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Kyle and Charissa Bremer (Cliffview Dairy, Enderby, BC) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Seth Garrison. Seth was born November 8, 2025, weighing 10lbs 15oz. Proud grandparents are Henry and Henrietta Bremer (Cliffview Dairy, Enderby, BC) and Terry and Ruth Ratzlaff of Enderby, BC.



Elizabeth and Jordan Hamming of Martiann Holsteins (Delta, BC) are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Caden Martin Hamming, born March 19, 2026. Welcomed with so much love, Caden is the fourth grandchild of Perry and Angela Hamming, and the eighth great-grandchild for Martin and Ann Hamming!



Congratulations to Jared and Michelle De Jong on the safe arrival of their sixth child, Josiah Edward De Jong on March 26, 2026. Josiah weighed 8lbs 5oz and is already being spoiled by his older siblings. Proud grandparents are Evan and Susan Schuurman of Schuurman Holsteins (Leduc, AB), and Ted and Greta De Jong of Rose Gate Dairy (Abbotsford, BC).



Michael and Kim Luttmerding of Luttmerding Farms and Mtn-Edge Holsteins (Armstrong, BC), are excited to announce the safe arrival of their son, Chase Alfred Luttmerding, on March 31, 2026, weighing 7lbs 10oz. Big siblings Maya (12) and Beckett (2) are very excited to welcome their new baby brother. Proud grandparents are Gerald and Rachelle Luttmerding (Luttmerding Farms), Trenna Jordan, Al and Patti Paterson (Armstrong, BC).

This spring brought plenty of excitement to the Donohoe family, as Mark Donohoe of Malarky Farms (Basswood, MB), welcomed three new grandchildren!



Mark's youngest daughter, Anna and son-in-law Will Hales welcomed their daughter, Grace Edith Hales, on April 8, 2026. Grace is the first grandchild for Brenda and Henry Hales (Minnedosa, MB).



Mark's son, Haydn Donohoe and wife Laci welcomed their fourth child and third son, Joe Martin Donohoe, on April 23, 2026. Joe was warmly greeted by proud grandma, Lylla Peters, and excited older siblings: Hazel, Hank and Jack.



On May 8, 2026, daughter Holly and husband Mike Flaman welcomed their second daughter, Ruby Kay Flaman. Ida (2 years) is thrilled with her baby sister. Proud grandparents include Matthew and Tricia Flaman of Chris-Adie Holsteins (Vibank, SK), along with great-grandparents Keith and Christie Flaman (Regina, SK), and Paul and Therese Kress (Kendall, SK).



Congratulations to Austin and Avery Schaeffer on the birth of their son, Owen Austin Schaeffer on May 1, 2026, at 3:45am, weighing 8lbs 13oz. Both mom and baby are doing great and Blair LOVES being a big sister! Proud grandparents are Ron and Cathy Schaeffer of Ronleen Holsteins (Vibank, SK).

Matthew and Tricia Flaman of Chris-Adie Holsteins (Vibank, SK) celebrated the marriage of their youngest son, Jack to Emma Stevens, daughter of Diana and Derek Stevens (Sackville, NS). The couple married on April 8, 2026, at the Grand Sirenis Riviera Maya Resort in Mexico, surrounded by 90 family members and friends, including older brother and best man Michael Flaman, wife Holly, and flower girl Ida Flaman. Great-grandparents Keith and Christie Flaman (Regina, SK), and Therese Kress (Kendall, SK), also made the trip down to Mexico for the beautiful celebration. Congratulations Jack and Emma!



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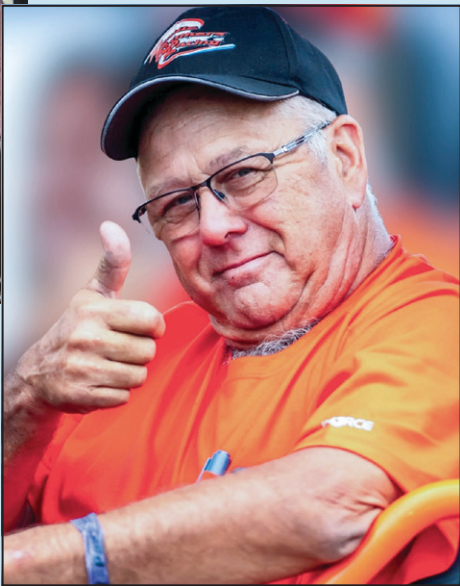
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Matthew Vaandrager of Craila Dairy (Langham, SK) and Denise Sayles of Bridon Jerseys (Ayr, ON), tied the knot on April 25, 2026, in a beautifully decorated hayshed at Craila Dairy, on a cold and snowy Saskatchewan day. Proud parents are Calvin and Diane Vaandrager and Bruce and Carolyn Sales. The couple followed their wedding with a honeymoon to Banff, Alberta, and continue to make their home at Craila, where they both work.



