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St. Paul's United Church was the setting for the lovely wedding of Carol Elaine Murphy and Darrel Lee **Dorscheid**. Carol is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murphy of Wembley and Darrel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl **Dorscheid** of Crystal Creek.

Rev. Waite officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her floor-length gown was of white satin, with a lace bodice and lace lily-point sleeves. Her veil was shoulder length. Her seed pearl necklace and matching earrings were the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was sweet-heart roses.

Miss Urta Anderson and Miss Linda Smashnuk were bridesmaids. Their floor-length yellow satin gowns were identical. Their bouquets were yellow camellias.

Miss Janet Hawkes, flower girl wore a white dress similar to the bride's with a shoulder length veil. She carried a tiny bouquet of roses.

Ring bearer was D a r r e l Hawkes.

The grooms attendants were Danny Dorscheid and Gerald Kimble.

For the reception at Lake Saskatoon Hall the bride's mother chose a two-piece pale green dress with pink accessories and a corsage of camellias. The groom's mother wore a pink suit with white accessories and a pink camellia corsage.

Open house was held in the hall basement followed by a dance in Lake Saskatoon Hall.

The bride and groom honeymooned at Jasper, Banff, Calgary and Irma.

Out-of-town guests were Alex Sutherland and Miss Mary Sutherland from Scotland, Mr. and Mrs. Ross McFarland and family from Irma, Alta., Mrs. Betty Phillippe from Dawson Creek, Mr. and Mrs. John McCombs and Mr. and Mrs. Art Collins from Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. John Holiday from Waskatenau, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and Barbara from Edmonton and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cloberdance from Peace River.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorscheid will make their home in Grande Prairie.

Dorscheid

Funeral services were held in the St. Paul's United Church in Grande Prairie June 3 for Earl Lee Dorscheid who died in the Grande Prairie Hospital at the age of 50. Rev. D. Waite officiated.

Born in Minnesota in 1919 Mr. Dorscheid had been a resident of the Grande Prairie district for 48 years where he was a well known farmer and was also engaged in general contracting.

He was predeceased by his son Mark Earl who died in 1964. Surviving are his wife Velna Grace of Grande Prairie, sons Darrel and Danny and his daughter Joanne Marie, 2 grandchildren, a brother Jack and a sister, Mrs. Vira Ladwig.

Mrs. Dorscheid was buried in the Glen Leslie Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by the J.B. Oliver Funeral Home.

Prominent resident passes

Services were held yesterday for a long-time county councillor whose sudden death March 5 shocked the area.

John "Jack" Eugene Dorscheid of the Crystal Creek community, was born March 21, 1909, on his father's farm near Windham, Min. In 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dorscheid migrated with their four sons up to the Peace River country, settling in the Crystal Creek community near their daughter Sylvira (Mrs. Rinehart Ladwig) who had preceded them in 1919. When young Jack reached the age for establishing his own home, he married Myrtle Dixon of the Appleton district but the marriage ended tragically when his wife died in childbirth, leaving a daughter Myrtle, now Mrs. Jules Werner of Edmonton.

In 1932, Berniece Ames of Bezanson became the bride of Mr. Dorscheid and the couple were to welcome two sons, Larry and Jerry.

Jack Dorscheid was one of the first in his district to respond to World War Two call to colors in 1940 when he enlisted in the Medical Corps, serving overseas until

war's end in 1945.

Back on the land once more, he continued to expand his growing agricultural enterprise, eventually building up his herd of some 300 head of beef cattle and operating six quarters as a mixed farming production.

But Jack Dorscheid's interests went far beyond his Crystal Creek community and the Glen Leslie district. When T.A. Warden's reelection to county council was upset by district court order on grounds of non-residence, necessitating a new election for Div. 1, Dorscheid won 194 votes over opponent Ed Coney's 109 votes, and the Crystal Creek community farmer was sworn in as county councillor when that body met for its July 1959 session.

Mr. Dorscheid, during the next six years until his resignation in 1965, was to

serve as chairman of the Agricultural Service Board, was named to the school and municipal committees, county planning, hospital board and in addition, was named warden of East Smoky Park.

In recent years both sons, well established with families of their own, have shared in the extensive farming and ranching enterprise.

Eight grandchildren also survive. Beside his parents who died in 1939, brothers Arthur and Earl along with Charles who was killed in action, predeceased him.

Services were held at St. Paul's United church, Rev. W.D. Waite officiating. Interment was in Glen Leslie cemetery family plot.

Pallbearers included Keith Ladwig, Arnold Ladwig, Daniel Dorscheid, Darrel Dorscheid, Herbert Kimble and Alfred Wales.

Summer's shot hits Strathcona

By MONTE STEWART
Herald-Tribune staff

It's often said that track and field athletes work harder than any others to prepare for competition. Kevin Dorscheid is proof of that claim — but it's hard to tell what sport he's getting ready for.

Amateurs in Action

The 16-year-old's next competitions will be the the Alberta Summer Games shot put and discus championships, slated for Strathcona during the weekend of Aug. 7-9. But, sounding almost like a modest Bo Jackson, the Kansas City Royals' outfielder who has decided to play football for Los Angeles Raiders in the winter, Dorscheid says the track and field events are just a "summertime hobby."

