



## Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson

January 7, 1936 - April 5, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Eleanor Conradson on April 5, 2019 at the age of 83 years. Eleanor is survived by her daughter Karyn (Kurt) Schwartzenberger; grandchildren Ryan and Hannah; brothers Dennis McCarthy and Dick (Lee) McCarthy; and eight nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by Lloyd Conradson, sister Marilyn Dewdney and her parents James and Mable McCarthy.

Eleanor was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on January 7, 1936, where she spent her early years growing up on the family farm. The family eventually moved to town, and she graduated from Central Collegiate high school. A talented singer, she studied voice at the Royal Conservatory and attended the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School in Regina. She earned her RN degree in 1959 from the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary.

After completing her nursing diploma, her independent and adventurous nature took hold. She left her home province and found work as a nurse in Whitehorse, YT and Penticton, BC. It was also at this stage of her life that she decided to learn how to fly, and she became one of the first women at the time to acquire her small airplane pilot's license. In later years, she was the site nurse at the Old Man River Dam, and also on the Siksika Nation Reserve. All of these accomplishments are a testament to her confidence, determination, intellect, and work ethic.

Throughout her entire life, she was surrounded by close friends – undoubtedly as a result of her outgoing, fun-loving, and protective nature. As a long-time resident of High River, AB, she seemed to know everyone in town, and everyone knew her. Her involvement and volunteer work in the community include the following: the High River Swim Club and Figure Skating Club; St. Benedicts Church, leading the Junior Choir; offering her expertise as a singing teacher; and the PC Political Party. By far, however, Eleanor's biggest joy was her family. Her daughter Karyn, and later her grandchildren, were the light of her life and she spent every moment she could with them. She will be greatly missed as a loving and compassionate mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was a beautiful soul who would go out of her way to help others. Her sense of humour and infectious laugh will

always be remembered.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at 2:00 pm at St. Benedict's Anglican Church, 602 – 3rd Street W., High River, AB. Reception to follow at the Highwood Golf & Country Club (400 - 7th Street NW). Please bring your favourite stories and memories of Eleanor: the family welcomes you to share them at the Reception.

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

# Events

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**MAY** **Celebration of Life Service** 02:00PM

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St. Benedict's Anglican Church

602 - 3rd St. West, High River, AB, CA, T1V 1B4

**MAY** **Reception**

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Highwood Golf & Country Club

400 7th Street NW, High River, AB, CA

# Comments

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“ Jocelyn Laing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Jocelyn Laing** - May 22, 2019 at 09:16 PM

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“ Sincere sympathy to you & your family Karyn. Your Mom was such a special lady with a wonderful twinkle in her eye & a smile that everyone loved. She will be missed by all. Howard & Judy Snider

**Howard & Judy Snider** - May 18, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ It was a pleasure to visit with Eleanor. Will miss her smile. Planned to attend your memorial time but plans changed. My condolences on your loss.  
Evelyn Craig

**Evelyn Craig** - May 18, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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“ Hi Karen and family. My sincere condolences to you at this time of good byes. Mom's are special and Yours will live on in the hearts of so many. Her smile held a twinkle, her laughter lit up the room. Many a function at St. Benedict's was shared through the years. A big hug your way, today, at the gathering planned to share all the wonderful memories of mom.  
Karen Crawford



**karen crawford** - May 18, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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“ Karyn, Kurt, Ryan and Hannah  
So very sorry for your loss. Eleanor was one of a kind. I have many fond memories of her. She always had an open door policy for all of Karyns friends. Loved hearing her laugh which was often. You couldn't help but smile. She was that person you could always rely on and will be missed by many. RIP Mama C

**Natalie Setoguchi** - May 17, 2019 at 07:40 PM

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“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk** - May 01, 2019 at 02:51 PM

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“ Dear Karyn & Family,

So very sad to hear the news about Eleanor, such a delightful and fun lady. I have so many cherished memories of when we were next door neighbors growing up. Eleanor definitely always brought joy to a room and I know the world will be a little less fun without her.

