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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Hayden Kent*

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a great start to the spring, but unfortunately I don't think I can, based on the looks of things outside! I would also like to welcome our snowbirds back as they return from the south but I think I might advise them to take their time instead!

Donna and I are looking forward to attending the Over 55 and Retired Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a significant milestone and their contributions to Unit 283 continue to be profound.

I would personally like to thank our First Vice President, Comrade Sheldon Clupp, for chairing our last general meeting in my absence. I understand he did a fabulous job. Also at that meeting, our Unit Auditor presented the audited statement. Even though the year was not as profitable as 2012 (due to excessive funds brought in from the large jackpot for Chase the Queen that year), it was still a highly successful year and I am pleased with the continued revenue of Unit 283, thanks to the support of our members.

It's just been over a year now that the decision was made to bring Diane Humphrey in as Operation Manager at Unit 283. I know for a fact that Diane has been a huge asset to our Unit. We are in conversation daily and her ideas and input have made my job easier as she is extremely capable and dedicated in the administration of her duties.

As our Sports Leagues are winding down and their banquets are underway next month, I'd like to thank the leagues for their invites. Donna and I are looking forward to attending these events. As I said at the last

Sports Meeting, I again extend my thanks to the Chairpersons and their Co-Chairs for their dedication to run the leagues this past year. I'd also like to thank the members who have come out throughout this dreadful winter season to support our Unit.

Some of you may be aware that our Ladies Auxiliary President Elvia Furutani, has recently undergone surgery. I have been in contact with Elvia and she assures me that everything is going well and she will be returning to us soon. We are looking forward to Elvia's speedy recovery!

I have been advised that Boyd Auto Group will be leaving the rental property next to us at the end of May. I do have plans for our own Unit to make use of this space. I thank Boyd Autobody for being great tenants for the past 2 years. We will certainly miss them and I wish them all the best.

At our next Executive Meeting, a decision will be made about whether we will be sending a full delegation to our upcoming Dominion Convention being held in Penticton, British Columbia in October of this year.

As some of you may have heard, I have made the decision to step down as First Vice President of Provincial Command. There will be a bi-election in Portage La Prairie April 13<sup>th</sup>. It was my pleasure to have had the opportunity to sit on the board of our important Association.

Comrades, in closing, I am pleased to say that our Unit continues to do well and I am looking forward to this weather turning around and enjoying time with our members out on our deck!



# OVER 55 & RETIRED

*Marg Rixen*

Our March General Meeting was held on March 11<sup>th</sup> with 108 in attendance. Everyone is anxiously waiting for real Spring. There were 10 Birthdays and 3 Anniversaries, with one 'special' birthday: Lil Besteck turned 95. Happy Birthday, Lil!

Our annual Over 80's Birthday Lunch was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with 82 happy members in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch by Lito, a little entertainment by Barb Gural, Gerry Varnes and Stella Pederson. and a little pampering by our Executive. A big thank you goes out to Terry Abrahamson, for making the beautiful corsages and centrepieces. Thank you to Mary Pryma, Joan Glover, Joan Herriot, Norma Lavalley, Lisette Madsen and to Judy Reed for a job well done.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party plans are well underway. It will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Stillwell Hall from 1:00 to 5:30pm, with music by Murray Riddell Big Band and dinner served by Lito. Person of the Year and Certificate of Appreciation will be presented. Tickets are now on sale for \$10.00 members and \$20.00 guests. Tickets can be purchased from Judy Reed, Ann Korniat, and Lisette Madsen. Deadline is at our April 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Bowling is winding down, with roll-offs on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, ending with our banquet following the game on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Golf will begin at Blumberg, with tee-off every Thursday at 8:30am. Check board for start date.