His main sport is football.

The 6-foot-1 200-pounder played tight end and quarterback for Grande Prairie Composite Warriors last season, his first on the gridiron. He also handled the punting chores.

"I just do them," says the somewhat bashful Dorscheid about his involvement in shot put and discus events.

"I like going to the other schools and meeting kids."

He began hurling the shot and discus at Harry Balfour Junior High. Initially he also took part in high jump, useful training for any receiver, but he has since abandoned that event.

"I couldn't jump," says Dorscheid, noting he wasn't up to par with other high jumpers. "Those guys are real tall and skinny. I'm tall and heavy."

Dorscheid qualified for the Alberta Summer Games in his chosen events at the recently concluded NorthWest



KEVIN DORSCHIED
... keeping busy

Alberta Summer Games in Grande Prairie.

During the school year, he had only a week to train for both the zone and regional high school championships but still managed to earn a trip to the provincial championships. Dorscheid finds other ways to stay in shape for track and field . . . or football . . . or both.

WORKS FARM

He's currently putting in 14-hour days on his family's farm located 20 kilometres east of the city. The hay is now being harvested and the youngster must toss the bales onto a truck and then up into the hay loft.

"That gets you in shape," says Dorscheid with a nod.

"I've been throwing (the shot and discus) around a little bit at night," adds Dorscheid, who will also attend an upcoming Summer Games training camp in Fairview.

Farming is one occupational opportunity available to him but a pro football career is his main aim.

"I want to get into university first," says Dorscheid, who has his sights set on playing for the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

It's hands-on approach for farm wife **Dorscheid**

By SUZANNE LUNDRIGAN

Pulling a calf during a difficult birth doesn't faze Janice Dorscheid in the least.

Midnight birthings, hauling bales and greasing tractors are par for the course for this Crystal Lake-area farm wife.

She walks boldly where other women fear to tiptoe, but is very matter-of-fact about her hands-on interest in the farm she and her husband Danny operate.

"I drive tractor, combines... whatever," she explains as she sits in her neat-as-a-pin kitchen.

The mother of three didn't get involved in operating the mixed-farm — the Dorscheids run 100 head of cattle and 900 acres of grain crop — until after her youngest son, Randy (now 11), turned one.

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"I never thought about it. I was going to be a teacher," she says.

She got side-tracked en route and ended up with a business diploma which serves her well when it comes to doing the books on the farm.

And going back to school is of no interest to her now.

The length of Janice's days vary with the season.

During the school year she is up at 6:30 a.m. to make breakfast for her family. That can be taxing during harvest when she and Danny work late into the evening combining.

"It varies. One day we combined until 5:30 a.m."

Once the kids have been dispatched, she and Danny have a quiet cup of coffee around 7:30 a.m. and start their respective days.

Janice does her house work and then heads out to see if Danny needs help. As much as she enjoys working outside, she relishes the domestic chores and her family reaps the benefits of home-baking and canned produce from her garden.

"I enjoy it but I don't know any better do I?" she says with a chuckle.

Sometimes her lifestyle is tiring but not boring, because there is always something different to do depending on the season.

"You never have to look for something to do on the farm — there is always something."

Though Janice doesn't balk at any task on the farm, except operating the calfer — a hydraulic tool used to help a cow along — she hesitates at the word feminist.

"I'm not really with women's lib, though maybe I should be."

That year she rigged up a little bed for him in the tractor cab, gathered up some toys and off they would go.

Mother and son wiled away the acres singing.

At the time it was the reasonable economic choice. Either Janice took to the fields or the Dorscheids would have to hire someone to come in and help with the operation.

As well as being a fiscally reasonable decision, taking the wheel of the tractor was a positive change for Janice.

"I didn't want to be stuck inside cooking and have a hired man outside," said Janice, who says she was a tomboy when she was growing up.

Now when she finishes her inside-work, Janice will rush outside to see what needs to be done in the

fields.

"You know more about what is going on and you understand more why he (her husband) does what he has to do when he has to," adds Janice.

Which is why the local district agriculturist's office has been encouraging women to become more involved in the farm, explains, home economist Norma Edwards.

Treating the operation like the business it is will lead to better results, said Edwards.

Janice says her heightened role on the farm is a first for her family. Her mother didn't work on the farm — she was a teacher.

In fact, when Janice first married she didn't plan to be as active as she is on the farm.

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Janice Dorscheid is just as comfortable behind a grease gun as she is in the kitchen

Too many women in the work force might exacerbate the current unemployment problems, says Janice.

However, as she contemplates the path she has chosen, Janice says she wouldn't have any qualms

about having her daughter follow in her footsteps. She would like Jae-jay, 16, to pursue further education but would encourage her if she chose to farm.

"I'd say go ahead, it's a good life."

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OBITUARIES

Rose Dorscheid, 81, of Grande Prairie

Mrs. Rose Dorscheid, long time resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta, and formerly of the Glen Leslie area, passed away in Grande Prairie on Sunday, October 21, 1990, at the age of 81.

