



## Mrs. M. Rita Green

March 14, 1937 - February 28, 2017

Mrs. Rita Green of Nanton, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the South Calgary Health Campus on February 28th, 2017 at the age of 79 years. Rita is survived by her loving husband John; children Neall (Lizabet) Coulson, Lloyd (Pauline) Green, Teresa Husted, Sharalee Greene, Rodney (Maureen) Green, Ellen (Wayne) Brown; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; sisters Janet Bowhay, Angie McBain and Kathy Eichel as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Rita was predeceased by her brothers Ross Cameron and Jim Cameron.

Rita was born on March 14th, 1937 in Calgary, Alberta. She was the third of six children born to Margaret and Angus Cameron of Dog Pound, Alberta. Rita started Grade 1 at the Dog Pound school but because she was the only student, they moved to up join the two students in Grade 2. After the three of them completed Grade 9 together, Rita moved to Carstairs to live with her grandmother so she could attend high school where she graduated in 1954. She then moved to Calgary and enrolled in the Holy Cross School of Nursing and graduated as an Registered Nurse in February, 1958. Upon graduation Rita worked at the Children's Hospital in Calgary, the Regina General Hospital and moved to High River in 1960 to work as a Public Health Nurse at the Foothills Health Unit.

She married John Green in 1961 and they farmed near Nanton until 2005.

Besides raising a large family and helping on the farm, Rita found time to obtain her Private Pilot's License in 1974. She and John became very involved in the International Flying Farmers organization and they flew together all over North America to attend conventions and fly-ins. Rita was also very active in the Nanton United Church and volunteered countless hours in the community. Rita will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

If desired memorial contributions may be made to the Bomber Command Museum [www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/membership.html](http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/membership.html) (Box 1051, Nanton, AB, T0L 1R0) or the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation [www.heartandstroke.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.ca) .

A Celebration of Rita's Life was held on at the Nanton Community Centre on Saturday, March 11th. To send condolences and view Rita's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Community Centre  
21st Ave & 18th Street  
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - March 12, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *Johnny and Family,  
I am very sorry to hear about Rita. My  
deepest sympathy to you all.  
Arlene Grant*



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**Arlene Grant** - March 17, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Rita was a truly wonderful person. I so enjoyed working with her and sharing family times with her and John.*

*My sincerest sympathies to John his son Rod and family and daughter Ellen and family and all her step children.*

*She will truly be missed.*

*Carol Crawford*

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**Carol Crawford** - March 14, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JJ

“ Rita was a wonderful example of inner strength and quiet resolve. I am honoured to have been able to look up to her example and enjoy great memories of summer sleepovers, Flying Farmer Fly-ins, and feel the amazing warmth and welcome of their home. Rita was someone strong and capable you could call on and she always came through. She will be truly missed by a wide group of friends and family.

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**Jennifer Jones** - March 12, 2017 at 08:15 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jennifer Jones** - March 12, 2017 at 08:03 PM

SD

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of your wife, Mom and Grandma. Rita had such a huge heart and was such a giving person. I'm thankful I got to know her for so many years.  
*Sharon Docksteader*

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**Sharon Docksteader** - March 11, 2017 at 04:48 PM

PW

“ Rita was one of the first people we met when we were looking to move to Nanton in 1995, at the McKeage Tea House. What a lovely, warm person. She will be greatly missed.

*Pam Woodall, Kevin Simpson and family*

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**Pam Woodall** - March 11, 2017 at 02:31 PM

BJ

“ Dear Rita. Thank you for all your calls to check in on mom. Jeanne and Harvey valued their friendship with you and Johnny over the years. Thank you. We will all miss you. To all of the Green family: from the Chaffee's.



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**belle johnston** - March 10, 2017 at 11:07 PM

BG

“ We are very saddened to hear of Rita's passing. We traveled many places with the Greens during our time belonging to the flying Farmers. Rita always had a big smile, a big heart and was there to help with anything she could. Our deepest sympathy goes to John and the family.



