

**HALSTEAD, Keith**  
**1928 - 2011**

Keith Halstead passed away peacefully at the Three Hills hospital on June 28, 2011. Keith was born on December 5, 1928, in Carbon, Alberta, to Leo and Ethel Halstead. Keith grew up on the family farm just northwest of Carbon. He received his education from several schools in the area. In 1946, Keith attended Olds College and received an Agriculture Diploma. In his younger years Keith showed steers in 4-H and the Calgary Bull Sale. Keith, being always interested in cattle, became really involved with showing steers. Keith made several trips to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, showing steers not only for the Halsteads but for other people. While on one of his trips to Toronto he met his future bride, Shirley Enman. Keith and Shirley were married on October 3, 1956 and spent the first three years of their marriage on a farm near Olds, Alberta, before they moved back to Carbon. Keith and Shirley had four daughters: Kim (1957), Carmen (1959), Vicky (1961) and Dawn (1963). As the girls got older Keith passed his love of showing cattle on to his daughters; all four girls were members of the Ghost-Pine 4-H Beef Club. Keith was the Leader of the Ghost-Pine Beef Club for many years. Keith also took his daughters to show their steers at the Calgary Bull Sale and at Farmfair in Edmonton. Keith and his daughters also started showing prospect steers at Agribition in the late '80's. The years 1991 and 1993 were great ones for the Halstead show steers, having won Grand and Reserve Champion at both Saskatoon Fall Fair and Agribition. Keith was very proud of this accomplishment. In later years Keith took great pride in watching his grandchildren show their own 4-H steers. Another favourite thing for Keith was rodeoing. The three youngest girls started barrel racing at an early age, and Keith took the girls to many rodeos throughout Alberta. Keith also started judging rodeos and judged at several over the years. He was a member of the Foothills Cowboys Association for many years and served on the Board of Directors as the Judging Director, as well he was President in 1985. Keith was honoured by being named the F.C.A. Cowboy of the Year in 1987. Keith attended many rodeos when he retired, including a trip to the NFR in Vegas. Keith was very involved in community events during his life in Carbon. He curled for many years, until a knee injury sidelined him. He also was a longtime member of the Carbon Lions Club, and was President of the club in 1970-71. Keith spent many years being in charge of the Carbon Lions Rodeo. He took great pride in this responsibility. In 1997, Keith moved from Carbon to a ranch at Stoughton, Sask, where he ranched for several years until he sold the ranch in 2005. After that he moved to Stettler where he lived until his death. For the past few years, Keith has travelled to many different places: Australia and New Zealand, South America, Alaska, South Africa

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and the Maritimes, and his most memorable vacation, the Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Kentucky. Keith spent his years in Stettler doing what he loved: having coffee at Tim Hortons, going for his nightly walk, and attending as many bull sales and rodeos as he possibly could. Every Wednesday he could be found at the Ponoka Auction Market watching the sale. Keith loved nothing better than a good meal with good friends or family and lots of laughs. He will be surely missed. Keith was predeceased by his wife Shirley in 1979, his mother Ethel (Wright) Halstead in 1999, and his father Leo Halstead in 2002. Keith leaves to mourn his passing his four daughters: Kim (George) Ingram, Stoughton, Sask; Carmen (Levi) Jackson, Sedley, Sask; Vicky (Rod) Ahlberg, Longmont, Colo.; Dawn Lasby, Del Bonita, Ab; six grandchildren: Justin (Tawnie) Morrison, Midale, Sask; Tyler Morrison, Saskatoon, Sask; Cashley Ahlberg, Longmont, Colo.; Dakota and Chance Jackson, Sedley, Sask, and Riley Ingram, Stoughton, Sask; and one special great-grandson: Tanden Morrison. He is also survived by brother Lloyd Halstead, Carbon, Ab, and numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends, Doug and Judy Goodine, Carbon, Ab. A Memorial Service will be held on July 13, 2011 at 11:00 at the Carbon United Church. A private inurnment will be held at the Carbon Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Keith to S.T.A.R.S. Arrangements entrusted to Courtney-Winters Funeral Home, Drumheller, Alberta. Expressions of sympathy may be left for the family at [www.courtneywintersfuneralhome.ca](http://www.courtneywintersfuneralhome.ca).