

AMAZING GRACE

(John Newton)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun.



Aarne, we thank you for being a faithful son, brother,
uncle, cousin, nephew, and friend.

Bye for now—we will miss you!

In Loving Memory



Aarne Luoma

September 20, 1936 - June 11, 2008

Aarne Johannes Luoma
September 20, 1936 - June 11, 2008

Aarne was the youngest son of John and Sanna Luoma. He attended Three Hills Ridge School, Trochu Valley High, Olds Agriculture School, and then SAIT, taking Radio and Electronics Technology plus Electronic Engineering at U of C and U of A. He apprenticed in radio with B.G. Mathieu and Bob's Radio and TV (Donnelly).

He was very active in the Trochu community, supplying PA systems for official openings for over 20 years. He installed the sound systems in the Trochu arenas, swimming pool, the United Church and the old community hall.

He was an amateur HAM Radio Operator and belonged to several HAM Radio groups. He took flying lessons and owned several airplanes, with his own private airstrip on his farm. He was a member of the Kneehill Flying Club, Three Hills Flying Club, The International Flying Farmers, Alberta Flying Farmers as well as member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. Aarne was one of the members instrumental in developing the current airstrip for the Three Hills Airport.

Aarne had the pleasure of flying 2 Ultra-Lite aircraft which were built in Trochu, a Gama-Gobee for Larue Smith et al, and a Jodel-D9 built by Art Pierce, Art Meding, Pat McKee and Aarne. This "work of Art" is now located at the Reynolds Museum in Wetaskawin, Alberta.

Aarne was a member of the Trochu Community Band from 1952-1978, playing the Sousaphone and was the last Band Master.

He has been a member of the Trochu Rifle and Pistol Association since 1952. He has been a member of the Trochu Fire Department since 1957, his roles have covered Fire Chief, Trainer and Arson Investigator. We understand he is the oldest active volunteer firefighter in the Province of Alberta.

He also served on the Board of the Three Hills Gas Co-op and the Trochu & District Community Hall. He thoroughly enjoyed using his earth mover to prepare the location of the current Trochu Community Centre. Aarne also grew seed with his life-long friend and brother, Sulo. His other interests included cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, pedal biking, metal and woodworking, photography, mechanics, locksmithing, computers and every type of electronic gadget.

Aarne was predeceased by his father John in 1979, his mother Sanna in 1991, his sister-in-law Connie in 1993, and his brother Sulo, just 3 months ago. He is survived by his nephew Larry Luoma, nieces Ruth Luoma, Barbara Ek and Donna Perry as well as many great nieces and nephews.

We wish to thank you for joining us to remember Aarne today. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, friendship and prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Trochu Fire Department or STARS in Aarne's memory. Funeral arrangements are trusted to the care of Heartland Funeral Services, Olds, Alberta. (403) 507-8610.

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Aarne Johannes Luoma

Thursday, June 19th, 2008 2:00 pm
Trochu Community Centre, Trochu, Alberta

OFFICIATING

Pastor Dave Lanigan

HYMN

Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Minister Patricia Dyson

TRIBUTES BY FAMILY & FRIENDS

SPECIAL MUSIC/PIANIST

Ilona Noble

AUDIO/VISUAL TRIBUTE

THE LAST ALARM

Trochu Fire Department

HONOR GUARD

Trochu Fire Department

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Eric Luoma
Dale Grant
Mike Foreman
Lawrence Hogg

The Trochu Fire Department

All Fellow Board Members and Friends in the Community

INTERMENT & RECEPTION

Honor Guard & Interment will be at the Trochu Cemetery following the service. You are welcome to join the family. Following the interment, a reception will be held at the Community Centre.

*Special thanks to Kim Bessette of Homestead Aerial Photos Ltd. for the use of the 1955 aerial photo of the John Luoma homestead.