## UPCOMING AND REGULAR EVENTS

April 1, 2014 Executive Meeting 1:30pm  
April 2, 2014 Tan Jay shopping trip, bus leaves Club @ 1:00pm returns @ 4:00pm  
April 8, 2014 General Meeting 2:00pm  
April 9 -10, 2014 South Beach Casino \$55.00 double, \$85.00 single. (see bulletin board)  
April 15, 2014 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
Darts every Wednesday, 12:30pm  
Bingo every Thursday, 1:15pm  
Bowling every Friday, 9:30am (sign up list for next season will be posted on board)  
Golf every Thursday 8:30am Blumberg Golf Course (date to be announced later)

PLEASE CHECK BULLETIN BOARD FOR  
UPCOMING EVENTS

If you know anyone on sick list, please call Nick Dudar at 204-888-8723

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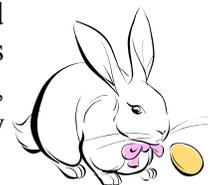
# MEMBERSHIP

*Leo Barron*

The Membership Committee wishes to thank the 20 Active and 42 Associates who joined our vibrant and friendly unit. We really appreciate their joining The Friendly Unit 283. We also need those members who have not renewed their membership to make the effort to renew. We are striving to maintain our position as the unit with the most members in Canada. Our membership at this time is 903 members.

This unit has a couple of groups venturing out on a golf trip to Texas. The Membership Committee wishes them a safe trip and good comradeship.

Easter will be coming up shortly and the Membership Committee wishes all members and their families, especially the shut-ins, a very Happy Easter.



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# LADIES AUXILIARY

*Elvia Furutani*

Well, April draws near and the Ladies have had a very slow but not uneventful March.

Our President, Elvia, has had her surgery and is doing fine. Elvia thanks everyone for their cards, flowers and much other help. Our Auxiliary lost one of our Members this month. Corrine Watts passed away March 22, 2014 after a valiant battle with cancer. Our Prayers go out to her family.

Our Ladies met March 24<sup>th</sup> for an informal meeting as our Membership is dwindling. We will try to be more on track in April and again we thank Lito and his staff for filling in on some of the functions.

Our Unit has had a few changes. New tables (nice) and the special decorations for Unit events are nice to see. With this in mind, the Ladies want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable spring.

To our shut-ins we wish a speedy recovery and to those home from hospital care, we hope to see you at the Unit. To our Service men and women who are home, welcome back. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your loved ones.

Our Meat draw was March 29<sup>th</sup> and it was nice to see the Ladies out.

Our next Meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> with the Executive Meeting at 7:15pm followed by the General Meeting at 7:30pm.

Keep well and remember to "Thank a Veteran" for the Freedoms and life we enjoy every day. God Bless.



## Notice

**The old tables from the John Thompson Room are available free of charge to members and families that donated them.**

**Please call the Unit at 204-837-6708 to make arrangements to have your table picked up. Deadline to claim your table is April 15, 2014**

**Unit Executive**

## WAYS & MEANS

*Bill Sadler*

April is here, do you feel the excitement in the air? The snowbirds are returning, hopefully they will bring some robins and Canada geese with them. The snowbirds are usually anxious to get back to the friendly club to meet with their friends and tell us about the great winter trip they had, the great golf games or how they just sat around relaxing and getting tanned. We at Ways and Means welcome them back as many of them are our volunteers and we always need more helpers as we have a busy schedule coming up.

Terry Murray and her crew start selling Easter hamper tickets March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue until April 12<sup>th</sup> when the draw will be made. Speaking of Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>, there will also be a seventh draw of all hams.

Mark on your calendar for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are going to add a seventh draw of all T-bone steaks, just in time for your summer barbecuing.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, you have been doing a great job.

If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Terry Murray, my co-chair, or Barb Sadler, my better half and they will do their best to find a good spot for you.

## *A.N.A.F Unit 283 Easter Hamper Draw*

3 Tickets for \$2.00  
Draw Saturday April 12, 2014

There are two hampers to be won  
Each hamper contains a ham, and many  
other goodies

On April 12, 2014 there will be seven  
draws with the seventh being all hams



# **General Meeting Date Changed**



**April 10, 2014 7:30pm  
All Members Welcome**

## PIPE BAND



*Barbie Sands*

Hi everyone...gosh I hope spring is just around the corner?! It's been a long cold winter! We had to miss a few practices due to bad weather and roads. I missed the last newsletter so I will update you now. Our Robbie Burns night held January 25<sup>th</sup> was a great success and we think it was one of our best yet. A big thank you to Lito and his staff who cooked up a yummy meal of haggis, roast beef and all the trimmings. Thanks to the wonderful bartenders that night and the Unit volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes setting up the tables and cleaning etc. It is much appreciated. A fun night was had by all and there were many kilts twirling around on the dance floor!