Rod Rendle
March 14, 1960 –
April 9, 2026



Surrounded by his family, Rod Rendle passed away on April 9th, 2026, at the age of 66, after a year-long battle with a rare form of cancer.

Rod was born in Victoria, BC, the youngest son of Gordon and Bette Rendle, at Stanhope Dairy Farm, where he lived and worked for 62 years, alongside his family.

In 1987, Stanhope formed a partnership with Wedgwood Holsteins (Cobble Hill) and longtime friend Ridley Wikkerink. For nearly 40 years Stanhope-Wedgwood travelled across North America showing cattle, with Rod often behind the wheel in the early days. They achieved many successes including Intermediate Champion at the 1999 Royal Winter Fair with STANHOPE TIFFANY SKYDOME EX-3E 5*, Grand and Supreme Champion at World Dairy Expo with RAINYRIDGE TONY BEAUTY EX-5E 9*, and many accolades at the BC Spring Show and Vancouver Island Holstein Show. They accomplished everything they set out to do, “except winning Grand at the Royal.”

In 2009, when the cows at Stanhope were sold, Rod dove headfirst into his other passion: racing cars. Originally starting with a stock car, Rod, along with Gord, have found success in the “Winged Sprint Car” world, under Rendle Brothers Racing, which travels to races all over the Island and the Pacific Northwest. Whether it was cows or cars, Rod’s competitive nature fuelled his passion for the pastimes he loved, always willing to lend a hand to fellow competitors both at the track and in the show barn.

Rod enjoyed putting miles on his motorhome with Christine, camping, golfing, quadding and building things in his shop, as well as spending time with the people he cherished most, including his grandson Jett.

Predeceased by his parents, Rod is survived by his wife Christine, daughter Christina and grandson Jett, Gord (Karen), Richard (Doris), his “Dutch Brother” Ridley Wikkerink, several nieces and nephews – including Scott, with whom he had a very close relationship, and many close friends. Rod’s warm smile and sense of humour will be missed forever by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Pieter Tuytel Sr.

April 6, 1935 – March 27, 2026

Pieter Tuytel passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 27, 2026, at the age of 90, while living at the Chilliwack Waverly Care Home.

Pieter grew up in Kooiwijk, a small town in the province of South Holland (NLD) on a purebred dairy farm. At age 19, following the sudden passing of his father, Pieter immediately took over managing the farm for this mother.

In 1957, Pieter married Elisabeth and together they welcomed six children before immigrating to Canada in 1968. He got right to work after the family’s morning arrival and was milking cows by the afternoon. In 1969, Pieter and Elisabeth purchased the farm on McGuire Road where they had been renting, while also welcoming their seventh child.

In a nod to his hometown, Pieter started the KOOIWIIK prefix and purchased his first purebred animals in 1980 from San Doeleman’s dispersal sale. KOOIWIIK TEMPO ROSABEL VG-86 became the matriarch of the herd, and her prolific descendants earned Pieter a Master Breeder Shield in 2003. Known for his keen cow sense, Pieter also loved Red & White genetics and took special care in picking bulls to improve the R&W Holsteins in his herd. A lifelong cowman, Pieter spent many hours on the farm well into his retirement and milked cows until he turned 80.

Predeceased by Elisabeth, his wife of nearly 60 years, along with his daughter Corrie, Pieter is survived by sons Bill (Karen), Bert (Patte), and Peter; daughters Adriana, Margaret and Betty, as well as eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



*Where I have gone, I am not so small. My soul is as wide as the world is tall.
I have gone to answer the call – the call of the One who take care of us all.
Wherever you look, you can find me there –
In the heart of a rose, in the heart of a prayer.
On butterflies’ wings, on wings of my own,
To you, I’m gone, but I’m never alone.
I am Home.*

Sophia Margaretha Tamis

March 5, 1930 — January 14, 2026

Sophia Margaretha (Sophie) Tamis passed away peacefully on January 14th, 2026, in Surrey, BC, at the age of 95. Sophie was born on March 5th, 1930 (Ash Wednesday) in Woudsend, Friesland, The Netherlands.

