



Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote

October 23, 1952 - April 13, 2013

Elizabeth Coote of Cayley, Alberta passed away at her home on April 13, 2013 at the age of 60 years. Elizabeth is survived by her husband Rod; sons Oliver and Morley (Jasmine); grandchildren Lileata, Hunter and Baby Coote; mother Mary Guest of Mission, B.C.; sisters Mary Lou, Barb, Bev and Pat as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was predeceased by her father Harry Guest and niece Rio Guest-Bond.

Elizabeth was born in Mission, B.C. where she attended school and graduated from Mission Senior Secondary High School. She also attended UBC, Trinity College, Fraser Valley College and Olds College; Elizabeth always said that she earned her degree in Living The Hard Way. Elizabeth was an avid and competitive swimmer through her teenage years. At 15 years old she held the B.C. Junior Butterfly stroke record for many years with the Mission Marlins. This was one of many accomplishments within her swimming career. Elizabeth married Rod in 1981 and they lived and farmed in the Cayley area raising their two sons Oliver and Morley and during this time Elizabeth worked as a Para-Professional at the Foothills Composite High School in Okotoks. Elizabeth loved Highland Dancing, Hiking, Swimming, Birding and virtually anything outdoors.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alberta Lung Association www.ab.lung.ca or to STARS www.stars.ca . A Celebration of Elizabeth's Life will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River Full Gospel Church (1802 – 9th Ave. SE). To view Elizabeth's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Events

APR **Service** 02:00PM

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High River Full Gospel Tabernacle

1802 9 Avenue SE, High River, AB, CA, T1V 2A6

Comments



“ Dear Rod, Oliver, and Morley:

We are thinking of you and we are sad. We remember with fondness, earlier days, when our families played together. Especially we remember Elizabeth's sense of fun, gentle kindness and her laughter. We hold you in our thoughts.

The Johnson Family: Dino, Janice, Matt and Claire

janice johnson - April 29, 2013 at 01:19 PM



“ Janice Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



janice johnson - April 29, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ To the Coote Family,

My heartfelt condolences on the loss of Elizabeth. We first met and worked at the Composite together. Our paths again met when Jeremy and Oliver attended school together. It didn't matter when I encountered Elizabeth, she always had a smile and a positive attitude. She was a fine lady. Take care of each other at this difficult time.

Sandra Kraus



Sandra Kraus - April 26, 2013 at 07:53 AM



“ My heart goes out to you Oliver and your family during your time of loss. Deepest condolences to you all.



Candace Gillanders (Walker) - April 22, 2013 at 12:43 PM



“ Rest in peace my Dear Friend. I remember our PJ parties behind your parents home, sliding down the snow covered hill on the coke lid hoping no cars would come, so many treasured memories. You made the world a better place for all those who knew and loved you. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time....
Louise (MacLean) Brown

Louise Brown - April 22, 2013 at 06:42 AM



“ To Rod, Oliver & Morley and families,
So sorry to hear of Elizabeth's passing. I will always remember Elizabeth's kindness in the way she treated me as my "host Mum" during my stay with Rod & Elizabeth & the boys when I was so far from home in a foreign country. I can clearly recall the only times Elizabeth got angry with with was when I would drive Rod's pick-up truck too fast around the farm and hit the Badger holes nearly shaking Elizabeth out of her seat. And as she would usually have Morley on her lap she would give me "the look"! Elizabeth I would have many a in-depth conversation in the evenings at the big farm house after a day on the combine or sorting cattle in the yards (coral to you Canadians)

You all treated me as a part of your family and I have very fond memories of my time with Elizabeth both in Cayley and during her visit here to New Zealand.

Sorry we cant be with you today Rod but we have every intention of heading over sometime in the near future.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rod & boys

Love Kevin & Teresa, Hayden, Jeremy, Robbie & Anna
Masterton
New Zealand

Kevin Smith - April 20, 2013 at 06:49 PM



“ Laurie Janz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Laurie Janz - April 20, 2013 at 05:17 PM



“ To Rod, Morley and Oliver,
The Janz Family, are deeply saddened by Elizabeths sudden passing. Elizabeth was such a caring and compassionate person. When we first moved to the Little Bow valley, Elizabeth was one of the first neighbors to welcome us. She made sure that I did not get too Valley bound and took me to concerts and dance musicals. She also babysat Katlyn and Riley just to make sure Rick and I got out to Christmas parties. Elizabeth will be truly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Laurie, Rick, Katlyn and Riley Janz (aka The River Rats)

Laurie Janz - April 20, 2013 at 05:16 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to Rod, Oliver, Morley & family. It truly was a shock to hear of Elizabeth's sudden passing. We are sorry that we didn't know in time to attend the service. Elizabeth was always so friendly and had such a wonderful smile. She was a compassionate person who always stopped to have a visit and was interested in what people were doing. Elizabeth will be missed by all.

