

GUNNAR RHEINHOLD BJELKE

February 23, 1906 to July 25, 1991

Gunnar was born on February 23, 1906 to Gustav and Lena (nee Selstrom) Bjelke at Golden, British Columbia as the first of seven children. He was received into God's Family as a child by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

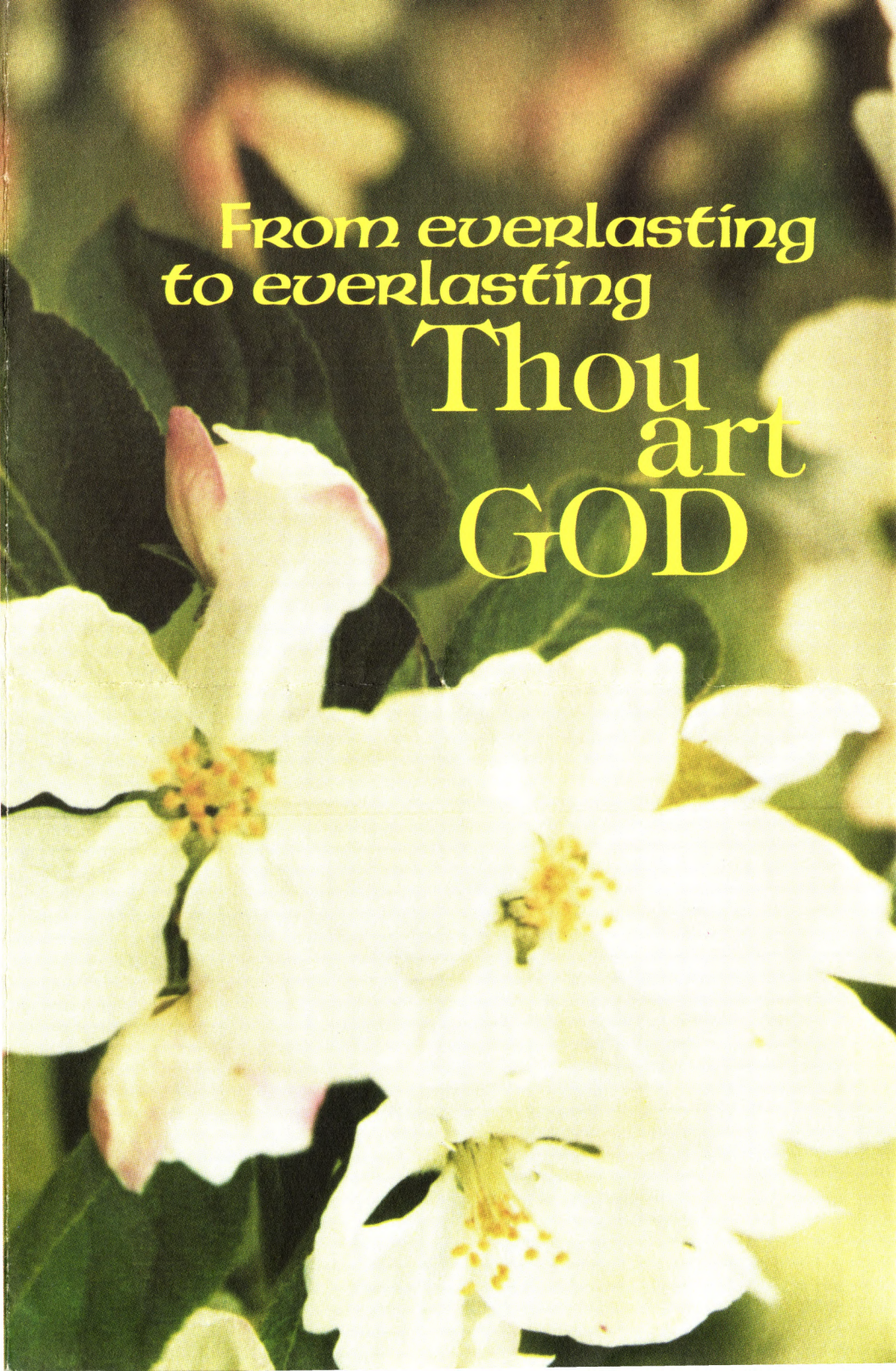
Gunnar and his family moved from Golden to Evarts, Alberta (just west of Sylvan Lake) while he was a young child. Again the family moved when he was a child, this time to Burnt Lake, Alberta. When Gunnar became a young man he moved to the Rocky Mountain House area of Alberta where he worked as a sawyer until he retired at age 65. In the summer Gunnar would do some farming, but his main line of work was always in the bush.

Gunnar was married to Irene Ojala on August 26, 1937 in Rocky Mountain House. They were blessed with three children and almost 54 years of marriage.

Gunnar is survived by his wife Irene of Drayton Valley, Alta; by his children: Harold of Edmonton, Catherine Meyer-Nielson of Calgary, and Howard of Drayton Valley; by his grandchildren: Deanna, Christa and Trevor all of Calgary; by his sister, Dora (Axel) Johanson of Sylvan Lake; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by four brothers and one sister.

Gunnar worked so much away from home, but when he could he enjoyed playing baseball, building, fishing and berry picking in addition to his family. In his earlier days, he sang in a quartet while his sister, Ruth, played the piano. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We cherish our memories of Gunnar and pray that the Lord would bring comfort and assurance of the resurrection to us all.



*From everlasting
to everlasting*
**Thou
art
GOD**

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF
GUNNAR RHEINHOLD BJELKE

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta

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Monday 2.00 p.m.

July 29, 1991

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PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: "Amazing Grace" #448

THE INVOCATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: LORD HAVE MERCY

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: AMEN.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 90:1-12 II Corinthians 5:1-10
Psalm 130 John 14:1-6
Psalm 23 John 11:17-27

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY; SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITTETH

ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" #532

MESSAGE: I Corinthians 13

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide With Me" #272

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THE MINISTER
THE ORGANIST

Rev. Timothy Richholt
Mrs. Elsie Winchell

PALLBEARERS: Marvin Peterson Pat Lister
Glen Holmes Vic Beanblossom
George Carter Art McColman

Following the committal you are invited to join the family for a time of fellowship and food in the church basement.

Any memorials in Gunnar's name are requested to be given to the Extended Care Unit at Rocky Hospital.