**Deborah Tannas-Melnyk** - April 22, 2019 at 10:21 PM

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“ Karyn and family

Your mom was a dear friend of my mother, Marg Crosby. Eleanor tried to teach Marg to be a better bridge player. My mom used to say she was patient but not for long!! They had many adventures together and loved to laugh. I am so sorry for your loss, she had such a beautiful spirit about her and she was a kind and supportive friend. Rest In Peace Eleanor.

**Peggy Jackson** - April 13, 2019 at 09:53 PM

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“ Dear Karyn, Kurt, Ryan & Hannah,

I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending hugs your way.

Mrs, C will be missed so very much! I remember our growing up days and all the fun times at your house Karyn. Your mom welcomed friends and family in with smiles, hugs, stories & teasing. Her laughter brightened the room in an instant. Truly one of a kind. Our swim club days hold such a bright spot in my memory. Good race or bad your mom had encouraging words at the end of it. One weekend I went with the two of you to stay at a hotel. We decided it would be a great idea to tell people you and I were twins. With a twinkle in her eye your mom went right along with our plan. Delightful woman! Always ready to join in a good prank. I will always remember her strength and dignity.

With love and fondness, Michelle (Sapinsky) Nash

**Michelle Nash** - April 13, 2019 at 06:23 PM

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“ I only wish that there was a recording of Eleanor telling the experiences she 'enjoyed' during her flying 'career. I laughed so hard at one of her escapades as did she. She was a great story teller who enjoyed life to the fullest. She will be missed.

**Fran Wong** - April 13, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ One of my favorites as well

**Elaine Mason** - May 14, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ The memories already shared by Garth and Eleanor Hampson are also those of mine as we grew together in Moose Jaw. What a great time and place to live our High School days we had. Although later years separated us, our friendship lived on with happy memories. Karen, your mother was truly one of a kind. God Bless. Jim Horsman

**Jim Horsman** - April 12, 2019 at 01:04 PM

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“ Dianne Bouchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Dianne Bouchard** - April 11, 2019 at 10:14 PM

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“ Lana And Shawn Ottewell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Lana and Shawn Ottewell** - April 10, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Eunice Schmuland** - April 09, 2019 at 10:57 AM

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“ Thinking of you Karen at this sad time. I will miss our firey political talks and her continuous supply of jokes. Eleanor was a dear and treasured friend. My prayers are with you and your family. If there is anything I can do to help please call me.

Shirley Crawford



**Shirley Crawford** - April 09, 2019 at 08:29 AM

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“ Jeff And Tomomi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Jeff and Tomomi** - April 08, 2019 at 10:14 PM

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“ Dorine Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Dorine Moore** - April 08, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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“ Mrs C there was no one like you, and I know Heaven will be a lot brighter and more fun with you there. We had so many great times at your house, Karyn, and your mom always added to the fun with teasing insight, a knowing wink, and that laugh...oh, that laugh could turn anyone's day around for the better. She will be so missed. I will cherish my memories of her and hold you, Karyn my friend, in my heart and thoughts. Peace be with you.

**Ann Holmes** - April 08, 2019 at 07:55 PM

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“ Sad sad news from Karyn to say that Eleanor has passed away. What a flood of memories come back with this news. Although I have been away from the west for over six decades I vividly remember the happy, carefree times we spent as young people at the AYPAs at St. Johns church in Moose Jaw, meeting for fellowship at Greek Stevens place on Main St. after school or driving by the Nanking restaurant on River st. on Friday nights. I was fortunate to have the chance to sing with this talented vocalist under the tutelage of Hazel Paul and we even went to the finals in the Music Festival in Regina where we won our duet competition. We won it by singing in Italian the famous duet from Don Giovanni, "La Cidarem La Mano". Eleanor was an important part of the St. Benedict parish in High River and was interested in everything. I can imagine her views on the current political debates going on in Alberta and whose side she is on.

I, and many of our class mates from CCI are grateful for the friendship offered by Eleanor through the years and we will treasure those memories. It has been a fun journey Mac!

