



Mrs. Blanche Aileen Malcolm

June 6, 1926 - January 30, 2019

Mrs. Blanche Malcolm (Laughren) of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the High River Hospital on January 30th, 2019 at the age of 92 years. Blanche is survived by her daughter - Gerri (Dave) Wilcox and their children – Shauna (Trevor) Greer, Mark (Kerri) Wilcox, Dan (Wanda) Wilcox; her son Bob Malcolm; her daughter Dawn Malcolm (Bob Dyck) and their children Devin (Cassie) Warne, Zach Warne, Jodi (Dave) Benediktson, Lindsay (Craig) Snodgrass, Caylee (Brady) Rokosh and Mitch (Krista) Dyck; great grandchildren – Shauna – Avery and Emery, Mark – Noah and Titan, Dan – Linden, Jodi – Randi and Tevin, Krista – Xand, Joss and Magnus, Lindsay - Oren and Caylee – Lou. Blanche is also survived by her siblings Ron (Marlene) Palmer and Marge Braaten as well as her special niece Maureen Siegfried.

Blanche was predeceased by her husband Lynden Everett Malcom and her mother Agnes Laughren Palmer.

Blanche was born on June 6, 1926 in Calgary, Raised in the Queenstown, Majorville area by her Mom and Grandparents as her Dad had passed away before her birth. She had a fondness for horses and her favorite was a black percheron named Blackie. She would often reminisce of their adventures.

Early schools were in Clooney and Gleichen. She attended the Holy Cross Nursing School in Calgary and graduated as Registered Nurse in 1949.

Blanche first met Lynden when he and his brother were on a cattle drive. They stopped by the Johnson farm, where Blanche was living with her grandparents to water their horses. He was 16 and she was 14. We don't know if it was love at first sight but it did blossom into love later on as they were married May 5 1950.

Blanche and Lynden moved to Edmonton shortly thereafter where they started their family. Blanche worked as a Registered Nurse at the Royal Alexander Hospital for 30 years in the X-Ray (Diagnostic Imaging) department for the entire time. To the very end she was

known as one of the few nurses who still wore her nursing cap, white uniform, white stockings and white shoes. After retiring they moved to Calgary and in 1999 she moved to High River.

Blanche was a woman before her time. Lynden often worked for long periods out of town and Blanche was left with three young kids to look after and a full time job. Dinner was always made and the kids were always in bed on time and she often did it alone. Even though she had retired from nursing, she was always a nurse. She had a kind heart, gentle hand and a wicked sense of humour. She would lead you along on a tale and then couldn't keep it in and would give you that smile and twinkle in her eye. You knew you'd been had.

Blanche enjoyed her grandchildren and especially liked baking them cookies and her famous Banana Bread. Blanche was an amazing cook not in the gourmet sense but honest to goodness down home cooking sense. Her Sunday roasts and Yorkshire puddings were prize worthy. It ensured that the dinner table was always full.

She was a lady and every week would get her hair done. It was not an appointment to be missed, ever! So much so, that when the flood hit High River in 2013, she was rescued from the Hair Salon, in a canoe.

We will miss her.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calgary Humane Society, Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society or choice of charity.

A come and go gathering will be held on Saturday, February 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lyle Reeves Atrium (140 6th Ave. SW, High River).

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)
403.652.4242.

Events

FEB **Reception Gathering** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Lyle Reeves Atrium

140 6th Ave. SW, High River, AB, CA, T1V 1A1

Comments



“ We were not able to attend the memorial. Remembering happy family visits to your house in Jasper Place, Edmonton with Suzie, Bob, Dawn Marie and Nicki. What a loving person Blanche was then and over all these years. Catherine (Patti) McGuire & family.

Catherine Maxwell-Day - February 23, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ Blanche was a lovely lady that I enjoyed visiting with. She would come to dad's and pick vegetables from his garden. She would always bring dad something. Kind, compassionate, full of life. I will miss you Blanch. Deepest Sympathy to the her family. Val (MacKay) Graf

Val Graf - February 19, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ Blanche was the best ever!!! I remember her coming for her hair appointment the day of the flood, asking "What on earth are you doing here?" She calmly replied "I just drove through 4 feet of water, my hair needs to be done!" What a gal!!! So off we go with Blanche trying to get out off the downtown area, stranded behind the library in vehicles up on mounds, surrounded by water, Blanche sat & chatted with Gertrude & her dog when some kind man with a canoe came to help get people out of the area... I recall her not being to impressed with going in "that thing" but understood she HAD to get to safety! It was a while before I heard from Bob to let me know Mom was safe & being looked after! I have had the privilege of looking after Blanche's hair for many years, she was another Grandma to me & I loved her dearly! She always made me smile, gave me a thank you each & every time I did her hair or nails or put lotion on her hands & arms!! She has a very special place in my heart & my memories!!!! I will forever miss her.... Rest Miss Blanche May your family & friends keep their cherished memories as a comfort during the loss of an incredible Mother, Grandmother & Friend!

Amy Delawski - February 16, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ Sheryl Gooch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Blanche Aileen Malcolm



Sheryl Gooch - February 16, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ When Blanche stayed with me during the High River floods, I went to put my Old Tattered address book back in my office, Blanche said "That's my address book." I said "It can't be Blanche, I have had it for 30 Yrs or more. "Look inside at the names, and she was absolutely right !! It was hers. It was the Exact same Tattered wine coloured address book. We nearly laughed our heads off ! I still think of Blanche when I use it.

Unfortunately, I may not make it to Blanches memorial, due to road conditions. I am a real wuss when it comes to blowing snow.

My sincerest condolences to all of Blanches family and friends. She was a dear soul that will be missed by many.

Sheryl Gooch - February 16, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Blanche trained me as an angio nurse in 1985 at RAH in Edmonton. We moved to Calgary in 1987 and when Blanche moved to High River we continued our friendship with lunch a couple times a year. What a character! We shared many a laugh which was easy with Blanche!

I will miss her dearly. Unfortunately we are not in Calgary at this time so will miss her memorial. My heartfelt condolences to her family, she was so proud of you all.

Louise Esch

Louise Esch - February 13, 2019 at 06:47 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of Blanche's passing. She was such a good friend of my Mom & Dads & I so enjoyed visits with her. She had a great sense of humour that I'll miss. She was a special lady. My condolences to all her family!

Charlotte Nelson

charlotte nelson - February 10, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ I'm sad to hear of Blanche's passing. I enjoyed taking Lynda for visits. Blessings and love to all the family.

Hugs

Heather MacKay

Heather MacKay - February 07, 2019 at 08:35 PM