



## Dr. Ben MacLeod

December 9, 1922 - November 26, 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 [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church  
123 Macleod Trail South  
High River, AB (CA)  
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<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Janet and Ben MacLeod are two wonderful people and we feel privileged to have known them.*

*We especially remember the MacLeod Family Reunion in 2000, when the Alberta cousins and the BC cousins gathered at the ranch to meet and enjoy a great time of horseback riding and feasting. We will always remember the ride to Top Rock.*

*We are thinking about all the Family and will be thinking about you today as you celebrate two lives well lived.*

*From BC cousins;  
Christy, Beth and Pam  
Jeff and Susan*

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**Jeff Rudd** - January 04, 2014 at 12:24 PM

RE

“ what a lovely couple I cleaned house for them back in the 90's . each time i would come and clean which was every 2nd tues. Ya , lol like Tuesdays with the McCloud's they always made time to have coffee with me as Janet would say time to sit and have coffee and ben would time the break lol 15 mins and he would say ok , let 's get back to work. meaning that he and the dog would go back out and I would continue cleaning . It made him feel as thou he was the boss and Janet would always laugh and say let him think that. they would call me in summer when there were carrots and beets left over so I could come by and have coffee and catch up and take home beets and carrots to pickle, however I had to prove to ben that I could pickle veggies. I gave them a jar later that fall and they loved the taste. Once again even thou I could pick the veggies, Ben would designate which rows I could pick from . lol. I thought he probely had a camera on me . He was funny . she was just wonderful.....together they were perfect. i will miss them and I will forever here on earth still remember her laughter and her gentle voice.

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**Ruth Endres** - January 03, 2014 at 06:23 PM

DV

“ I was one of those many babies with a hard delivery. Dr. MacLeod was there to pull my mother and I through the ordeal. Later in life, Dr. and Mrs. MacLeod welcomed me for a few social visits (and some cow chasing) when I lived in High River. He was a good man, indeed. May we all strive to follow his example.

*Dave Volek, Brooks*

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**Dave Volek** - January 03, 2014 at 01:49 PM

VM

*Dr. Ben McLeod took care of me when I was 9 years old in the year of 1963. I got very sick at school and was rushed into the hospital to have my appendix removed. I remember as a child he had to take care of a car accident that had come in before he could operate on me. But I am eternally grateful for his care, what time they did not have microscopic surgery and if he would not have taken care of me I would not be here today. Dr Ben McLeod is a very good doctor one of the best in Alberta.*

*Virginia Faye Hofmann McIntyre  
Scandia, Alberta  
Leduc, Alberta*

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**Virginia McIntyre** - August 13, 2022 at 09:03 PM

EV

“ *In you time of loss, I would like to send heartfelt sympathy and caring. Just know that I have always had the utmost respect for Dr. & Mrs. MacLeod: they were a very good role model for all of us. God Bless.*

*Elma Volek, Brooks*

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**Elma Volek** - January 03, 2014 at 01:43 PM

PN

“ *Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache, but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. Hugs to you all, Peter and Kathy Niemans*

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**Peter and Kathy Niemans** - January 02, 2014 at 06:18 PM

PN

“ *Peter And Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ben MacLeod*



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**Peter and Kathy Niemans** - January 02, 2014 at 06:15 PM

ES

“ Thinking of all of you at this time of such great loss.  
Prayers and condolences from the Hummel Family - Alice, Bernie &  
Janet, Eleanor & Lyle, Ruth, Joan & Jeff and families

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**Eleanor Smith** - January 01, 2014 at 02:02 PM

GM

“ We will miss our good friends and neighbors. We always had good  
visits. We can't be here for the memorial but will be thinking of you  
all.

*Gloria and Alex MacKenzie*

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**Gloria and Alex MacKenzie** - December 28, 2013 at 11:47 AM

DJ

“ "To the family's of Dr Ben and Janet Macleod - we share your loss -  
we worked closely with Dr Macleod while working in the Operating  
Room at the Brooks Health Centre (1960 - 1993) In those days a  
family physician did surgery as well as practise medicine. As doctor  
and nurse we expected professionalism and respect from each  
other - and that we had. those were the "good old days" good  
memories."

*All the best to all of you -- Dorothy & Jack Orr RN OR nurse We  
now live in Hanna AB*

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**Dorothy Jack** - December 23, 2013 at 09:11 PM

CI

“ Carrie Irwin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ben  
MacLeod



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**Carrie Irwin** - December 20, 2013 at 08:17 PM

PP

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Ben and Janet were our dearest friends and we spent many happy times together, eating haggis & drinking a shot of Glenlivet. They dropped by for lunch a few months ago "before the snow flies" and we had a great visit.

*Fondest memories from the Pounds*

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**Phyllis Pound** - December 15, 2013 at 12:16 PM

SN

“ Our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sue and John Nibourg and family

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**Sue Nibourg** - December 13, 2013 at 10:20 AM

GC

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire MacLeod family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Gerry and Glenda Cutforth

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**glenda cutforth** - December 03, 2013 at 10:16 AM

HC

“ The members of the High River Senior Curling Club wish to express sincere sympathy in the passing of your parents Janet and Ben. Janet was a beloved member of our group for many years and we truly missed her smiles and chuckles after she was no longer able to curl. Our thoughts are with all the family.

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**Highwood Sr. Curlers** - December 02, 2013 at 02:45 PM

AR

“ To Brent, Neil and families. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I know my parents, Alastair and Audrey, always greatly enjoyed their friendship with your Mom and Dad, and I myself always enjoyed coming to look at bulls and sharing a cup of tea with them. My memories of sitting in their living room go back as far as I can remember. It is truly satisfying to know that they shared such a long life together, but there is also a deep sense of loss at their passing. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you all.

*Alex and Carol Robertson*

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**Alex Robertson** - November 29, 2013 at 09:27 AM

CP

“ To Brent and Debbie Layne, Neil & Carol, and children: Please accept our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to your family. We are deeply saddened by your double loss in such a short time and would like you to know that we are thinking about all of you.



*Paul and Carolyn Baraniuk*

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**carolyn and paul** - November 27, 2013 at 02:25 PM

DP

“ To all of the MacLeod kids. I remember fondly your folks from when Dr. Ben was my doctor. He also delivered my son, Dean Leask. Dr. Ben was always so calm, and had that twinkle in his eye. I will always remember the wonderful sewing your mom did. After moving to High River, I was able to reconnect with Dr. Ben and Janet - mostly at the library. They will be missed by many. I hope that your many wonderful memories will help you through this time. Diane Porter

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**Diane Porter** - November 27, 2013 at 10:17 AM