Rose was born in Kleefeld, Manitoba on December 11, 1908. She came to Grande Prairie at the age of 17. She married Art Dorscheid in 1926, and they settled in the Glen Leslie area where they raised their 6 children. Rose was employed at the Grande Prairie Hospital, as a cook, for 25 years.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Stan (Florence) of Calgary, Gene (Beverly) of Calgary, Bert of Grande Prairie, Joan (Andy) McNally of Bezanson, Pat (Gene) Chubak of Vanderhoof, B.C.; her sisters: Tena (Ben) Fehr of Chilliwack, B.C.; brother Nick (Alice) Toews of Sechelt, B.C.; sisters-in-law Margaret Toews, Agnes Toews, Vera Ladwig, Vee Dorscheid, and Bernice Dorscheid; as well as 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Arthur; daughter Gracie; infant daughter Nina; her parents; 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Public visitation will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, October 24, 1990, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral service for the late Rose Dorscheid will be held at the Alliance Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Thursday, October 25, 1990, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Steve Dorey and Rev. Harold Peters officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorials to the charity of one's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.



Sylvira Ladwig, 93, of Grande Prairie



Mrs. Sylvira Ladwig passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Monday, March 16, 1992, at age 93.

Sylvira was born in Minnesota, U.S.A., on February 15, 1899, the oldest of five children born to Anton and Emma Dorscheid. On

October 3, 1916, she married Herman Kimble, and in 1919 the young couple moved to the Peace Country to settle in the Glen Leslie area. Herman died in 1949, and two years later Sylvira married Reinhart Ladwig.

Sylvira is survived by daughters: Elaine (Tom) Osborne of Creston, B.C., and Violet (Alfred) Wales of Grande Prairie; sons: Robert (Stella) Kimble, and Ellsworth (Anne) Kimble, both of Grande Prairie; daughters-in-law Louise Kimble and Jean Kimble, both of Grande Prairie; stepchildren: Arnold (Anna) Ladwig, and Keith (Margaret) Ladwig, both of Grande Prairie, and Doris Stashko of Edmonton; sisters-in-law: Bernice Dorscheid and Vee Dorscheid, both of Grande Prairie, and Louella (Howie) Johnson of Edmonton.

Mrs. Ladwig was very proud of the fact that she had 103 blood descendants, 100 of which are surviving. She will also be sadly missed by numerous other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ladwig was predeceased by her husband Reinhart Ladwig in 1969; twin sons: Herman Kimble in June 1989, and Herbert Kimble in April 1991; and great-great granddaughter Ryleigh

Ophus in July 1991.

Funeral service for the late Sylvira Ladwig will be held on Friday, March 20, 1992, at 2 p.m., at the Alliance Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating. Cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Cerebral Palsy would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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Delbert 'Bert' L. Dorscheid, 59, of Grande Prairie



It is with great sadness the family of Bert Dorscheid announces his passing at home on Sunday, September 18, 1994 at the age of 59 years.

Bert was born in Grande Prairie in 1935 and lived in the Glen Leslie region. At 14 he moved to Grande Prairie to live in "the dorm" and attend Grande Prairie High School. After graduation he completed a tradesman apprenticeship and worked for Waterous, Crummy Motors, Park Brothers and for the past 17 years at Northern Metalic. Bert was a familiar site at the cribbage halls and golf courses of the area.

He is survived by his children Kelly of Agassiz, B.C.; Carol (Rod) Wilson of Grande Prairie; Delbert (Gillian) of Chicago, Ill.; grandchildren Jessie, Richard, Shan, Sarah and Gareth; brothers Gene (Bev) of Calgary, Alta.; Stan (Florence) of Nanoose, B.C.; sisters Joan (Andy) McNally of Bezanson, Alta; Pat (Gene) Chubak of Vanderhoof, B.C. He will be sadly missed by nieces, nephews and many, many dear friends.

Bert was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Rose; sister Grace and infant sister Nina Fern.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 at 7 p.m. at ParkLane Funeral Chapel, 9615-102 St., Grande Prairie, Alta.

Funeral service for the late Bert Dorscheid will be held Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at 2 p.m. at ParkLane Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alta. with Lieutenant David Grice officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to ParkLane Funeral Chapel, 9615- 102 Street, Grande Prairie, John N. Osepiuk Director 539-0098.

Dorscheids Farm Family for 1996

CHRISTINA GRANT
Peace Country FarmLIFE

Danny and Janice Dorscheid along with their grown children Kevin, Jae Jay and Randy have been chosen by the County of Grande Prairie as the 1996 Peace Country Classic Agri-Show Farm Family.

The Dorscheids run a beef farm 20 kilometres east of the city.

"It was a complete surprise," Janice says. "It took a while for it to sink in."

Both she and Danny were born and raised on farms in the Peace Country. The couple started farming on their own after they were married in 1969.

"We had 50 cows and 700 acres," Danny says of their start in agriculture.

The Dorscheids winter 250 Charolais/Simmental cross cows on their 2,500 acre operation.

Janice and Danny work full time on the farm.

Kevin owns land adjacent to his parents and farms in partnership with his father. He also works for Ken Wilson Contracting in Grande Prairie as a heavy duty mechanic.

Kevin hopes to continue the business. Jae Jay, 23, is manager of Keddie's Tack

and Western Wear in Grande Prairie. She continues to help out on the farm when she can.