*Bruce and Mary Goodwin*

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**Bruce & Mary Goodwin** - March 10, 2017 at 10:28 PM

KK

“ Keith And Connie Kjinserdahl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



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**Keith and Connie Kjinserdahl** - March 10, 2017 at 02:11 PM

HK

“ Our deepest condolences to Rita's family . She was a lovely person, and I always enjoyed visiting with her through the years. Heather and Garry Kohut

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**Heather Kohut** - March 08, 2017 at 08:06 PM

MG

“ *Marion Goller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Marion Goller** - March 08, 2017 at 07:58 PM

WM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to John and family.*



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**Wendy (Watt) Moir** - March 08, 2017 at 07:23 PM

HC

“ *Hilton & Alison Collis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Hilton & Alison Collis** - March 07, 2017 at 03:52 PM

JU

“ Hi John, Rodney And Ellen and the rest of the family,

*Rita always had a beautiful smile and a chuckle when I knew her at the Flying Farmers events. She was fun to talk to and cared to listen to what you had to say. Our prayers are with you, John and family as you mourn the loss of your wife and mother. Rita was a blessing to all who new her.*

*Julie (Wright) & Herb Ten Hove*



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**Julie** - March 07, 2017 at 10:58 AM

BA

“ So sorry to hear of Rita's passing, she was a wonderful lady and friend.

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**Bert Ager** - March 06, 2017 at 06:21 PM

DB

“ Dolores Bramall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



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**dolores bramall** - March 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM

DS

“ Wayne and Ellen and family. So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I lost my Mom 3 yrs. ago, and miss her so much!! Daryl and Jan Schwartzenberger.

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**daryl and janet schwartzenberger** - March 06, 2017 at 09:17 AM

BK

“ *Brady And Debi Kidd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Brady and Debi Kidd** - March 05, 2017 at 01:52 PM

AM

“ *So sorry to learn of Rita's death. She was always so sincere, helpful and friendly. I will never forget her kindness to my mother during her seven years in a wheelchair. My sincere sympathy to John, her children, and sisters. At least now the pain is over and she is at peace. Blessings, Aldeen McKay*

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**Aldeen McKay** - March 05, 2017 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ *Rlta was a women who I looked up to because of her continued smile, her ability to listen with an open ear and always made you feel like you always had a special place in her heart, when in fact she had a special place in your heart. You will be missed Rita. Xoxo*

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**Debi Stephenson** - March 05, 2017 at 10:08 AM

BP

“ *Ben And Barbara Penner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Ben and Barbara Penner** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *My condolences to all of Rita's family. So sorry for your loss.*



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**Angela Wiens** - March 04, 2017 at 01:15 AM

LM

“ *Leslie Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Leslie Myers** - March 03, 2017 at 11:41 PM

LM

“ *Leslie Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Leslie Myers** - March 03, 2017 at 11:39 PM

SW

“ *Sheron Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Sheron Ward** - March 03, 2017 at 11:12 PM

SO

“ Shelly Oravec lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



Shelly Oravec - March 03, 2017 at 10:29 PM

SD

“ Sharon Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



Sharon Davis - March 03, 2017 at 10:22 PM

BS

“ Bob Slack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



Bob Slack - March 03, 2017 at 08:49 PM

BS

To John and family, So sorry for your loss. Bob Slack

Bob Slack - March 03, 2017 at 08:50 PM

GR

“ We will miss your mom's beautiful smile at the lodge. Our sympathy to the family. Glen and Leona Ransom

Glen and Leona Ransom - March 03, 2017 at 08:02 PM

 Cheryl  
Goodwin

“ So many memories growing up in the Flying Farmer organization that had Rita's smile and gentle nature associated with them. A classy lady in ever way. Condolences to your family with her passing.

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**Cheryl Goodwin** - March 03, 2017 at 05:26 PM

LJ

“ To all the family,  
I first got to know Rita way back in the sixties when I took exercise classes from her. She was a wonderful lady then, and that never changed. I am truly sorry for your loss, and am sending you my most sincere condolences.  
Lynn (Attwood) Johnson

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**Lynn Johnson** - March 03, 2017 at 04:43 PM

DP

“ John, Neall and family,  
Rita was a wonderful lady, but you knew that already. Remember your time spent with her.....and smile. God bless her as she lives in the comfort of our Lord.  
Don Phillips

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**Don Phillips** - March 03, 2017 at 04:08 PM

DH

“ Dave & Dianne Halbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



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**Dave & Dianne Halbert** - March 03, 2017 at 02:16 PM

KA

“ I have known Rita for over 60 years. She was a very special lady and my deepest sympathy goes out to you all.

Kay Archer - March 03, 2017 at 01:42 PM

AH

“ Annette Halbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green



Annette Halbert - March 03, 2017 at 12:49 PM

TW

“ Rita had a heart of gold and a personality to match. Such a wonderful confidante who always shared positive and meaningful advice. Our Flying Farmer family benefitted greatly from our association with the Green family. Rita was a special friend who will be missed by all who knew her. Love and hugs to the family during this difficult time.

