



Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson

September 28, 1936 - January 21, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Sonja Lillian Hudson (Slettede) and honor her life. She was the eldest child of three and was born Sept. 28, 1936, to Joe and Lilly Slettede.

She was born in Claresholm and raised in town. After High School, she went to Normal School in Calgary to become a teacher. She taught in Barrons for one year and then moved to Gladys Ridge School (NE of High River) to pursue her next job in a one room school house. While teaching there, she met a local farmer who drove the school bus, Leroy Hudson, from Aldersyde, and they were married August 10, 1957. Though they lived in Aldersyde, she fulfilled her dream of farming and working in nature. They had three children and after Leroy's untimely passing, Sonja married Russell Hudson, April 2, 1963. Together they had three children and in the spring of 1963, they moved to their farm on Gladys Ridge where they resided for the next 45 years.

Sonja and Russell worked very hard to raise six kids. Sonja was an active member of the community – volunteering was in her DNA. Her helping hands were always ready. She was active in Women of Unifarm, the Lutheran Church, 4-H Clubs, Blood Donor Clinics, and several Agriculture related policy boards. She substitute taught, babysat local children, and sewed as much as she possibly could. All the while being a full-time partner on the farm and she prided herself on her perfectly balanced and excellent farm books. She loved

to do crafts, visit the elderly, dance, sing, garden, and bake.

Sonja was an active member of the Sons of Norway and both taught at and took all her grandkids to Trollhaugen Norwegian Camp for decades. She was proud of her Norwegian heritage and culture, enjoyed some travels to Norway, and could bake ALL the Norwegian food and goodies.

Sonja and Russell moved to High River in 2008 where they resided until her passing. Sonja passed away peacefully with family by her side on January 21st, 2023 at the High River Hospital. For Sonja, FAMILY was first, last and always.

Sonja is lovingly remembered by her husband, Russell and her six children. Viva, Jess (Cindy), Tara (Steve), Cheryl (Keith), John (Rachel), Lisa (Brian). Grandchildren, Mikkel (Natalie), Kari, Brit (Cory), Kjel; Evan (Rob), Lane (Lacey); Beth (Nathan), Eric (Nikki); Cole (Jamie), Megan (Craig); Trey (Jessica), Dalton (Jordan), Katie; Hayley, Sydney. Five Great-Grandchildren, Magnus, Freyja, Caiden, Teyanna Star, and Grace. She is also survived by her brother, Roy (Doreen) and her sister, Linda, as well as brother-in-law Gerald (Sharon) Hudson and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by Leroy Hudson, Ken DeMaere, and her parents Joe and Lilly Slettede.

Donations in memory of Sonja may be made to the High River District Health Care Foundation www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca/donate (560-9th Ave S.W., High River, Alberta T1V 1B3), or to a charity of one's choice.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in High River on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 2:00PM with viewing prior at 1:00PM.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (MT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
910 12th Avenue West
High River, AB T1V 1B1 (CA)

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (MT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
910 12th Avenue West
High River, AB T1V 1B1 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 27, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Russell and the whole herd from Archie Slade's kids at Gilby. We will miss Sonja's warm hugs at the Hudson-Scarlett reunions. Love to all from Connie Lynn, Jim and Nigel Slade*

Connie Lynn - January 28, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Russell and Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of Sonja. What a Lovely lady with the most sparkling eyes. I remember when Sonja and mom would be excited to go on their Women of Uniform Conventions. Hugs to all. Ross and Roberta (Mason) Hazen*

Ross and Roberta - January 28, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Sonja always had a ready smile and I enjoyed visiting with her. She was a good friend.*

Marie Hoffmann - January 28, 2023 at 01:46 PM

GP

“ Our condolences to the family. Cherish your memories of a lovely lady.



Gerri and Al Polanchek - January 28, 2023 at 01:30 PM

WF

“ Woolridge Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Woolridge Family - January 28, 2023 at 01:06 PM

TP

“ Treena Penney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Treena Penney - January 28, 2023 at 11:24 AM

BF

“ Bianchini Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Bianchini Family - January 27, 2023 at 07:54 PM

SM

“ *Sheila And Peter Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Sheila and Peter Macklin - January 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM

PD

“ *Her bright eyes and quick smile with a little laugh are what first came to mind when I heard about Sonja. My thoughts and prayers for peacefulness and wonderful memories for you all at this time of the loss of a really neat lady.*

Patti DiVita - January 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM

LB

Always in our hearts. Such a lovely lady. Warm smile , warm heart who lit up as soon as she would meet someone.