A few of us piped at local seniors homes in February for their Senior Olympic Games and Hilda Towerzey from our band was thrilled to pipe at the airport to welcome back our own Jennifer Jones team who won gold in curling at the Olympics!

The band is currently learning new tunes and practising for our upcoming events. We have our Veterans Parade in early May and have also been asked to play for the first time in the Gimli Canada Day parade this July.



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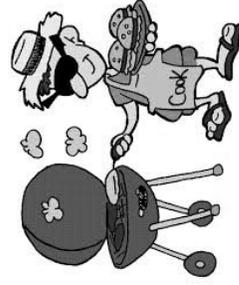
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# A P R I L 2 0 1 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CARP Cribbage 1:00pm Over 55 & Retired Exec. Meeting 1:30pm Chase The Queen 6-8pm	2 CARP Meeting 9:30am Bingo 7:00pm	3 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm Exec. Meeting 7:30pm	4 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 Shuffleboard <b>Whiskey Bent</b>	5 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm <b>Whiskey Bent</b>
6	7 Wizard 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	8 Over 55 & Retired General Meeting 2pm Ladies Aux Meeting 7pm Chase The Queen 6-8pm	9 Bingo 7:00pm Cribbage 7:30pm	10 Bingo 1:15pm <b>General Meeting 7:30pm</b>	11 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 Ladies Snooker <b>Vintage Groove</b>	12 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm <b>Vintage Groove</b>
13	14 Wizard 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	15 Chase The Queen 6-8pm	16 Bingo 7:00pm Cribbage 7:30pm	17 Bingo 1:15pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 Senior Men's Snooker <b>Ricky Redbone</b>	18 <b>Good Friday Unit Closed</b>	19 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm <b>Ricky Redbone</b>
20 	21 Wizard 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm <b>Easter Monday</b>	22 Chase The Queen 6-8pm	23 Bingo 7:00pm	24 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	25 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 Men's Snooker <b>Marvels</b>	26 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm <b>Marvels</b>
27 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	28 Wizard 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	29 Chase The Queen 6-8pm	30 Bingo 7:00pm			

## Saturday Meat Draw

April 5	April 12	Date	April 19	April 26
Beryl Torgasows	Bill Sadler	MC	Susan Paggett	Rae Roberts
Elvia Furutani	Barb Sadler	Main Lounge	Marg Rixen	Aline Sutherland
Carol Reid	Judy Reed	Table	Maxine Beatty	Ken Scarff
Jackie McDowell	Ann Korniat	Runner	Linda Alberts	Chuck Black
Marg Pokornik	Wilmer Antonio	Games Room	Mary Pryma	Terry Murray
Steini Johasson	Stella Pedersen	Table	Donna Megarry	Megan Peterson
Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre	50/50 Sales	Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre
Gerry Hamsey	Del Sadler	Cake	Terry Abrahamson	Diane Magrel
Wally Hamsey	Marilyn Brown	Table	Janet Vickery	Adele Betts
Jack Belair	Rodney Blue	Drum	Len Walker	Jack Callum
Art Kavanagh	Steve Korniat		Doug Rixen	Bill Hiebert



# Meat Draw Starts 3:00pm

## ENTERTAINMENT

*Susan Paggett*

Hello everyone. Hopefully the snow is on its way out now, keep our fingers crossed. Thank you all for buying tickets on the monthly baskets, it is much appreciated. We made a profit of \$1300.00 so far.

My next event will be Western Days in May. Hope to see you all out. Thank you as always for Red Fridays. It's nice to see the support for our troops.

Wishing the guys who went down south to golf, a safe time and a great trip.

In closing, wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter.