Terry & Wayne

Terry & Wayne Wilderman - March 03, 2017 at 09:09 AM

GK

“ She has been a part of my AFF experience forever. My sorrow is great. My condolences to her family

Grace Klitmoller - March 03, 2017 at 08:06 AM

AK

“ Such a lovely lady. Blessings to all her family and friends.

Alex Knox - March 02, 2017 at 06:27 PM

KC

“ *Karla Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Karla Calvert** - March 02, 2017 at 09:47 AM

DD

“ *Our sympathy goes out to Rita's family*

*Duane and Lois Duncan*

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**Duane Duncan** - March 02, 2017 at 08:26 AM

SL

“ *Sten & Cheryl Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Rita Green*



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**Sten & Cheryl Lundberg** - March 01, 2017 at 04:58 PM

SL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family! May Rita's memories linger on in your hearts forever! She was a special lady!*

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**Sten & Cheryl Lundberg** - March 01, 2017 at 04:59 PM

BO

*Our Feb 1958 H+H class has lost a precious fellow nurse. Rita will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*  
*Bev O'Riordan*  
*Camrose, Alberta*

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**Bev O'Riordan** - March 02, 2017 at 04:28 PM

EH

*Dear Rita and your family, you have always been a special lady in my life. Our visits and Flying Farmer events will be cherished forever, Blessings to John and your dear family. Rest in peace. Eleanor House(Oberholtzer)*

**Eleanor House** - March 02, 2017 at 06:47 PM

RC

*My condolences go out to you John & family. I remember playing with Larry & Lloyd & Rex Davis on the plane that was out behind the Stevenson farm. So many memories. Havn't seen you in years. .Will try to stop in next trip out to here.*

**Roy Chaffee** - March 03, 2017 at 02:05 PM

CD

*Rita was a wonderful lady. My condolences go out to you John, Rodney & Maureen and families. I have known Rita almost 30 years. My prayers are with you. God is with you always.*

**Carlos Dill** - March 03, 2017 at 04:26 PM

BK

*Rita was a beautiful person, always thinking of others. Thank you, Flying Farmers, for giving us the privilege of knowing her. Our prayers are with John and the family.*

**Bob and Paula Kramer** - March 03, 2017 at 08:02 PM

EK

*Rita was a special lady. Involved in the Flying Farmers & always volunteering in Nanton. Our thoughts & prayers are with your Family*

*Eleanor & Owen Kesler*

**Eleanor Kesler** - March 03, 2017 at 10:28 PM

AC

*To the Green family: Rita was a gem, she will be greatly missed. Clay & Avril Chattaway*

**Avril Chattaway** - March 03, 2017 at 10:58 PM

BP

*To the family of Rita Green- She was a wonderful lady, I always enjoyed working with Rita-mostly thru church work, and admired her ability to always have a smile on her face. May Happy memories help to ease the pain and sorrow as you face the days ahead. Thinking of you in your time of sorrow with deepest sympathy. Ben and Barbara (Dawson) Penner*

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**Ben and Barbara Penner** - March 04, 2017 at 11:59 PM

DB

*Condolenses to the Green family. Rita was a special person and will be missed by her friends in the Holy Cross Alumni and her classmates in the 1958 class.*

*Dolores Bramall on behalf of the Holy Cross Alumni*

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**dolores bramall** - March 06, 2017 at 04:57 PM

NL

*Rita was a very gracious lady and friend. Our sincere sympathy to John and family.  
Norma and Ron Lock.*

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**Norma Lock** - March 08, 2017 at 11:10 AM

NN

*I met Rita the first year we lived in Nanton (15 yrs. ago) and knew then how fantastic she was. As everyone is saying, she had a lovely smile....our deepest condolences to John and all of the family. Rita will be missed by all.*

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**Nancy & John Noyce** - March 08, 2017 at 05:12 PM

GH

*One of my very favourite times working at the lodge were my visits with John and Rita, the stories they told, memories they shared and being called their friend. What an honour!*

*To John, Rodney and Maureen, Lloyd and Pauline and all your family, what a loss and our prayers and deepest sympathy to you. Diane and Glen Halvorsen*

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**Glen & Diane Halvorsen** - March 11, 2017 at 05:26 PM



*Rita will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Condolences to everyone.*

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**Lois Laird** - March 20, 2017 at 03:51 PM