



Ms. E. Anne Vale

June 12, 1931 - August 19, 2019

Elizabeth Anne Vale passed away August 19th, 2019 in the Rising Sun Extended Care, in Black Diamond, where she had lived for the past 3 years. She was predeceased by her mother Barbara Vale, her father Alexander Vale and her sister, Penny Volk. She is survived by her brother David and nieces and nephews, Tammy, Bill and Tracey in Canada and Julia, Mark and Libby in England. Even though Anne did not have children of her own she cherished Katrina and Sarah Diebel, helping them whenever she could through their childhood and supporting them as adults in their daily lives. She will also be deeply missed by her long-time and dearest friend Mary Diebel.

Anne arrived in Canada first for her sister's wedding in 1960, and then 6 months later for good. She was a proud Canadian; she loved England but Canada was her home. After many adventures in Alberta, and jobs from Banff to High River she moved to Black Diamond in 1968 to the property known as Vale's Greenhouse. Anne believed strongly in the community. She was elected to Black Diamond council, ran the S.T.E.P. program and proudly created the Valley Neighbors' Club. She also worked for, and created the Foothills Cemetery. She started the Black Diamond Figure Skating Club and was instrumental in bringing the Marigold Library System to Black Diamond.

Anne was ahead of her time in thinking. For several years in the late 70's in November, she rented a small shop in Black Diamond and opened "The Christmas Box" where local people put their handy crafts, knitting, baking and all sorts of other items, to be sold on a commission. Even though Anne herself was not that crafty, all summer she dried flowers, stuffed and sowed items to be sold in her "pop-up-shop".

Many people would be surprised to learn Anne was 44 years old when she started Vale's Greenhouse in 1975. By 1980 the greenhouse had taken hold and Anne was fast becoming a well-respected Plants Person. The business had become the place to shop for plants. People came from far and wide to shop for hardy specimens grown in her 4 greenhouses. Anne was immensely proud of the evolution of Vale's Greenhouse under the ownership of Katrina.

From 1993 Anne took on the role of "Granny" to Katrina's children. Anne's whole life revolved around the kids' schedules. Endless activities, games and adventures happened every day after school. Anne looked forward to school holidays more than Hew and Nicola! She bored all of her friends with stories of the day. The entire family is grateful to have had Anne in our lives for her humour, strength and endless love.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Friday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 200 Main St. SW, Turner Valley, AB. Lunch to follow in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Anne's life.

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

Events

SEP **Celebration of Life Service** 11:00AM
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St. George's Anglican Church
200 Main Street SW, Turner Valley, AB, CA, T0L 2A0

Comments



“ Anne was a great neighbor! She truly enjoyed her “new” home, where her back yard extended to join “Vale’s Greenhouse”. Anne loved her walks in her retirement. When a neighbor would ask her for assistance with their garden, she’d say, “Go ask Larry’. Since she spent decades assisting others with plant selections, and, her extensive knowledge, it was her time to relax, and, enjoy her flowers, and, her extended natural forest reserve by the Sheep River.

Luckily, Anne did not have to endure the devastation of the June 20, 2013 flood. She had already moved. Anne didn’t have to see all of the destruction of her neighborhood, and, greenhouse, she’d worked to build for so many years. That would be Katrina and, Will’s headache.

Many times I would visit with Anne, at her last home, Rising Sun Extended Care in Black Diamond. Talking to her about Hew and, Nicola, Katrina and, Will, would always get her attention, and, engagement in conversation.

Anne Vale raised rabbits before entering her decades’ long, well-known business, known as Vale’s Greenhouses in Black Diamond, Alberta. I found that out in conversation, and, tea, when I’d bring over muffins.

We were very fortunate to get to know Anne, and, call her our neighbor, and, friend. She made Alberta, Canada, her home....

Larry, Debbie, and, Blake Roney

Debbie Piquette Roney - September 27, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ "I'm glad to see that you have changed the color scheme of your garden from red, white and blue," she said to me at one of my friend Frannie's and my annual Garden Tea. She called it as she saw it and that is what I loved about her. It was always a pleasure to have a chat with her, whether it be at her greenhouse or elsewhere. Her Community Service and involvement was exemplary and we were all very excited and proud to join in the celebration of her achievements when she received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal. She was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed, but thought of with love and many fine memories.

My condolences to the Diebel family, who cared for and loved Anne over her many years in Canada.

Gaylene Irving



Gaylene Irving - August 30, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ I was given the same name as my aunt, neither of us used the name Elizabeth, she Anne and I Libby, even though we were in separate counties I I always felt an affinity with both of my Canadian aunts, they were very kind to me. Anne brought my siblings and I over to Canada as a graduation present for an extended period and at that age this inexperienced traveller had her eyes opened to the greater world beyond her home in the midlands in England, I feel it gave me a different perspective, some of Anne’s pioneering spirit rubbed off on me, and I recognised myself in her.

It was a joy to travel back to Canada in 2016 and spend sometime with Anne when she was first admitted to hospital. We took some drives up the Sheep river to the mountains and laughed and reminisced about the past, while she mocked my driving, it was a very special time.

Sending love to my cousins and to the Diebel family that was so special to her, let us remember the good times. She is with my beloved grandmother Barbara Helen and her beloved sister Penny,

Rest now lovely lady

Libby



Elizabeth Anne Vale - August 28, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Anne was a gift to the Oilfields Area. As young, inexperienced gardeners we appreciated her advice. A favourite tree in our High River yard was purchased upon her advice over 40 yrs ago when we moved from Black Diamond just as Vale’s was starting. Sending sympathy to the Diebel family, her special Canadian family. Joanne and Don McCuaig

joanne mccuaig - August 26, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ I worked for/with Anne for many years...I will always treasure our chats/discussions about plants and related matters and her unique sense of humour ...she was the Best Mentor anyone could ask for. I will continue to share many of her classic stories connected to the plants world (mainly the Perennials). Rest in Peace Anne



Patty Webb - August 25, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ Donna Downey sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. E. Anne Vale



Donna Downey - August 24, 2019 at 10:01 AM