## LOTTERIES

*David Walker*

The month of January, 2014 had an increase in revenue over January, 2013 for bingo, VLTs and Nevada break open tickets. The jackpots for bingo and Chase the Queen are being won often and with low jackpots. We received a request from St James Assiniboia 55 Seniors Club looking for space to hold a Texas Hold-em fund raiser. The executive committee approved to allow them the use of the John Thompson Lounge Monday evening at no cost. I contacted the Club and they looked at the facilities. They have a Manitoba Gaming Commission License for Texas Hold-em but will submit an amendment to change the location and should receive the approval within six weeks. I thank the volunteers for their help with Chase the Queen.



*Holukoff  
Chiarella*

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# SPORTS

*Sylvia Shaler*

On February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> we had command curling in Brandon

The C side winners were:

First place went to John Osborne Unit #1 with 1 point for the Shield

Second place went to Rockwood Unit # 303

Third place went to Assiniboia Unit #283

The B side winners were:

First place went to Portage La Prairie Unit #13 with 2 points for the Shield

Second place went to Assiniboia Unit # 283

Third place went to Rockwood Unit # 303

The A side winners were:

First place went to Brandon Unit # 10 with 4 points for the Shield

Second place went to Brandon Unit # 10 with 3 Points for the Shield

Third place went to Brandon Unit # 10

With Brandon Unit # 10 getting 7 points for the Shield they now have 24 points for the Shield, just 2 points behind Assiniboia Unit # 283.



We had Command Cribbage qualifier on March the 5<sup>th</sup> and the four people that made the team are Kris Thornson, Estelle Thornson, Darry Martinson and Dave McDonald. Good luck to everyone on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at John Osborne Unit # 1. Come on out and cheer on our team.

The next qualifier will be Ladies Shuffleboard on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Signup sheets are in the games room.

I have also had AVO out to level the shuffleboards again so please do not try and level these boards. If there is a problem with any of the shuffleboards, dart boards or snooker tables, please get a hold of me either with a note at the bar or call me at 204-232-1150.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Friday Night's Meat Draw will have 5 hams in place of the steaks on the fifth draw for Easter.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Command Cribbage was held at John Osborne Unit #1.

First place went to John Osborne Unit #1 giving them 4 points for the Shield

Second place went to Assiniboia Unit # 283 giving us 3 points for the Shield

Third place went to Portage La Prairie Unit # 13 giving them 2 points for the Shield



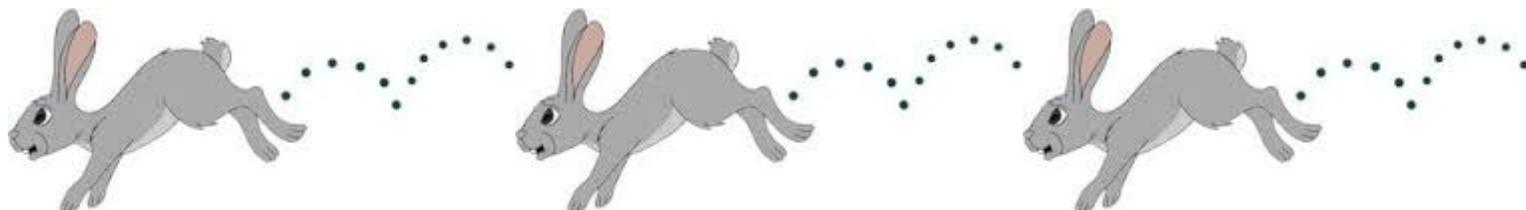
Fourth place went to Selkirk Unit # 151 giving them 1 point for the Shield

The "Thanks for coming out" went to Rockwood Unit # 303 with no points for the Shield

It was a great day and fun was had by all. Way to go to our team from Assiniboia Unit # 283.

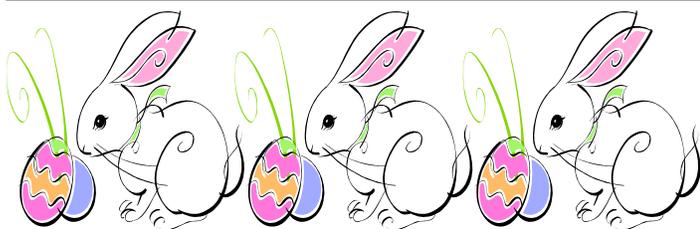
The next event is Ladies Shuffleboard on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Assiniboia Unit # 283 at 10:00 a.m. so come on out and cheer the ladies on.