Sincerely, Grant & Sharon Cooke

G & S Cooke - April 20, 2013 at 02:54 PM



“ Joanne Notdorft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Joanne Notdorft - April 20, 2013 at 12:22 PM



“ Words cannot express the sadness felt upon hearing of Elizabeths' passing; she always made time for a kind word whenever we met and will be remembered for her smile and caring nature. My thoughts are with Rod, Oliver, Morley and families at this difficult time.

Joanne Notdorft - April 20, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ Our hearts are with you, Rod, Oliver and Morley, and all who knew and loved Elizabeth as we did. Her smile and her laugh will be with us always. Love, Mara and Barry.

Barry Freeman - April 20, 2013 at 11:35 AM



“ Sending our condolences to Rod and the family today as you say goodbye to a great lady and a lovely friend. she will be missed by many. All our love Stan and Pam Biero.



Pam Biero - April 20, 2013 at 10:16 AM



“ Our condolences Rod and family. Elizabeth was a very special lady. She will be missed by so many.



Peter & Kathy Niemans - April 20, 2013 at 09:52 AM



“ My most sincere sympathy goes out to all of Liz's family (whom I don't really know) at this sad time. I knew Liz many years ago when we were both in swim club, she was from Mission and I was from Penticton when we were each others toughest competition. Then when we both graduated from high school we were roommates in Calgary. Eventually we went separate ways and didn't have the chance to see each other again, but the last couple years we did manage to talk on the phone or e-mail but we didn't have the time to reconnect like we should have and that is my deepest regret.



Terry Ducharme Silverthorne - April 20, 2013 at 01:14 AM



“ Rod , Oliver and Morley, so so sorry to hear about Elizabeth, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs
Dianne Bouchard

Philip and Karla Alsop, and Dianne - April 19, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ Philip And Karla Alsop lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Philip and Karla Alsop - April 19, 2013 at 09:12 PM



“ Dianne Bouchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Dianne Bouchard - April 19, 2013 at 09:10 PM



“ You are free and in a place of beauty and peace. We look forward to seeing you on resurrection day when all things will be made new in the Light and Glory of Jesus Christ.



Lynea - April 19, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ Lynea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Lynea - April 19, 2013 at 08:34 PM



“ Diana Agnew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Diana Agnew - April 19, 2013 at 08:17 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear about Elizabeth. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family. I have known Liz from early childhood and have many fond memories of our friendship in Mission.

Mary, Mary-Lou, Barb, Bev & Pat: I will always remember that well-worn path between our house and yours. Even though there has been many more miles between Elizabeth and I over the years, my memories of those early school days will always be fondly remembered and I am glad that I got the occasionally time over the last few years see her again.

Sheila Wade



Sheila Wade - April 19, 2013 at 03:14 PM



“ Andrew, Kesley & Reid Myles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Andrew, Kesley & Reid Myles - April 19, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ Ellen Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Ellen Hamilton - April 19, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ We are very sad to hear about Liz. Please accept our deepest sympathies. May friends and family surround you and along with your memories, bring you comfort and peace. We both knew Liz in High School and have many fond memories of her.

Pat & Vickie Lee

Vickie - April 19, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ Rod and boys our hearts just ache for you.
Dwayne & Gloria, Daniel & Kim, Shawna & Derek



Dwayne & Gloria - April 19, 2013 at 09:57 AM



“ Peggy Macneill Berger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Peggy Macneill Berger - April 19, 2013 at 12:33 AM



“ Dear Rod, your sons, and to all of Elizabeths family. Extending my deepest sympathy to you all on your loss of this amazing lady. She was a new Cayley friend that I was so looking forward to sharing life with.... truly a beautiful person.

