



Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel

January 3, 1930 - June 11, 2015

Mrs. Alma Merkel of High River, Alberta passed away on June 11, 2015 at the age of 85 years, in Okotoks, Alberta at the Tudor Manor, where she had resided since 2013.

Alma is survived by her children Warren (Michelle) Merkel of Abbotsford, B.C., Brenda (Hans) Abild of High River, Ross (Gaylene) Merkel of High River, Debbie Walde of High River, Darrin (Lydia) Merkel of Calgary, Kevin (Sandy) Merkel of Langley, B.C.; 23 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; siblings Esther (Dave) Gilson, Mel (Mary) Loose and Bob (Lucille) Loose; sister-in-law Gudren Merkel as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Alma was predeceased by her husband Norman; parents Peter & Anna Loose; sister, Molly Beisel and her husband Dave as well as her sons-in-law Randy Atkinson and Don Walde.

Alma was born in Estuary, Saskatchewan on January 3, 1930 and was raised on a farm near Empress. After schooling in Chesterfield, she left the farm to join her sister Esther in Calgary, and begin her training at the Holy Cross Hospital to become a nursing aide. Her training then took her to the Crowsnest Pass, where she worked at the Blairmore Hospital. In 1952 she married Norman Merkel and moved to the Herronton district where they farmed for many years and raised their family of six children. In 1974, after selling the family farm, they moved to High River. Alma enjoyed serving in the Full Gospel Church and held many varied positions there. She was an avid

reader and enjoyed music, sewing and painting. Alma will be lovingly remembered for her kindness, sense of style and her smiling brown eyes. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, who considered themselves blessed to have known her.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, June 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River Full Gospel Tabernacle (1802 9th Ave. SE, High River). Memorial Donations can be made to the High River Full Gospel Church Local Missions (1802 9th Ave. SE, High River, AB, T1V 2A6).

To send condolences and view Alma's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **19**. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Full Gospel Tabernacle

1802 9 Avenue SE

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - June 22, 2015 at 09:49 PM



“ *Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel*



rosemary derbecker - June 24, 2015 at 06:05 PM



“ *To the Merkel family,
Our prays and thoughts are with you, in the loss of your mother and grandmother. Alma was always such a gracious lady and always so well respected in the town and church.
We are sorry we were unable to attend, as we were in the U.S. on the day of her Memorial service.
Wayne and Bev Meyer*

wayne and bev meyer - June 22, 2015 at 11:02 PM

JP

“ Condolences to Ross and Gaylene and family-we only knew of your Mom's passing the day of the funeral and were unable to attend. Alma was a very kind and friendly person and will be missed by many. We will be thinking of you in the days ahead Joyce and Jim Patten

Joyce and Jim Patten - June 20, 2015 at 10:18 PM

KS

“ I was coming out from Vancouver to see her a couple of years ago, and when she heard that, she went around the manor telling all of her friends that her baby was coming to see her. I will always be her baby. Love you always Kevin (the youngest and your baby)

Keivn Merkel, son - June 18, 2015 at 12:06 AM

SL

“ Ross, Gaylene and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Hugs. Sandi, Greg, Andrew and Shelby Lewis

Sandi Lewis - June 17, 2015 at 08:23 PM

BM

“ Ross, Gaylene and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Graham, Brenda, Mallory, Leah and Paige McCredie

Brenda McCredie - June 17, 2015 at 06:47 PM

PW

“ To all of the family of Aunt Alma. How wonderful to enjoy her as my Aunt and what a wonderful sister she was to my mother - Molly. May she rest in peace with the rest of her family that have gone on before. Enjoy all the many memories of your Mother, truly this will be a great comfort to each of you. My thoughts and Prayers - Pearl Wedrick

Pearl Wedrick - June 15, 2015 at 11:24 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about your mom and grandmother. She was always a gracious lady.
MY family, Meyer Laverne and Mary} knew her well. MY brother Wayne, sister Marilyn and I knew your mom and dad..
Neil and Meg{Margaret} Swanson

Meg Swanson - June 14, 2015 at 06:10 PM

PZ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Merkel family.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

Pat Zebedee - June 14, 2015 at 06:02 PM

WB

“ Walter & Darlene Beutler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel



Walter & Darlene Beutler - June 14, 2015 at 11:12 AM

EF

“ *Einar And Yvonne FRanson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel*



Einar and Yvonne FRanson - June 13, 2015 at 08:51 PM

RW

“ *Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel*



Russ & Sharon Watkins - June 12, 2015 at 09:12 PM

HC

“ *Heather Colbow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel*



Heather Colbow - June 12, 2015 at 08:47 PM

SH

“ *Brenda and Family,
We were Sad to hear of Moms passing
May you hold her memories close at heart
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you
Brian and Sandy Heavens*



sandy Heavens - June 12, 2015 at 08:16 PM

DW

“ Thinking of you all. Diane and Mike Williamson

Diane Williamson - June 12, 2015 at 03:40 PM

HC

“ High River Full Gospel Church lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel



High River Full Gospel Church - June 12, 2015 at 12:38 PM

MK

“ Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel



Mike and Cathy Kendal - June 12, 2015 at 08:29 AM

CT

“ Cathy Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alma Jerrilyn Merkel



Cathy Tanner - June 11, 2015 at 10:03 PM