"I think it's a good environment to grow up in," she says.

Randy, 19, is attending a pre-vent program at Grande Prairie Regional College. He expects to follow in the footsteps of his aunt and uncle who are both veterinarians in B.C. He too helps out on the family farm, but says he has little interest running his own operation.

The award is a provincial designation, co-sponsored by the Classic and the Grande Prairie District Co-op.

The Dorscheids will join other selected farm families from across the province at a recognition dinner during Klondike Days in Edmonton in July.

During the Classic, the family will be recognized on several occasions.

They'll be at the Farm and Home Building at 4:40 p.m. Thursday and the family will be at the reception at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

On Saturday, people can meet with the Dorscheids at 11:30 a.m. in Clarkson Hall.

The 11th annual Agri-Show opens Thursday and continues Friday and Saturday at Evergreen Park. Gates open at 10 a.m. daily. There is no admission charge.



Photo by Christina Grant

Randy (left), Jae Jay, Janice, Danny and Kevin Dorscheid at home on the family beef farm east of Grande Prairie.

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Nurses pick peers of the year

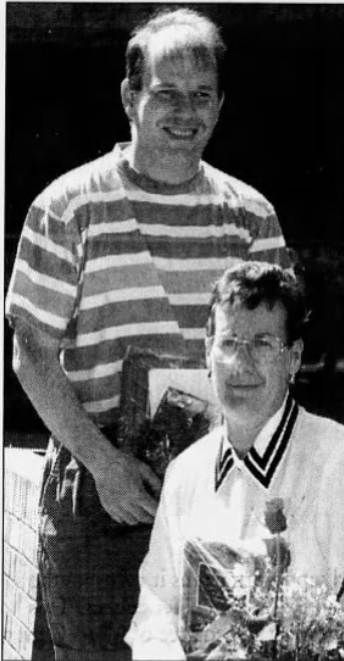
IAN WILSON
Herald-Tribune staff

The Queen Elizabeth II honored its best and brightest nurses Thursday afternoon.

Registered nurse Brian McGuigan and licensed practical nurse Violet Dorscheid walked away with plaques recognizing them as the year's best nurses.

McGuigan, a Glasgow native who works in the intensive care unit, said he went into nursing because he wanted to work with people.

"Caring for people in their time of need is really a great privilege and



Staff photo by Randy Vanderveen
Brian McGuigan and Violet Dorscheid were named the nurse and LPN of the year respectively by their colleagues at the QE II.

brings tremendous satisfaction," said the 39-year-old.

Apart from enjoying his work, McGuigan said nursing has helped him as a parent.

"I didn't understand how people could cope with having kids without having to look after people first," said the father of three.

After graduating from the Barnet School of Nursing in London, England, McGuigan got his first job in a general pediatrics ward in Britain.

In 1990, following several years of work in hepatic and renal units as well as a one-year nursing course in orthopedics, he moved to Canada.

Shortly after he joined the ICU in Grande Prairie.

When Dorscheid was a teenager she was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident.

"The student LPNs were great,"

said Dorscheid, whose daughter, Sheila, is also a nurse at the QE II. "They washed my hair every night and they were good friends."

After that experience, settling on a career was an easy decision for her, she said.

In 1964, she graduated from the Edmonton School for Nursing Aides and started working at the former Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital.

For the last 20 years she's worked in extended care, day surgery, pediatrics and medicine.

McGuigan and Dorscheid were both nominated for the award by their fellow nurses and the Nursing Week Organizing Committee selected them as tops in their field.

The awards, given out in the hospital's auditorium, were held in conjunction with National Nursing Week, which ends this weekend.

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VOLUNTEERS

Make A Difference



It's probably the only job in the world where you get your choice of 50 different program areas to work in.

Volunteers in the Mistahia Health Region have become an integral part of health care in this area and they can be found in just about any department of your local hospital, long term care centre or health unit. Their work not only brings comfort and services to patients, it also helps free staff to concentrate their efforts on providing quality health care.

Caree Dorscheid, Service Leader for Volunteer Resources in the Region, says the success of the volunteer program is due, not only to the number of willing hands, but also the fact that the Region expects the best from its volunteers.

"In health care we are in an area where we do need and expect high standards of our volunteers."

Volunteer programs at most hospitals began with groups of teens serving as Candy Strippers and adults working in auxiliary programs raising funds. But in this era of government cutback, volunteers have become more involved in every aspect of health care delivery. Hospital administrators and medical staff have come to see the value of volunteers and are now always looking for ways to bring volunteers into new programs in areas where paid staff can receive additional non-medical assistance.

In the Mistahia Health Region, being a volunteer isn't just a way to pass the time. Working in the health care setting means taking the work seriously and being dependable. In fact, people interested in becoming Mistahia volunteers are put through a hiring process not unlike that faced by paid employees. Perspective volunteers are interviewed, screened and given a criminal records background check.

"We treat it just like employment. Volunteers are treated like they've applied for a job," says Dorscheid.

Like paid employees, Mistahia volunteers can be promoted and like paid employees they can be fired. Despite this rather rigorous hiring process, there is never a lack of people interested in becoming volunteers.

"They realize they really are providing a valuable service to health care."

