioneer Lodge, Grande Prairie. In the mid 80's Wauneta moved to Heritage Lodge. Wauneta kept herself busy crocheting, embroidering, playing cards with friends and many visits from friends and family. April 2011, Wauneta was taken to the QEII Hospital where she remained until the time of her passing. Wauneta was predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years, Bert; parents Rex and Grace Patterson; two sons; brother, sister Hazel Weegar; brother Vernon Patterson; brother Kenneth Patterson; one grandson; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; brother-in-law Rupert Weegar; nephew Earl Weegar; niece Linda Cage. Leaving to mourn her passing are daughter Shirley (Elmer) Westergaard of Fort St. John, B.C.; son Robert Ogden of Dawson Creek, B.C.; son Raymond (Linda) Ogden of Bezarson; brother Mildred (Edith) Patterson; sister-in-laws Allie Weegar and Laura Patterson; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; four great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 11am at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel. Interment to follow at the Glen Leslie Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made to the Rainbow Society of Alberta or a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.oliversgrandeprairie.com](http://www.oliversgrandeprairie.com)  
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**WEEGAR, Harvey Baxter** - January 10, 1932 – July 23, 2012. Harvey Weegar was a longtime resident of Clairmont, Alberta who passed away in Grande Prairie on Monday, July 23, 2012 at the age of 80 years old. Harvey was born January 10, 1932 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. He was raised in Debolt, and later moved to Bezanson. He farmed during the summer and logged in the winter. He married

the love of his life Patricia in 1976 and made a living farming and raising horses, and cattle. In 1979, Harvey began working with Wales Contracting as an equipment operator, and then retired in 2000 as a production foreman. Harvey will be sadly missed and is survived by his wife Pat, his sister Lorice, and his brother Delmer, daughters Gail (Jim), Marion (Mel), Debbie, Roxanne (Donnie), and son Trevor (Kim). He will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews, eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Harvey was predeceased by his father Rupert, mother Hazel and older brother Earl. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 27, 2012 at 10:00am at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel.

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