She is lovingly remembered by Arie, her husband of 69 years, and her children; John (Linda) of Lindrian Farms, Agnes (Richard), Linda (Harry), Diane, Ron (Pam); her 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Sophie was predeceased by her daughter Mary (Dick).



She grew up on a dairy farm and later became a seamstress. In 1955, she travelled to Surrey, BC, to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Tina DeJong. There she met Adrian (Arie) Tamis. They soon fell in love and returned to Holland to be married on January 17, 1957. Sophie and Arie returned to Canada and started a dairy farm (Adriso Holsteins). They joined Precious Blood Parish in Cloverdale and were a part of a strong community of “Dutchies” who had all immigrated at that time.

Over time, Sophie and Arie welcomed six children. Sophie put her skills as a seamstress to good use making most of her children’s clothing. She also taught all her daughters to sew, knit and do needlework. She was very active in school and church organizations. She and Arie volunteered many hours to help build Precious Blood Church and Cloverdale Catholic School.

As grandchildren began to arrive, Sophie helped the new moms with babysitting, cooking, cleaning and laundry. She volunteered with Canadian Food for Children, knitted many newborn baby toques as well as beautiful sweaters for her children and grandchildren.

Upon Arie’s early retirement, she took up cross-stitch. She loved to read, garden and was known to visit a casino now and again. Sophie and Arie joined their friends to play cards and go bowling. They also did a lot of travelling. In her last years, Sophie was content to be at home with Arie, reading books, visiting with her children and grandchildren and sharing all the memories of a long and fulfilling life with Arie - her lifelong partner and forever love.

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Roy Groothof

December 29, 1961 – April 18, 2026

Roy Leonard Groothof passed away into the arms of Jesus unexpectedly on April 18, 2026, leaving family and friends shocked and deeply saddened. Born in Abbotsford, BC, on December 29, 1961, to his proud parents just minutes after his twin brother Len. Always the quieter one but one half of a whole. They shared a deep bond and working together, they started their company Groothof Trucking at the age of 19. Roy took over ownership when he decided to stop working on his Dad’s dairy farm and go into trucking full time. He ran the company with integrity, a strong work ethic and the help of valued employees and was well known in the forest and agricultural industry. Roy loved his family and dedicated his time helping his kids and grandchildren of whom he was so proud. He loved travelling with his wife and boating, fishing, making huge fires, camping, and hanging out with his circle of friends. Always up for an adventure, he loved to work hard and play hard at his beloved cabin where his journey to Heaven began. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, strength, loyalty, and a willingness to help people quietly behind the scenes.

Roy will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 39 years, Cheryl; daughter Alyssa (Michael), Carson, Sophia, Hailey, and Olivia; son Ethan (Melissa) Roy, Jake, Emma, and Ada; daughter Alexandra (Matthew); parents Henry and Alice, siblings Len (Angela), Bernice (Darren), Stanley (Monica); brother-in-law Kevin (Kim), father-in-law Ray and mother-in-law Ann, as well as many nieces and nephews. There are a multitude of family and friends who will miss him more than words can ever say. A celebration of Life service was held at Gateway Community CRC, on May 5th. Donations can be made to Tribe Mission International. <https://www.tribemissioninternational.org/donate>. Please write in the comment box, In Memory of Roy Groothof.



