

SARAH FLECK

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

A good crowd of people turned out to pay tribute to both those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War, and to those who fought valiantly and returned, many after suffering loss of limb or hidden mental tortures, as pointed out by Father Ken Watts in his message at the service. Other clergy taking part were: Legion Padre Canon E.P. Williston, Father R. Connaughton and Pastor Karl Hedlin.

After the march to the cenotaph, led by the inspirational Secondary School Marching Band with Barry Valleau directing, wreaths were laid in memory of the dead.

Laying wreaths were: Silver Cross Mother **Sarah Fleck** for Motherhood. (Mrs. Fleck lost one son and had three more fighting in the Second World War); Lillian Hoggarth for the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion; Carol Thomson for Departed Members; Legion president Buck Thomson for the Royal Canadian Legion; Mac Hoggarth in memory of the Foote family; Rev. Wilfred Johnson for Peace River Bible Institute; Levi Dueck for Grace Bible Fellowship; Secondary School High School Student's Union president Tracy Scarlett for the school; Colleen Scarlett for the Junior High Student's Union; Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Mary Robinson in memory of Vic Robinson; Shiela Shields in memory of Herb Shields; Nan Fraser in memory of George Fraser; Honored Royal Lady Betty Lou Feeney for the Royal Purple and Exalted Ruler Butch Rycroft for the Elks.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

The Adley Carter family finished in grand style, with Colin Carter finishing first with a time of 47 minutes and younger brother Roy right behind him in 55 minutes. Michael Partington placed third.

All three runners lapped my grandmother, Sarah Fleck, 84,, and I three times on the first round as I maneouvered her slowly around the track in her wheelchair. Grandma gave me several pointers on steering, would have liked me to have pushed faster and because she didn't trust my driving ability at all, had her daughter and great-granddaughter on hand to assist in case of emergency — thereby assuring that all four generations walked for Terry Fox.

Len Imrie, president of the Sexsmith Chamber of Commerce, brought in the most money by riding his bicycle to the tune of \$467.

Chantelle Rycroft had the most pledges, with 25 for a total of \$84.50. Chrissy Giesbrecht placed second.

WILL BE MISSED

Sexsmith residents lost two more much-loved grandmas last month with the passing of Catherine Nash and Sarah Fleck.

Mrs. Nash came here from England and settled in the LaGlace area in 1946. She was described in her eulogy by son Colin as "a kind, loving, most generous, unselfish, beautiful person.

Every spare moment was spent knitting sweaters, socks, slippers or mitts for someone. Her cookies were second to none, and though she never ate many herself, her family and friends enjoyed them. N

"She loved to have her family and friends around her. When she moved to Granisle, B.C., she missed the people of LaGlace, and when she moved back to LaGlace, she missed the people of Granisle. They were all her 'family' and many of them called her Grandma.

"Mom always loved a smile and a laugh and always managed a smile when we came to see her, even when she was so sick. Even then she worried about us not getting our rest."

She leaves to mourn her husband Everette; three children, Moira and Colin (Lois) of Grande Prairie and Claudette (Dale) Ophus of Sexsmith; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fleck died in her 86th year after a long and adventurous life that brought her from the seacoast of Scotland to a homestead in the East Kleskun area, to city life in Edmonton, and back to Sexsmith to retire here.

Sarah and her husband Bill Purves immigrated to Canada in 1926 with a family of five sons and one daughter. That fall, they lost twin sons within hours of their birth, but later added two more sons to their family.

In 1945, the Purves and their three youngest sons moved to Edmonton where Sarah was very active with the Kingsway branch of the Ladies Auxiliary to the R.C.L., of which she was made a life member.

Sarah was a Silver Cross Mother, having lost son Jock in the Second World War while he was in active service in Italy in 1943. Thirty-two years later, in 1975, she was finally able to go visit his grave at Moro River in Italy.

In 1966, 23 years to the day after she lost her son Jock, her son Jimmy was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Edmonton.

Her first husband, Bill, passed away in 1956 and Sarah remarried in 1962 to Robert (Bob) Fleck.

In spite of all her sorrows, Sarah was always ready to share a good laugh and had a sharp wit. She had a lovely singing voice and was often asked to sing 'Danny Boy,' which was played as the recessional at her funeral.

Former Sexsmith resident dies

By JEAN RYCROFT

SEXSMITH — It is with regret we announce the death of former area resident Henry Michael (Mick) Purves, who passed away in Edmonton on Oct. 15 at the age of 61 years.

Mick was born in Scotland in 1924 and travelled to the East Kleskun District with his parents Bill and Sarah Purves and family in 1926. He attended East Kleskun School.

In the mid-40s, Mick moved to Edmonton and worked installing sewer and water lines, a trade that took him all around Alberta, as well as to several points in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia as foreman.

During this time, Mick had several near brushes with death: once nearly drowning in the Northwest Territories, twice gassed and once buried in a trench.

MARRIED IN '59

In December, 1959, Mick married Joyce Close.

Following a serious back injury in the oilfields, he went to work as a guard at Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre where he worked until ill health forced him to go on medical pension in 1982.

Mick and Joyce then moved to Josephburg, where Mick still resided at the time of his death. Joyce passed away in 1980.

Mick loved music, playing the accordion, mouth organ and violin. He enjoyed re-finishing old furniture and antiques, carpentry and gardening, and was an avid dog lover.

Last year he was forced to have a leg amputated at the knee.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 20, in Edmonton. Cremation followed. Eight fellow guards from the correctional centre formed a guard of honor.

Left to mourn are: special friend and companion Beryl Kelly and her family Bob and Betty Carbert of Fort Saskatchewan; Vicki and Marvin Webster of California; Wade and Aline Kelly of Whitecourt and their families; stepfather Bob Fleck and sister Nan Fraser, both of Sexsmith; brothers Bill (Anna) of Hythe, George (Gladys) and Robert (Effie) of Edmonton, and Mark (Judy) of Bezanston. He was predeceased by his mother Sarah Fleck in February of this year.

David and Gloria Forseth have added another winger to their growing hockey team. Husky 7-pound, 13-ounce Joshua David joined sister Amanda on Sept. 10 — now all they need is a centre, so watch for coming additions. Jake and Lorraine Krause can easily form a hockey team from their 15 grandchildren, and Jake would love to be playing coach. Joshua is the second grandchild for Ken and Esther Forseth of LaGlance.

Wallace and Dorothy Conrad have also welcomed their second grandchild — 7-pound, 10-ounce David Edward, who arrived Oct. 1 to Rick and Gerri Conrad.

On hand to welcome the latest addition were brother Ryan, grandfather Bud Bale and great-grandmother Margaret Prais, both the latter of Grande Prairie.