



## Mabel Carter

January 21, 1922 - January 5, 2012

Mabel was born to David and Hilda Halliday on 21 January 1922 in Calgary together with her twin sister Nellie who sadly lived only a few hours. George, her only sibling was born 18 months later and they remained close all their lives. George predeceased Mabel in July 1997. She is survived by a niece Gayle Garland (Michael) Leeds, England and Brante Halliday (Pauline), Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1926 the family moved to Banff where her parents ran a local grocery store and Mabel and George completed their schooling. Mabel described herself as 'a bit of a tomboy' in those days, enjoying outdoor pursuits such as skiing and developing a lifelong love of swimming. In 1949 as part of the Alberta Rifle team, Mabel competed in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association shoot in Ottawa, qualifying for a place in the final stages of the Governor General's match. Mabel was trained in business and worked as a book keeper in several Calgary firms before moving to 40 acres on Dunbow Road, DeWinton in 1957. It was here that Mabel spent the happiest 20 years of her life, raising prize winning American Saddlebred horses and taking in stray cats, caring for them with great affection. Mabel moved to High River in 1976 where she became a very active senior, swimming every day, gardening and having at least one cat in her life. In 1992 aged 70, Mabel took 2 gold medals in swimming in the Alberta Senior's games. During her retirement she researched her family history and compiled the results into a volume cherished by her niece, nephew and cousins. Mabel had many friends in High River who will miss her. A Memorial service for Mabel Carter will be held

Thursday August 30, 2012 at Sheppard Family Park , High River Alberta at 11 am. Please RSVP your attendance to Mary Ann at [mggd4@telus.net](mailto:mggd4@telus.net) by August 27th. Her ashes will be interred in the spring in the grave of her twin sister, Nellie in the Union Cemetery in Calgary. Donations in honour of Mabel's memory can be made to Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation, Box 6131, High River, Alberta, T1V 1P7.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Spiller Road, S.E.  
Calgary, AB (CA)  
(403) 221-3660  
<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Cemeteries/Union-Cemetery.aspx>

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sheppard Family Park  
1201 5th Street SE  
High River, AB T1V 1J2 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Thank you Mabel, for your great friendship with Dad. He so enjoyed the many years of swimming and senior games with you. Blessings from the Blanchard family, Marge, Burt, Pat and Lynn



Lynn Blanchard - January 20, 2012 at 09:30 AM

TT

“ Mabel was my "phone a friend" for almost three years. I enjoyed our conversations very much. She shared a lot about her life. She had a wit beyond words. Enjoy that Great Garden in the Sky Mabel!

Trenda Tyschuk - January 18, 2012 at 04:01 PM

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Gayle Garland - January 13, 2012 at 11:03 AM

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**Gayle Garland** - January 13, 2012 at 10:54 AM

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“ *What a wonderful strong and classy lady; my condolences to her friends and family.*



*Our family met Mabel through Vic and Joyce Heaver when she was living along Dunbow road. This was back in the 1960's. Mabel and my mother became life long friends and kept in touch, usually via the telephone, over the years. Mabel was a frequent guest for Christmas or New Years Dinner at our place. As a young teen I worked for Mabel after school and week ends, cleaning the barn, hauling hay and doing odd jobs around her place. She not only gave me gas money but she instilled a work ethic in me that I am so grateful for today. She was working for Yellow cabs at the time, raising her horses and commuting to the city. Her animals (particularly her horses) were her pride and joy; she even had names for her chickens and they were all part of her family. We also became life long friends; I eventually joined the RCMP and moved away but I was able to keep in touch periodically as well. My wife & I were able to visit with her a few times in High River over the years. She was a big part of my growing up and I have many good memories of my time working for her. She was a wonderful soul and I've always been proud to call her my friend. She will be dearly missed.*

*Sincerely,  
Dave & Linda Sinclair  
Calgary*

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**David Sinclair** - January 12, 2012 at 08:53 AM



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - January 10, 2012 at 04:24 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy from Rexall Drugs, Mabel was an amazing women, really loved visiting her personally when i made deliveries to her home, R.I.P Mabel

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**Kathy kundert** - January 08, 2012 at 11:40 AM