Laurie Boothby - January 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JB

“ *Jay Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Jay Bradley - January 27, 2023 at 08:06 AM

RT

“ Russell, Viva Lea, Jess, Tara, Cheryl, John, Lisa & families: We are thinking of you all with heartfelt sympathy as you mourn the loss of Sonja. We always enjoyed our visits with Sonja at our family gatherings. She will be dearly missed.

Hugs, 💕💕

Ralph & Beth Tjostheim



Ralph Beth Tjostheim - January 26, 2023 at 07:23 PM

LM

“ Lee-Anne Murakami lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Lee-Anne Murakami - January 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Bews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Rhonda Bews - January 26, 2023 at 10:19 AM

LB

“ *Lola And Dan Bews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Lola and Dan Bews - January 26, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sending our love. Thinking of all of you* ❤️❤️



Jenn Slettede - January 26, 2023 at 04:22 AM

DF

“ *Sending my condolences to Russ and the Hudson family. I always enjoyed visiting with Sonja during our weekly coffee get togethers. I will cherish the last time we visited thanks to our mutual hair dresser organizing our appointments to be together.*
- Dorothy

Dorothy Fredericks - January 25, 2023 at 04:52 PM

IM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Hudson family in the passing of Sonja Hudson.*

Ira McKeage - January 25, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DL

“ *Sympathy to the Hudson Family. Camille and Darryl Laycraft.*

Darryl Laycraft - January 25, 2023 at 01:11 PM

KM

“ Kevin Muir lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



kevin muir - January 25, 2023 at 01:06 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Hudson's family. Mrs. Hudson's was a loving person who always greeted you with a smile.



Cathy Couey - January 25, 2023 at 12:08 PM

DS

“ Our deepest condolences to Russel and all the family. Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. We send you our thoughts and prayers.

Dan and Jackie Sawley - January 25, 2023 at 09:03 AM

CB

“ I fondly remember times spent with Cheryl and the family at the farm. I still make one of Sonja's recipes that she gave me all those years ago. My deepest sympathies to the family.



Cheryl Beingessner-Kerr - January 24, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Wilma Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Wilma Williamson - January 24, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy to you Russell and your entire family ! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. George and Judy Groeneveld*



Judy Groeneveld - January 24, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Tracey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Tracey Wilson - January 24, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Sonja was the mother of my daughters friend Lisa and I have fond memories of being in 4H with the girls. Sonja was always a great help with the sewing . She will be missed by all who knew her. My prayers will be with you all.*

MaryAnne Vandervalk (Oostlander) - January 24, 2023 at 08:49 PM

RO

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Sonja. She was such a good friend to my parents. Hope they were there to greet her.
Rondi and Garry Newman

Rondi - January 24, 2023 at 08:39 PM

NM

“ *Nathan Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Nathan Martin - January 24, 2023 at 08:16 PM

CT

“ *Colleen Neish Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Colleen Neish Tucker - January 24, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MA

“ *Marcia Ayrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Marcia Ayrey - January 24, 2023 at 07:10 PM

CB

“ *Sonja, I have many memories of staying at your house as a teenager, eating your fantastic baking, and your patient hand in helping me sew my grade 9 grad dress. May you now sew and bake with the angels.*

Carriw Bennett - January 24, 2023 at 06:53 PM

LO

“ *Lonny And Sharon Olson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Lonny and Sharon Olson - January 24, 2023 at 06:26 PM

NG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sonja was a forever family friend and there are so many memories with our family. She will truly be missed.*

Alan and Nicole Gaja

Nicole Gaja - January 24, 2023 at 05:52 PM

NG

“ *Nicole Gaja lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson*



Nicole Gaja - January 24, 2023 at 05:51 PM

GM

“ Russell, Jess & Cindy and all your family. So very sorry for the loss of Sonya. A beautiful wife, mom and grandmother has gone home to be with our Lord. I remember what an awesome seamstress she was. From the riding coats she made her family to all the blue Jean blankets she made my family, just to name a few. She will be sadly missed by many.

Gordon and Ann Marshman - January 24, 2023 at 01:13 AM

AF

“ Jess, Cindy, & family
Our heartfelt sympathies with the passing of
your mom & grandma,
Hans & Cathy & family 💜



Adriaans Family - January 23, 2023 at 03:48 PM

MK

“ Our sincere condolences to Sonya's family.



Mike & Cathy Kendal - January 23, 2023 at 02:53 PM

PM

“ Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Sonja Lillian Hudson



Pat and Colleen Mastel - January 23, 2023 at 02:14 PM