Peggy Macneill Berger - April 19, 2013 at 12:54 AM



“ Wish I could whistle down the Northern Lights
And send them dancing all across the night
Maybe then when all the sky was blazing
Maybe then I'd feel you somewhere, gazing at a star
And you could feel me too
As I say good bye to you
It breaks my heart in two to say good bye to you

Wish time could turn us back to yesterday
The gods above would look the other way
Maybe then we still could laugh together
Maybe then it could be spring forever and a day

But I must face the truth and say good bye to you
It breaks my heart in two to say good bye to you

Wish I could whistle down the Northern Lights
And send them dancing all across the night
Maybe then in my memories for saving
one last time you're on the hill waving from afar
One last glance or two and I'll say good bye to you
It breaks my heart in two to say good bye to you

written by Murray McLaughlin

Bless you Rod for taking such good care of Elizabeth.
Bless you Oliver, Morley, Jasmine and Lilly and Hunter and baby.

from sister Barb

Barb Marcellus - April 18, 2013 at 07:10 PM



“ A Child's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake, I pray to God my soul to take.
If I should live for other days, I pray the Lord to guide my ways.

Father, unto thee I pray, Thou hast guarded me all day;
Safe I am while in they sight, Safely let me sleep tonight.
Bless my friends, the whole world bless; Help me to learn helpfulness;
Keep me ever in they sight; So to all I say good night.

I'll love you and you shall be in my heart forever, Elizabeth. God Bless you Rod for all your caring of Elizabeth. Thank you for giving Elizabeth her wish to be able to get into her home. Love to Oliver and Morley (Jasmine), Lileata, Hunter and Baby Coote

Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother



Mary Guest - April 18, 2013 at 01:28 PM



“ dear Mary, so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter.
my thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family.
may beautiful memories help you through this difficult time

miki boleen

miki boleen - April 18, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ Dear Mary, sorry to hear of the passing of Liz, it is always hard when the parent remains to grieve a child. We were friends for so long living on the hill. I was hoping to get together again with her as we entered our senior years but her soul took another path. I will always remember the fun times we had in school together and all the birthdays we shared. I regret not making an effort to get to see her again when I could. My dad also passed from pancreatic cancer and I am sure she is in a better place now. Sending my love to the Coote family and all the sisters.

Pam (Clark) Biero

Pam Biero - April 19, 2013 at 10:36 PM



“ Rod, Oliver, Morley: Sending you all heartfelt sympathy in your loss of the one so dear to you.

Mary, Mary-Lou, Barb, Bev & Pat: I have so many fond memories of our families growing up together. In the sympathy card from you all at mom's passing Elizabeth had written. "Rejoice for Agnes is on her new mission... To light up our northern skies as a STAR. As she guides you from above, stop... to listen for her kind thoughts throughout your busy day. I will look for Elizabeth's STAR as I know that she will be there.

Colleen Grabinsky.

Colleen Grabinsky(shaw) - April 18, 2013 at 12:37 AM



“ Rod, Oliver, & Morley

I was saddened to hear of Elizabeth's passing and my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. I will always remember Elizabeth's bright smiling face, caring nature, and zest for everything she tried. I first met Elizabeth a number of years ago when she attended my Yoga class in High River and then again later thru our mutual love of the land and gardening. She was a great lady and will be missed.

Colleen Gehrke



Colleen Gehrke - April 17, 2013 at 11:43 PM



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Colleen Grabinsky(shaw) - April 17, 2013 at 09:31 PM



“ Elizabeth And Alex Bahlsen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Elizabeth and Alex Bahlsen - April 17, 2013 at 07:06 PM



“ Rod, Oliver and Morley - we are so sad to hear of Elizabeth's passing. She was very special. I got to know her first, through Brian's friendship with Morley then when she came in as a substitute in my classroom whenever one of my EA's was ill. She was a wonderful, caring woman and will be missed. Our condolences to you all.
Dan and Bev Fox

Dan and Bev Fox - April 17, 2013 at 05:21 PM



“ Dan And Bev Fox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Dan and Bev Fox - April 17, 2013 at 05:19 PM



“ Remembering Elizabeth with joy! Our prayers are with you all. Rod & Lesley McLeish

Lesley McLeish - April 17, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ Joy , Denton & Tasha Eaglesham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Joy , Denton & Tasha Eaglesham - April 17, 2013 at 04:27 PM



“ Debbie Pearce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Debbie Pearce - April 17, 2013 at 03:40 PM



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Bev - April 17, 2013 at 02:14 PM



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Bev - April 17, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ The names to this photo are Liz Guest, Pat Edwards, Carolyn Brooks & Pat McCormick

Colleen - April 17, 2013 at 08:15 PM



“ Bev is following this tribute.