Programs utilizing volunteers in the Mistahia Health Region include assisting health units, working on the hospital information desk, assisting patients in Diagnostic Imaging, assisting in the recreation therapy program, working with babies in the Pediatrics unit and visiting with patients in long-term care. Volunteer jobs can be as easy as stuffing envelopes or as emotionally charged as assisting with the care of a dying person in palliative care.

For clients confined to the hospital, in long-term care, or Home Care volunteers mean a friendly face and a window to the outside world.

"Volunteers bring with them the aspect of the community the patient is missing out on while they're ill."

No matter which area a volunteer might choose to become involved with, Dorscheid says the Volunteer Resources Department insists they be given meaningful work. Just as volunteers are screened before they start their work, so are volunteer jobs. Any department requesting the help of volunteers must prove why they need the help and must assure the Volunteer Resources staff the position will be rewarding and meaningful.

"It has to be satisfying. We have to provide programs that are going to be interesting and will provide satisfaction to that volunteer. Many of our volunteers are highly educated and require stimulating placements.

Because the services of the Mistahia Health Region are always growing and expanding, the need for volunteers is also growing. Many health care initiatives, such as the Senior's Wellness Program and the Fluoride Rinse Program are being offered out in the community and they are utilizing volunteer assistance with them. Dorscheid says her department is always looking for ways that volunteers can help out.

"We're always looking at the needs in the community."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact their local hospital, long term care centre, health unit or Home Care offices for more information.

Stanley Donald Dorscheid

Stanley Donald Dorscheid, 71 years, born in Grande Prairie, Alta. passed away November 2, 1999 at Nanoose Bay, B.C.

He is survived by his wife, Florence of Nanoose Bay; sons, John of Nanaimo, B.C. and Brian (Saundra), Red Deer, Alta.; brother, Eugene (Beverly), Calgary; sisters, Joan (Andrew) McNally, Bezanson, Alta. and Patricia (Gene) Chubak, Parksville, B.C. He was predeceased by his brother, Delbert and sisters, Nina and Grace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, P.O. Box 730, Parksville, BC V6J 9Z9.

A private family service will be held.

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Berniece (Ames)

Dorscheid,

85, of Grande Prairie



Berniece (Ames) **Dorscheid** passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2001 at the age of 85 years.

Berniece was born near Brookdale, Manitoba, on April 1, 1915. At an early age she came with her parents to the Bezanson district.

In 1932 she was married to John (Jack) **Dorscheid**. From this marriage two sons were born. She resided on the farm at Glen Leslie until 1989 at which time she moved to Heritage Lodge.

Berniece is survived by her children; Larry (Rita), Jerry (Violet) **Dorscheid** of Glen Leslie and Myrtle (Kay) Innis of Leduc, seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one brother Don (Rose) Ames, three sisters-in-law; Marie Ames, Velma (Vee) **Dorscheid** and Louella Johnson.

She was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1973, grandson Terry Werner, sister Janet Hawkes, brother Robert Ames, two sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law.

Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005-107 Ave.) Grande Prairie with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating.

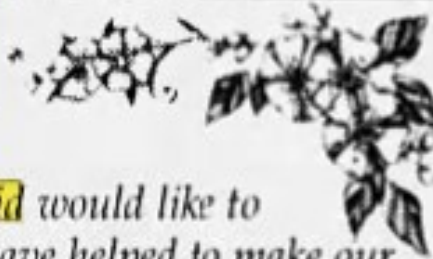
Interment of ashes at a later date at Glen Leslie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Charity Of Ones Choice..

**OLIVER'S GRANDE PRAIRIE
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Berniece Dorscheid

Passed away March 24, 2001



We, the family of the late Berniece **Dorscheid** would like to gratefully acknowledge and thank the people who have helped to make our mother and grandmother's final years more comfortable; and the many who have supported us in our bereavement.

We would also like to thank the staff and the residents of Heritage Lodge for making her years there so enjoyable; and to home care for the excellent nursing support given to her while living there. We would also like to thank all the doctors and nursing staff who have cared for her in the past years - in recent months 5 North, Grande Prairie Care Centre, and 1 East, MacKenzie Place. A special thank you to Doctor Campbell.

To the family and friends who faithfully visited her, "Thank You."

Thank you to our relatives and friends who have telephoned; visited; brought food and flowers; sent sympathy cards; memorial donations and other expressions of sympathy. Thank you to all who attended the memorial service and tea and made Berniece's final tribute a friendly gathering with fond remembrances shared by all.

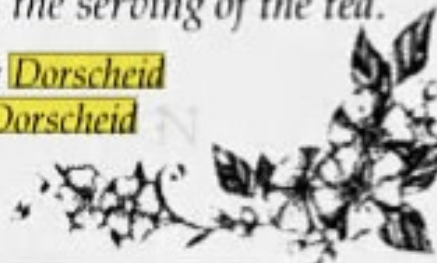
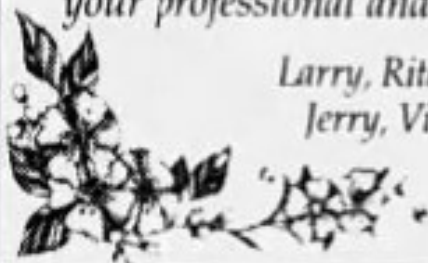
A special thank you to Reverend Vern Begalke for the meaningful service; to Dan **Dorscheid** for the comforting eulogy; and to Gene Krause for his beautiful solo.

