



Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes

April 25, 1916 - October 29, 2012

On Monday, October 29, 2012, Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes, a long-time resident of High River, passed away in the manner she lived her life, gently and quietly, at the Wetaskiwin Extended Care Centre. She was born April 25, 1916 to Tom and Dorothy Waddell of Nanton. Her early schooling was in a one room school with high school being completed in Nanton. She completed her Normal School training in Calgary and became a Governess for the Swann family until she got her own one-room school, Muirhead, west of Nanton. In 1939 she married Tom Hughes. Together they ranched, raised Hereford cattle and four children. In 1957, the family relocated to High River where Marjorie eventually resumed her teaching career as a beloved grade one teacher at the Westward School in High River, retiring in 1976. She was a faithful member of Eastern Star and St. Benedict's Anglican church, serving on the altar guild and singing in the choir for many years. In her late eighties she reluctantly gave up her own place and moved to the Medicine Tree Manor where she never missed a Handy Van trip into Calgary, a weekly hair appointment, or any entertainment which came to the Manor. In 2009, due to failing health, she moved to Sunrise Village in Ponoka, where she quickly became a favorite of the staff for her unflinching good humour and gentle ways. She is survived by her 4 children, Allen (Deirdre), Elaine, Maxine (Dave Morris), Joan (Tom Budd), 11 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Mary Benson of Nanton, and her sister-in-law Esther Waddell of Eckville. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Tom in 1969, her brothers Allan and Jack Waddell, brother-in-law Lenny Benson, and sister-in-law Amy Waddell. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's Anglican Church in High River (602 3rd St. SW). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Marjorie's memory to St. Benedict's Anglican Church (602 3rd St. SW, High River, T1V 1B4) or the Museum Of The Highwood (Box 5334, High River, T1V 1M5). To send condolences and view Marjorie's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com>. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery

Events

Highwood Cemetery

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Service

01:00PM

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High River, AB,

St. Benedict's Anglican Church

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

Comments



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lyle Reeves Funerals - November 14, 2012 at 01:56 PM



“ Mrs. Hughes was one of my favorite teachers and for many, many years we exchanged Christmas letters. Grade one is such an important year and I learned to love reading and learning thanks to your mom. She is fondly remembered and will be missed.

Joan (Kinnear) Craven



Joan Craven - November 04, 2012 at 10:32 PM



“ Susan McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes



Susan McPherson - November 03, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ We shall treasure our memory of Marjorie, a fine lady whom we first got to know when she visited her aunt Violet in Pinner, England, and whom we met again when we visited her in High River some 30 years ago. She was so kind and hospitable, with a nice sense of humor. She enjoyed traveling in London with the city gents in suits and ties, and she kindly let us use her Buick saloon when we visited! We feel sure that all who miss her will be comforted by warm memories of her life. We send our sympathy to Elaine, Maxine, Allen, Joan and all the family.
With love from Susan and Ken Walker (in Flaunden, Hertfordshire).

Kenneth & Susan Walker - November 03, 2012 at 01:10 PM



“ Esther Sawatzky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes



Esther Sawatzky - November 03, 2012 at 12:50 PM



“ Marjorie was our daughters grade one teacher, and I also had the pleasure of working with her. SHE was a gentle soul with a keen sense of humour. Very loving with all . Please accept our sincere sympathy. Those we hold most dear, never truly leaveus. They live on in the kindnesses they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives. May our sympathy and your special memories help to comfort you at this time of sorrow. Sincerely Alice and Bud Wyatt and Cheryl

alice and Duane(Bud) Wyatt - November 03, 2012 at 11:18 AM



“ Mrs. Hughes has been an inspiration to me. Her gentle way with children and delightful twinkling humor were gifts to those who worked with her and especially to those who had the good fortune to be taught by her. Jacqueline Nelson

Jacqueline Nelson - November 03, 2012 at 09:44 AM



“ Wendy Preston (Blayne) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes



Wendy Preston (Blayne) - November 02, 2012 at 10:52 AM



“ so sad to hear about your mom, she was a true lady. lynn and jan phillips



jan phillips - November 01, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your mom, she was my favorite teacher, always loved to see your mom, know matter where we would see each other we would have a good chat. A very special woman indeed.

Sharon (Phillips) Dale

Sharon dale - October 31, 2012 at 10:10 AM



“ Janet & Doug Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes



Janet & Doug Gardner - October 30, 2012 at 02:12 PM



“ Your Mom was one of those ladies prominent in our lives, who always put her best foot forward, had kind words to share, and brightened our days.
Elaine(Bradley) Mason

Elaine Mason - October 30, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ Lorna McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Elizabeth Hughes



Lorna McLean - October 30, 2012 at 09:38 AM