Bev - April 17, 2013 at 12:02 PM



“ Ray And Linda Sue Miklos lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Ray and Linda Sue Miklos - April 17, 2013 at 09:56 AM



“ Rod, Oliver, Morley and family. You are in our prayers and our hearts. We were blessed to have known Elizabeth and will always cherish our time together. Blessings to all of you.

Ray and Linda Sue Miklos - April 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM



“ Rod and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Elizabeth was a such a pleasure to get to know, and she will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have her in their lives.

Marty and Laurie Kneller Okotoks, Alberta

Laurie Kneller - April 17, 2013 at 07:52 AM



“ Am so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. May you know the comfort and consolation of the Lord as you grieve the loss of your beloved wife and mother.

Chaplain Virginia Battiste - April 16, 2013 at 10:26 PM



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Mary Louise Guest - April 16, 2013 at 10:06 PM



“ Love these pics. Mary Lou!

Pam Biero - April 20, 2013 at 10:19 AM



“ Rod, Oliver, Morley and Family,
Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of Elizabeth. What a wonderful lady she was.
Hugs to you all
Roberta and Ross Hazen



R Hazen - April 16, 2013 at 09:03 PM



“ Ed And Leslie Wendt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Ed and Leslie Wendt - April 16, 2013 at 01:57 PM



“ Dear Rod and family, many years ago Elizabeth and I connected through the Nanton Moms group. I have always enjoyed her enthusiasm and wonderful look at life. Sending my virtual hug and prayers. Carol (Duxbury) Crawford

Carol Crawford - April 16, 2013 at 12:49 PM



“ Rod, Oliver, Morley & Family, Mary Guest, Mary Lou, Barb, Bev & Pat. We're sooo thankful to have known your Wife, Mom, Grandmother, Daughter & Sister. Elizabeth had such a wonderful way of lighting up the room wherever she was by just being her beautiful, loving & thoughtful self. Her blessings will live on forever in our hearts!!! Sincerely Gord & Theresa Orchard



Gord Orchard - April 16, 2013 at 11:21 AM



“ Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Lorna McLean - April 16, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ Our hearts are filled with so many emotions. Our love and prayers surround all of Elizabeth's family. We have been blessed and continue to be. Love, Jack and Tami Anderson



“ Sten & Cheryl Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Sten & Cheryl Lundberg - April 15, 2013 at 06:27 PM



“ Rod, Oliver, and Morley please know that our thoughts are with you and your family at this most difficult time.
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

Len & Pat Zebedee - April 15, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ Len & Pat Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Len & Pat Zebedee - April 15, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Joan Coote



Cathy Couey - April 15, 2013 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Mary, Rod, Oliver, Morley, Mary-Lou, Barb, Bev and Patricia, I join you in grieving the loss of our dear Elizabeth. My life is filled with memories of your family but of course especially with Elizabeth with whom I shared a nearly life long mutual admiration and affection. We met when we were both 20 years old, teaching swimming at the new MacMillan Pool in Abbotsford, and 'finding ourselves.' We were such different personalities from quite different childhood experiences, and yet we seemed to be soul mates and instantly became fast and lasting friends. We shared wonderful times at Summit Lake in the early 1970s when the cabin was a gleam in Harry's eye, and we shared the joy of each finding our husbands. 'Liz' spent a week with Ken and I at Summit when ken and I had only just met, and it was ken's first trip to Canada. Soon after, Elizabeth honoured me with her request to be maid of honour at her wedding, and I have such vivid memories of meeting Rod's family, being with all of you, and wearing only purples and blues!!! Elizabeth and I exchanged LONG hand written letters more than once a year and always on our October birthdays right up till 2012, when she shared the news of her monumental health challenges. She sounded so optimistic but also frustrated with her limitations, and I knew the struggle would be daunting. I am so saddened to hear today, from Ken, following Rod's kind phone call, that Elizabeth is no longer with us. I was hoping for at least one last visit. However, I am sure she would not have wanted to continue on in a debilitated state. I am so happy that she had the joy of knowing her grandchildren and know from her many letters how much she loved and appreciated her family. I would like to express my gratitude to Elizabeth for being such a wonderful, straight-talking, loving, and loyal friend - I learned so much from her - and my gratitude to all of you for sharing her with me. Ken joins me in sending you all our very best wishes during this time of sadness, gratitude and transition,

Love

Jessica/Louise Ball

Jessica (Louise) Ball - April 21, 2013 at 11:50 PM