Our sincere gratitude to John and the staff of Oliver's Funeral Chapel for your professional and personal support, as well as the serving of the tea.

Larry, Rita, Todd, Cory, Nicole and Carley **Dorscheid**

Jerry, Violet, Sheila, Darren and Trudy **Dorscheid**

Myrtle and McKay Innis
and Family



Hit-and-run driver gets four years

Family of victim says it's time for forgiveness, healing

DOUG BROWN
Herald-Tribune staff

Four years was the sentence Monday for a Grande Prairie man who hit and nearly killed a pedestrian, then fled the scene and tried to cover his tracks.

But the victim's wife says the family cares less about punishment than about healing – both for themselves and for the driver.

"I know the justice process won't reverse the accident or

put things back the way they were," said Cory Dorscheid.

Her husband, 36-year-old Todd Dorscheid, suffered internal injuries, numerous broken bones, and extensive brain damage when he was struck by a speeding pickup.

Only minutes after 35-year-old Bradley James Gannon was sentenced, Cory was allowed an opportunity to speak to him in the courthouse cells.

"My hope is (Gannon) has learned from this and he can change his life and make it

better," she said after.

"It wouldn't change anything or do any good for us if he spent his whole life in jail. It would just be throwing another life away.

"I wanted to tell him that – that what happened here today was just for the laws he broke... And that I'm sorry it happened to him and our family and I forgive him. And I hope one day he can forgive himself."

Dorscheid's brother-in-law said the judge's decision of

four years was a surprise.

"In light of our judicial system it's actually more than I expected. I'm happy with the sentence," said Daryle Studley, adding that no length of sentence could equal the family's suffering. "You can't replace it in years."

Dorscheid was crossing at the intersection of 88 Avenue and 100 Street the night of May 25 when Gannon's pickup came south down 100 Street. Several other vehicles had stopped to let him cross.

He was hit by a vehicle travelling at about 68 km/h, police estimate. The impact smashed Dorscheid about nine metres down 100 Street. Gannon slowed, then swerved into the oncoming lane to drive around the prone body and sped away from the scene.

Three hours after the accident he was arrested at his apartment.

He claimed his pickup had been stolen the night of the accident, after he left it in the parking lot of a downtown hotel with the door unlocked and the keys in the ignition.

But a friend admitted to police that Gannon had called and told him he had hit a man. The friend also said he had picked Gannon up on the same rural road northeast of the city where the pickup was found abandoned in a grove of trees the day after.

When delivering the sentence Judge Gary Mitchell said Gannon displayed an extreme lack of concern for the welfare of his victim, and an inability to accept responsibility for his actions.

Defence attorney Angela Howey could offer little prior to sentencing to cast her client's actions in any better light.

"Nothing I can say can do the victim or friends or family any good, or Mr. Gannon any good," she said. "There is really nothing I can say to undo what has been done in this matter."

The Crown had asked for a five-year sentence, but Mitchell said previous cases – including several from the Alberta Court of Appeal – tied his hands on how large of a sentence he could impose.

His decision was three years on the charge of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, and one year on the charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

At the same time, Mitchell said no amount of jail time could ever undo the damage caused by Gannon's actions.

"There is no way I can put Mr. Dorscheid back into one piece," he said.

Dorscheid suffered numerous broken bones and internal injuries in the crash, from which the family says he continues to slowly recover. He also has severe amnesia, which has robbed him of most of his memories of his life before the crash, including his skills for his job in oilfield maintenance.

"Bits and pieces of areas of his life are coming back, but it's very patchy," said Cory. "Things are starting to come back now, but it's a slow process."

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'Our lives changed forever'

Judge weighing victim impact statements before sentencing hit-and-run driver

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Family and friends of a Grande Prairie man ran down and left for dead last

spring fought back tears as an emotional statement written by victim's wife was read aloud in court Friday.

Thirty-six-year-old Todd Dorscheid suffered massive

internal injuries, numerous broken bones and brain damage when he was struck by a speeding pickup truck the night of May 25.

Friday was the first day of

the sentencing hearing for 35-year-old Bradley James Gannon, who admitted in November to hitting Dorscheid and fleeing the scene.

"Our lives as we knew them were brutally snatched away from us," read Connie Pring, a close friend of the Dorscheid family.

"What this incident has taken from us as a family can never be replaced. Our lives changed forever while this person gets to live as normal."

During the readings, Gannon sat near the front of the courtroom, staring impassively at the floor.

Immediately after the accident, Dorscheid had to undergo emergency surgery in Grande Prairie before being flown to University Hospital in Edmonton.

When he first arrived at hospital, doctors told his wife and two daughters, 10 and 13 years old, that there was a good chance he wouldn't live through the night.

In her statement, Todd's wife wrote that the months since the accident have been a "gauntlet of emotions," dealing with the frustration of her husband's physical and mental injuries.