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## Friday Night Sports Meat Draw Schedule

April 4	Shuffleboard
April 11	Ladies Snooker
April 17	Senior Men's Snooker
April 25	Men's Snooker
May 2	Ladies Snooker
May 9	Curling
May 16	Masters League
May 23	Over 55 & Retired
May 30	Darts



## SHUFFLEBOARD

*Ken Cade*

We just completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> round robin and have now divided into A, B & C Divisions going into the final round. The leaders on games won to date are Rosanne & Tom Peresluka with 54, Ralph Pielt & Fran O'Neil with 52 and Bob Hekl and Kim Hekl with 47 wins. Most hangers to date are Men's – Tom Peresluka with 31 – Ken Cade 24 and Darryl Yeo with 15 – Ladies are led by Faye Davidson with 19, Rosanne Peresluka with 13, closely followed by Shirley Lyon, and Joan Broughton with 11 each, and on their heels are Kim Hekl and Linda Kellas with 10 each. Most of the snowbird trips to the south are over and we should be very competitive each Monday as we have 6 weeks of final playoff rounds. Our banquet, which also includes Men's and Ladies Snooker, will be held on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# Grant Nordman

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# LADIES SNOOKER

*Carol Reid*

Well, we finally got not one but two challengers to Kerry's high run. Bea got ahead of Kerry by one point only to be beat out by Denise by one point. There is still time for someone to really move out front.

If you were watching one particular game a week ago, you might have seen Sue trying to duplicate Gwenne's spectacular jump shot. Pretty good try, Sue, but you didn't sink either ball. That's one up for Gwenne. I told you, that's why we keep coming back. Fun, Fun, Fun!!! And you are welcome to join us.

We will be having our annual meeting and elections on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 – between the first draw and the second draw. Thank you to the billiards league for moving their time back by 15 minutes to accommodate our meeting.

Our banquet is coming up on May 3 with cocktails at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. If you want guest tickets, please let Linda O. know as soon as possible so she has time to get them for you. Guest tickets are \$25.00 each.

Our next meat draw is April 11<sup>th</sup> and the teams responsible that evening are Kerry and Margaret, Bonnie and Janice, and Cindy and Bev. The May meat draw is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the teams responsible that evening are Diane and Bea, Denise and Lynn, and Linda G. and Linda O. You know I will call you to remind you.

On behalf of the Ladies Snooker League, we would like to welcome home our troops from Afghanistan. You do our country proud and we are so happy you are now back home with your families.

We would also like to wish each and every one of you and very Happy Easter.



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*Rae Roberts*

April, what we used to call spring. These days it's more like that other popular season "WINTER". I know you all are anxious for more of the same, just a guess on my part.

Any member or guest who would like to attend the Canadian 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in France June 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Affairs Canada is offering financial assistance to Veterans of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Although the application deadline is expiring, we at Unit 283 can still assist you if you wish to fill out an application. Please either call the Unit at 204-837-6708 or email me at [anafss@shaw.ca](mailto:anafss@shaw.ca) for further information.

Although the month of March is closing, we note the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Nations Peacekeeping mission in Cyprus. Canada maintained a strong presence in Cyprus from 1964 to 1993. Today, a small CF contingent remains in Cyprus. During this mission, more than 25,000 members of the CF were deployed, and 28 Canadian personnel lost their lives while serving in this mission. We thank all who served, and we will remember them.

As a short "HEALTH & WELFARE" report, an item from Health Canada regarding 'Ways to Improve Nutritional Information on Food Labels' by

consulting with consumers on a face-to-face process. In this way Health Canada will be gathering information about what food labelling you require so you will be able to make healthier and informed food choices. Health Canada is also setting up a website for you to enter your input and interests on this important issue. I will be advertising this in the Unit as soon as the website is set into motion. Canada at present requires mandatory nutritional information on pre-packaged foods and intends to improve consumer information. This is an important public health tool so Canadians can make healthier food choices to improve their health and help reduce the risk of obesity and chronic diseases.