Garth and Eleanor Hampson, Ottawa



Garth Hampson - April 08, 2019 at 07:12 PM

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“ Always enjoyed Eleanor, she was cheerful and fun to be around. She will be missed.

Bob Cole - April 08, 2019 at 02:15 PM

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“ Donna Downey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



Donna Downey - April 08, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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“ It was a true blessing that Eleanor came into our lives. She reminded me so much of all of the great Saskatchewan Anglican ladies I grew up with. She loved her family and friends with all of her heart.

Blessings and comfort Karen, to you and your family.

Pam Guthrie-Fleming and Taylor Fleming

**Pam Guthrie-Fleming** - April 08, 2019 at 11:07 AM

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“ Karen & family my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom. Eleanor was spunky, passionate and loved a good political conversation especially with my dad, as long as there was a joke to go along with it. I will remember her by the mischievous twinkle in her eye and infectious laugh. A visit with Eleanor would brighten my day and I would always walk away with a smile and a giggle. She was a wonderful woman who brightened the lives of those she touched. Thinking of you, Cathy Couey

**Cathy Couey** - April 08, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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“ Karen and family our sincere sympathy for your loss of your dear mother (Mrs. C). Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. VERN, Lynda, Carl Coate and Deanna Parsons



**Lynda Coate** - April 08, 2019 at 09:47 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Karen and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss, Karen. Thank you for all the memories of your mom, Eleanor. She had such an infectious laugh! I will always remember the fun sleep overs Diane and I had with you, Ann and Michelle at your house. Eleanor always fed us such fun meals and snacks (pop, chips and popcorn!). We would run around outside on your huge lawn and in the neighbourhood, and then watch scary movies- remember "The Gremlins", Karen! I'm still scared of furnaces... haha. We always knew we were in for a fun night when we were going to Karen and Eleanor's house. Sending my prayers for peace to you from Singapore. I'm sorry I cannot be there to see you.  
Love and hugs, Leanne Frehlich (Crawford)

Leanne - April 08, 2019 at 01:20 AM

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“ I have such fond memories of Eleanor when I was a child - spending time at Karen's house playing, having sleep overs, or seeing her at swim meets. She was always quick to make a joke or share her heart felt laugh, and she was always happy for your successes - big or small. Thinking of you, Karen, and your family.

Diane Britton - April 07, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ Many fond memories working with Eleanor, rest easy....

Brad Mason - April 07, 2019 at 10:14 PM

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“ Blessing you Eleanor. You were such a character and will be well remembered.

Connie Jewell - April 07, 2019 at 09:04 PM

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“ We are so very sad to learn of Eleanor's passing. She was a wonderful neighbour, sharing in all the delights of us being first time grandparents, and giving us many needed baby items for the "sleepovers". She always enjoyed popping over to see what Lorne was creating in the shop.



**Mary & Lorne Chadney** - April 07, 2019 at 04:45 PM

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“ Karen Fraser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Karen Fraser** - April 07, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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“ Judy. Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



**Judy. Groeneveld** - April 07, 2019 at 12:54 PM

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“ Linda Walsh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



Linda Walsh - April 07, 2019 at 12:41 PM

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“ Sharon Doll sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



Sharon Doll - April 07, 2019 at 12:38 PM

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“ Loan Cowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Kathleen Conradson



loan cowell - April 07, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ You will be. Missed rip my friend

loan cowell - April 07, 2019 at 11:54 AM

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“ Eleanor was a great neighbour and friend. It seems like she was always in my life, making everything more enjoyable. We are both going to miss her.  
Terry Michalkow and Tom Hirtle

**Terry Michalkow** - April 07, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ She was one of our true friends from swim club. So many laughs We will miss her !!

**Ev and Val Doherty** - April 07, 2019 at 11:15 AM

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“ Such a beautiful soul.

**Cathy Justinick** - April 07, 2019 at 08:46 AM

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“ The world is a sadder place without Eleanor.. the jokes. Hi-jinx, the compassion and the love will be missed. God speed!

**Elaine Mason** - April 07, 2019 at 02:19 AM