Along with crippling physical disabilities, Dorscheid has severe amnesia, and can't remember most of his life before the accident.

In her own statement Pring, who took in Dorscheid's daughters for several months while his wife stayed at his bedside in Edmonton, said the girls suffered chronic stomach aches and had trouble sleeping.

"They are forever changed by the selfish act of one person," she said in a trembling voice.

"(The 10-year-old daughter) wants her dad back. Not the man he is now, but the man he was before," said Pring.

Several other vehicles had stopped at the crosswalk at 88 Avenue and 100 Street to let Dorscheid cross, said Crown prosecutor Hawkesworth.

Witnesses said Dorscheid was cautious, looking both ways, then stopping after passing the first stopped vehicle to check again for approaching traffic. As he continued across, Gannon's pickup came south down 100 Street, striking him at what an RCMP analyst estimated was about 68 km/h.

The impact hurled

Dorscheid's broken body about nine metres. Gannon slowed, then simply drove around the prone body, speeding away from the scene, said Hawkesworth.

Three hours after the accident, Mounties arrested Gannon at his apartment.

He claimed his pickup had been stolen before the accident, after he left it in the parking lot of a downtown hotel with the door unlocked and the keys in the ignition.

But a friend admitted to police that Gannon had called and admitted to hitting a man just minutes after the accident. The friend also said he had picked Gannon up on the same rural road northeast of the city where the pickup was found abandoned the day after.

Although Dorscheid survived the collision, Hawkesworth said Friday in court that Gannon's actions had still resulted in a "destruction of life."

"It is the Crown's position that there is little distinction between this charge of dangerous driving causing bodily harm and the ostensibly more serious charge of dangerous driving causing death, based on the magnitude of the injuries," he said.

Hawkesworth suggested to Judge Gary Mitchell a sentence of five years in prison, followed by a 10-year ban on driving. He cited Gannon's prior criminal record, which includes five drinking and driving-related convictions and a dangerous driving conviction, and his attempt to avoid taking responsibility by fleeing the scene and lying to police.

He also dismissed a substance abuse course taken by Gannon a few months after the incident as "window dressing for the court."

POSTPONED

Mitchell postponed passing sentence on Gannon until today, to allow himself and defence counsel the weekend to read three other drinking-and-driving case histories submitted by the Crown to back up the suggestion of five years imprisonment.

Previously set on \$2,000 bail, Gannon was placed in custody over the weekend to await the sentencing.

Six other victim impact statements were submitted, but not read aloud.

Mitchell said he would read and consider all of the statements when making his decision.

Darrel Lee Dorscheid



Darrel Lee Dorscheid passed away after a courageous battle with cancer, on March 26, 2006 at the age of 62 years with his loving family by his side.

Darrel was born December 18, 1943 at Camrose, Alta. and moved with his parents to a farm east of Grande Prairie in the Glen Leslie District.

Darrel made a commitment to everything he started and had a work ethic like none other. Throughout the years he worked at various careers such as construction, farming and bus driving and still found time to go fishing, quading, working with his animals and spending quality time with his family.

Darrel will be sadly missed by; his loving wife of nearly 40 years Carol, his children; Jim and Lisa Dorscheid and Troy and Sharon Dorscheid, four granddaughters; Megan, Kaley, April and Heidi and one grandson Reid, mother Velna (Vee) Dorscheid, one brother Danny (Janice) Dorscheid, one sister Joanne (Fred) Weller and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Earl Dorscheid (1970), baby brother Mark Dorscheid (1964), father-in-law Jim Murphy (1987), mother-in-law Grace Murphy (1996) and brother-in-law Gary Rutberg (1974).

Funeral service for Darrel Dorscheid will be held at the Bezan-son Community Church on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Chris Willis officiating. Fellowship to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the QEII Hospital Foundation-Grande Prairie Cancer Clinic at 10409-98 St., Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 2E8.

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The Cradle Wall: A story of three generations

Are you or someone in your family embarking on the exciting new experiences of a parent-to-be or the thrill and anticipation of being a grandparent?

Would you like a unique way to signify the new little bundle of joy in your family, or are you searching for an opportunity to commemorate a long family history in the Peace Country?

Tell us your story!

As I went through the Cradle Wall precious feet order for the month, I came upon an interesting order form from the **Dorscheid** family. Their order included a grandfather (Jerry Lee **Dorscheid**), a son (Darren Lee **Dorscheid**), a daughter (Sheila Dawn **Dorscheid**), and a grandson (Evan **Dorscheid**). I had to look twice at the birth dates of everyone; deciding who might be who, and thought that this was a great opportunity to find out why all the feet? What is their story?

I called the **Dorscheids** to find out their story, and spoke to Violet **Dorscheid** (mother/wife/grandmother). Violet told me that she wanted to commemorate the births of three generations of **Dorscheids** at the Grande Prairie hospitals.

Violet had purchased a precious footprint when her first grandson (Alexander John Lee **Dorscheid**) was born in 2001. When Violet's second grandson (Evan) was born prematurely in June requiring specialized care in NICU, she decided it was a rare opportunity to celebrate the three generations of **Dorscheids** in Grande Prairie.