Laurence Sprangers

November 8, 1929 - January 6, 2026

Laurence Sprangers passed away on January 6th, 2026. He was predeceased by his daughter Marcia and his wife Antonia. He is survived by his children Jackie Jones (Stan), Joanne Stewart (Craig), Mark, Laurence (Melanie), and Michelle Gallina (Patrick), as well as many grandchildren. Laurence was born in Lage Zwaluwe, Holland, on November 8th, 1929, into a family of eight siblings, three sisters and five brothers. He and his family survived the perils of occupied Holland with grit and tenacity before he immigrated to Canada in 1952 with a suitcase, the clothing on his back, and change in his pockets. He returned briefly to Holland to find his true love of 62 years, Antonia. Laurence and Antonia started their family and dairy farm in Cloverdale, moving to Chilliwack’s Lickman Road in 1967. They busied themselves raising a family of six and breeding a successful Holstein herd using the LAUTONI prefix. Yet they found time to square dance, curl, bowl, support local 4-H, and grow their Catholic faith at St. Mary’s Church. They really blossomed once Laurence retired at 65 and spent more time travelling and socializing with friends. Laurence also found immense joy singing with the local Barbershop Singers until he could sing no more. Once Antonia passed, he found peace tending to their large garden and watching the world develop with curious fascination.

The family celebrated Laurence’s 96th birthday where he was surrounded by family and friends. They’ll remember their dad as a man who was spirited, adventurous and lived his final years with gratitude, warmth, and kindness. “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me,” were words he often spoke.



Dick Vink

October 15, 1932 - April 19, 2026

Dick was born in Wyngaarden, Holland, on October 15, 1932, to Gysbert and Maria Vink. He was raised with nine siblings on a small dairy farm in Oud Alblas, Holland. In May of 1952, Dick and three of his siblings, along with a sister-in-law, niece and nephew, sailed to Canada in search of their dreams of becoming farmers. In February 1955, Dick met and married the love of his life, Betty, and together they raised their six children. In 1959, Dick and Betty rented a dairy farm in Matsqui and began farming on their own. In 1969, they bought their dream farm in Yarrow where they bred Holsteins using the CHARLINDA prefix. Long after retirement, Dick would purchase bred heifers to graze his pasture every summer. In 1996, he retired from dairy farming to a dream home designed by Betty, on a corner of their former property. Later, Dick and Betty purchased a cabin at Loon Lake in Cache Creek, where the entire family regularly spent holidays at the lake, fishing, boating and making special memories. Dick’s hobbies were hunting, fishing, roller skating, snow skiing, water skiing, hiking and camping trips. He was always active in his church, leading boys club (Crusaders) and hosting youth events at the farm. Dick was so proud to be a Canadian and had a real interest in politics and current events. Dick was predeceased by his parents, seven siblings, son Kenneth and grandson, Kevin. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Betty, daughters, Linda (Ernie), Charlene (Martin), Karen (Doug), Donna (Art), and son Jim (Mary), 20 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, and his large extended family. His greatest desire was that his family and friends will meet him in heaven one day.



Neil Allan Muxlow

May 12, 1952 – March 14, 2026

Neil Allan Muxlow passed away on March 14, 2026, at age of 73, at his home in Chilliwack, BC, surrounded by the memories of a life lived exactly as he intended: on his own terms and full of laughter. Born in Gladmar, SK, the fourth of seven children born to Rich and Kay Muxlow, Neil moved to Chilliwack with his family at the age of five. Farming wasn’t just a job for Neil; it was in his blood. He took great pride in the hard work and also enjoyed the business of farming. Neil is survived by his devoted wife Michelle; his sons Kevin (Serina) and Colin (Tamara), and their mother Jo-Ann; and his stepdaughter Beverly (Alex). He was the proudest Grandpa to Grace, Spencer, Fraser, Preston, Porter, MacLean, Logan and Lynsey. They were truly the lights of his life. Whether he was cheering from the sidelines of a hockey rink, a basketball court or a rugby field, Neil was their biggest fan.

Neil knew how to work hard, but he knew how to live even better. He was a man of many passions and a competitor - from the grit of team roping to the greens of the golf course, the freedom of his motorcycle, and the thrill of travel, he lived life to the fullest. He cherished his second home in Arizona, where he enjoyed a “second life” filled with sunshine and a multitude of dear friends. Neil was a legendary storyteller; he possessed a quick wit and a classic sense of humor. Often reminding those around him that one should “never let the truth get in the way of a good story.” Neil was predeceased by his parents, Rich and Kay; his brother Ivan and his nephew Timmy. He leaves behind his siblings: Stuart (Linda), Kathy (Harry), Glen (Julie), Hal, Harvey (Susie), and sister in-law Maggie, along with his many beloved nieces and nephews, and many lifelong friends. “He lived his life to the fullest, full of love, happiness, and fun, He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.”



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