Mary Burnice Knechtel

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

Mrs. Mary Murial Burnice Knechtel (Keenan) passed away peacefully on September 2, 2012 at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her father; Kenneth Keenan, mother; Fanny (King) and brother; Bill. She is survived by son; Mark, daughter-in-law; Linda, daughter; Lianne, cousins, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, and 17 year old Mugsy; her dog.

Burnice lived a full and adventurous life. She loved animals especially horses, birds, dogs, and cattle. She started her life in Saskatchewan, taught school along the Alaska highway, lived on and around LuLu Island, Richmond, Haney, then Langley BC where she bred and raised chinchillas. She then moved to Aldergrove, developed her first piece of property and built her first house. After selling, she moved to Calgary, AB. She bought and operated The Soup Ladle Restaurant and Catering business for many years. During this time she bought her property west of Caroline and built her second house. The cattle she raised were her pride and joy. Burnice bought and operated an apartment in Bowden and eventually sold it. A series of life changing mishaps forced her to sell the farm and move to Airdrie for her last months. She was a going concern. She loved her Edmonton Oilers, country dances, worked hard, full of energy, and always **“did it her way.”**
She touched many lives and will be greatly missed by those who knew her and loved her. A Celebration of Life will be held at Bowden Hall on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to STARS AIR AMBULANCE, Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, AB T2E 8M7.
Arrangements entrusted to Alternatives Funeral & Cremation Services of Calgary.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Lianne,

So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Our memories of her at the track are that she was always a going concern.
We send our sincere condolences.
Take care!

Keith and Joan Adams

— Keith and Joan Adams

Dear Lianne and Mark I was sad to hear of my old friend Burnice passing on. We had agood visit with her last year but that was not the way she wanted to live. We are glad that she will again be able to be the person she always was, a go getter,Wish we could be with you but we will be there in spirit. Love to you all Kathy Ralph and family

— Kathy and Ralph White

Lianne my heart goes out to you. My thoughts and prayers are always with you.

— Wanda Bassett

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