This was an opportunity to say "thank-you" for the specialized care given to Evan in the QEII Hospital; as without the new NICU at QEII Hospital, Evan would have had to be flown out to Edmonton for specialized neonatal care.

As the purpose of the Cradle Wall is to commemorate the births of children born at the QEII Hospital, it is also the purpose of the Cradle Wall to do precisely what the **Dorscheids** have done; commemorate a legacy for their family. It is always so nice to hear

stories like the **Dorscheids**.

Having the opportunity to commemorate three generations born at the same hospital over 67 years apart – now that's something to put on the "Wall" in my books!

In speaking further to Violet, I found that the ties to the hospital go much deeper for them.

Jerry's father (Jack **Dorscheid**) was a board member in the early 1960s at the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital. Violet herself retired from the QEII Hospital in 2004, after working for 30 years on Medicine (3 North).



This photo shows one of the pairs of three generations of **Dorscheid feet on the Cradle Wall.**

Submitted photo

As well, Sheila is now an RN working in the operating room at the QEII. With the **Dorscheids** long history with the hospital, Violet felt that she would like to show her support for the hospital and the QEII Hospital Foundation by purchasing these feet for the Cradle Wall.

I want to thank you Violet, for thinking of us in your charitable giving. Sharing these stories for our QEII Hospital and the Foundation is essential for getting the message of "Gifts of Love" out to the community.

Since the early 1900s, the QEII Hospital and its predecessors – the Kathryn Prittie Hospital and the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital – have been host to thousands of babies born in the Peace region.

Currently more than 1,100 births happen each year at the QEII Hospital. The Precious Footprints Cradle Wall was designed and painted by renowned local artist, Tim Heimdal and is located on the main floor of the QEII Hospital.

With your donation of \$125 (which includes a \$100 taxable donation receipt), you will receive a pewter footprint (measuring eight centimetres by five centimetres) engraved with the newborn's name and date of birth which will then be placed on the Cradle Wall.

For additional information or to order a "precious footprint" please call the QEII Foundation office at 538-7583.

(Submitted by Heather Coney, internal marketing and communications director, QEII Hospital Foundation).

The Cradle Wall: A story of three generations

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The Cradle Wall at the QEII Hospital has become a popular way to commemorate the births of children. Submitted photo

**Velna (Vee) Grace
Dorscheid, 87, of
Grande Prairie**



Vee Dorscheid passed away on Sunday, March 9th, 2008 at the age of 87 years with her family by her side after courageously battling a lengthy illness.

Vee was born in Leo, AB May 15, 1920. At an early age her family moved to the Bezanson District. Vee married Earl Dorscheid in 1940. They lived in Camrose while Earl was in the army, after which they settled in the Glen Leslie District east of Grande Prairie in 1945. They farmed for many years prior to Earl's death.

After Dad passed away, Mom moved to Grande Prairie where she worked at the Grande Prairie Co-op and Karen's Fashion's. From August 2007 to her passing, Mom called the Wild Rose Manor home. Mom had many talents and interests, but the ones she treasured the most was sewing, knitting for her grandchildren and her great grandchildren, crocheting and quilting. Mom's great grandchildren proudly wear G.G.'s hand made sweaters, toques, mitts and slippers.

Mom is survived by her son Danny (Janice), daughter Joanne (Fred) Weller, Daughter-in-law Carol, grandchildren: Jim (Lisa), Troy (Sharon), Kevin (Cori), Jae Jay (Terry Cote), Randy (Sasha), Darren (Terri) Rutberg, Jamie (Alvin) Nicolay and Janna Weller (Jason Firth). Mom is also leaving behind 17 precious great grandchildren Megan, Kaley, Reid, Heidi, April, Luke, Karsen, Ty, Spencer and Catcher Dorscheid, Thomas, Jackson and James Rutberg, Taylar, Tyler and Maezie Nicolay and Ryan Firth. Mom is also survived by two sisters; Eleanor (Ralph) Saunders and Luella (Howard) Johnson.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Earl (1970), sons Mark (1964) and Darrel (2006), son-in-law Gary Rutberg (1974), her parents Myrtle and Charles Parrish, four brothers; Lawrence, Myron, Emory and Melvin Parrish and two sisters; Florence Suvan and Allie Douglas.

A Memorial Service will be held at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005 - 107 Ave) on Friday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Flowers are gratefully declined. As an expression of sympathy contributions to the QEII Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

Interment of ashes will take place at a later date at the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversgrandeprairie.com

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DORSCHIED, Larry Ames, February 4, 1936 - August 18, 2012

Larry Ames Dorscheid died Saturday, August 18, 2012 in Grande Prairie, at the age of 76 years. Larry was born February 4, 1936 to Jack and Bernice Dorscheid. He leaves to mourn his loving family; his wife of 46 years, Rita; his son Todd; granddaughters: Nicole (Mackenzie) and Carley (Coal); great-grandsons Landon and Syllas; biological son Jim; sister Mertle (Kay) Innis; brother Jerry (Violet) Dorscheid; sisters in-law Ella (Norman) Krieger, Betty Grunau, Anita (Neil) Lundon; nieces and nephews; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. An informal open-house lunch will be held to honour Larry's life on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 1:00pm at Crystal Creek Hall. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversgrandeprairie.com

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