



Mrs. Janet MacLeod

April 27, 1925 - November 19, 2013

Together for almost 67 years, together even now. Janet and Ben, both of High River, Alberta had an unbreakable bond. Janet was born in Montreal and raised in nearby Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue. Ben was born and grew up in High River on the family farm on the east side of town. When Ben was at McGill University in Medicine he met Janet who was studying Biology and they were married in December, 1946. After they finished their studies, they headed off to southern Alberta where Ben set up his practice in Brooks (1951-1970) and Janet adapted to a new life in western Canada. By 1959 they had their first farm and had bought Aberdeen Angus cattle, a lifelong commitment. Even through moves to the Spruce Grove area and then back to the family farm near High River, the cattle moved with them. Both Ben and Janet were active members of the Angus society and Ben was recognized with a lifetime achievement award in 2010. Janet was an avid gardener who loved working in the greenhouse getting ready for spring plantings. She shared her love of life with all who would listen. Ben was most at ease with caring for animals and the land. His determination and strength of will carried him through challenges and brought him back to farming, his early love. Family and the land were priorities for both of them with time at the ranch in the foothills a gift. Ben and Janet were predeceased by their daughter Lesley in 1961. Continuing the values of family and ranching are their children - daughter Marion (Donavon) Bentz, sons Gordon (Grace) MacLeod, Dr. Brent (Debbie-Layne) MacLeod and Neil (Carol) MacLeod, all of High River. Ben and Janet's beloved grandchildren are Lesley (Aubrey) Dekok, Dr. Kristin Bentz, Dr. David (Renee) Bentz, Lauren (Matthew) Ostridge, Colin MacLeod, Stuart (Dana) MacLeod, Dr. Kelsey MacLeod, Scott MacLeod, Shannon MacLeod and Heath MacLeod. They treasured their great grandchildren - Willem, Kate and Coen Dekok. A gathering for remembrance will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 1:00 p. m. at the High River United Church. To view Janet's and Ben's Tribute Pages please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com> . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life Service** 01:00PM

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High River United Church

123 Macleod Trail South, High River, AB, CA

Comments



“ Dec. 18....We were so shocked and sorry to learn that both Janet and Ben have passed away, so close in time to each other. I first knew Ben when he came to my parents home in Brooks in the 50's to do a home visit on my grandmother. I, a student nurse, refused him admission because I thought he was a salesman. Was I embarrassed!! I worked with him at the Brooks Hospital for years. He was always fair and understanding and I grew to admire him greatly. He was a co-worker and a real friend. We have four children and Ben delivered them all. He even named our youngest as he claimed that "Jeffrey" hadn't been used in a very long time.

Alf curled against Ben many times over the years. He was a formidable opponent!

Since retiring, we have visited in their home whenever possible. It was always "old home week"! They were always interested in hearing about our family, and we theirs. He'd say to Janet, "Put the soup on, we're just going to have a little lunch".

We have truly lost two very dear friends. Rest in peace.
Lorrian and Alf Aasen.

Lorrian Aasen - December 18, 2013 at 09:30 PM



“ I miss my friend over the last 7 1/2 months I have grown to love this great lady. And her love for her family is out of this world. When she came back to her home she would not stop talking of how she just loved watching everyone. And I really know that she was glad to have her man with her now. I am so sorry that everyone has to go through this double lost at this time but have some comfort that they are together. We actually had this talked about a month ago. God bless them both. And I have pray for the ones they left behind.

Carolynne Lenius - December 05, 2013 at 11:49 PM