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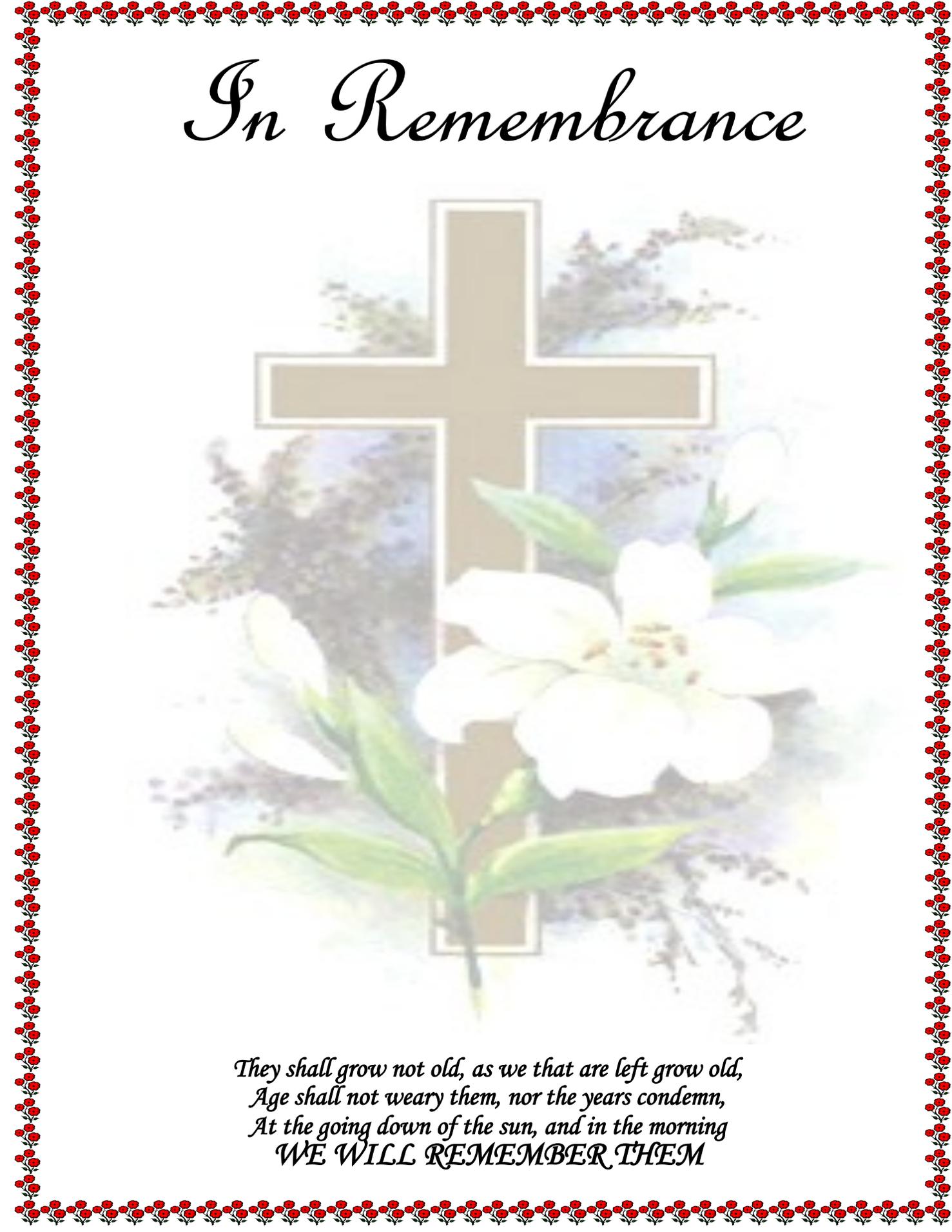
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# *In Remembrance*



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
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