



## Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns

September 1, 1932 - March 10, 2013

Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns passed away surrounded by her family on March 10, 2013 at the High River Hospital at the age of 80 years. Avalon is survived by her loving husband Don; her children David (Joan) Larsen, Valerie Larsen, Lynda (Elmer) Larsen, Laurie (Chris) Martel, Cathy Corns, Chris (Jolanta) Corns, Marie (John) Corns, Roger (Peach) Corns and Michael Corns; Grandchildren Carlee, Andre, Joelle, Tessa, Kendra, Dana, Easton, Jack, Tomek, Caleb and Connor as well as her Great-Grandchild Dante. She is also survived by her sister Beverly (Dale) Hari, her brother Gordon Hoeh and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Avalon was predeceased by her son Keith and her Granddaughter Emily.

Born to Agnes (Olsson) Hoeh in Calgary, Avalon grew up in High River with her parents Jessie and Alwyn (Tiny) Collier. She graduated from Spitzee School in High River and went on to train in Calgary at the Holy Cross School of Nursing earning her RN in 1954. She had a long and meaningful career as an RN, touching the lives of many. She worked at the Holy Cross Hospital in both the general and pre-term nurseries, also supplementing her employment providing insurance medicals. She then went on to work for many years with the Government of Alberta in an infectious disease clinic. Avalon retired from nursing after rounding out her career in geriatrics working at various nursing homes in Calgary. She will always be remembered for the respect, dignity, kindness, and compassion she offered to those she cared for.

Avalon was a dedicated mother and her first priority was always her family. She wed Ken Larsen and raised five wonderful children (Keith, David, Valerie, Lynda, and Laurie) of whom she was incredibly and forever proud. She then went on to marry Don Corns and welcomed five more children into her life, (Cathy, Chris, Roger, Marie and Michael). Amalgamating the values and routines of two families was a rewarding challenge that stretched and strengthened her heart. Having children at home for over 35 years was a true testament to her perseverance which was always softened by her wit and sense of humour.

She had many interests and spent her free time gardening, baking and golfing. Some of her most wonderful memories were enjoyed while playing bridge and mah-jong with her many friends. She will be remembered as a fun loving, hard-working, selfless woman with immense strength and faith. She leaves behind so many dear friends who brought much love and joy to her life, and she in turn to theirs. Avalon's clever wit, energy, determination and ability to overcome adversity will always be an inspiration. Those who knew her are forever blessed.

A Prayer Service was held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in High River. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church (206 – 9th Ave. W, High River). In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the High River Handi-Bus Society (mail: PO Box 5976, High River, AB, T1V 1P6). To send condolences and view Avalon's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

MAR **13**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church  
206 - 9th Ave. W.  
High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)  
(403) 652-2203  
francisdesales@shaw.ca  
<http://www.francisdesaleshighriver.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAR **14**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church  
206 - 9th Ave. W.  
High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)  
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# Tribute Wall



“ To The Larsen's

*Although we have our challenges as a blended family your beloved Mom Avalon always did her very best to make my special occasions extra special for me. The night I received my Girl Guides Canada cord as well as my 21st and 30th birthdays come to mind. Wow! Could she put on a party!!*

*More recently March 2005? When my Dad's cousin David (the priest) was giving a parish Mission at their church in High River she invited the Mission team (Deacon Bob Williston and Fr. David Cottingham (Dads cousin) to the house for dinner and because I was making the journey to High River for the Mission she invited me also and made it extra special for me by inviting other family members and some of my High River family friends, wow all these people for me. I was very touched.*

*When Avalon and her family came into my life, I very much disliked turnip and I discovered that when you add vinegar (as Avalon did) to a bowl of mashed turnip it is most delicious.*

*Avalon loved a good story of life experience the story of the traveling flyer which was one my sister Marie and her friend Mel created and kept Avalon laughing for many a day. There are probably many more stories I could share and as the days of grief pass and turn into days filled with memories I will continue to share as I am able to.*

*Thank you for sharing your beloved Mother Avalon with the Corns family. You all made personal sacrifices when we became a blended family. Again thank you. We are still a family! I am only a phone call or e-mail or text away.*

*The challenges of their blended family marriage never dampened the tenderness of the love my Dad (Don) and Avalon shared for just over 33 years.*

*Avalon thank you for teaching my dad the responsibilities of fatherhood and how to be a good life mate. Enjoy being in peace with your beloved son Keith and granddaughter Emily and many others we all miss and cherish. I hope when you entered the gates of heaven God said, "Well done good and faithful servant." You have earned your rest. Rest well our dear Avalon; you will be never far from our hearts and minds.*

*Much Love Always,  
your (step) Daughter  
Cathy Corns*

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**Cathy Corns** - March 17, 2013 at 06:55 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - March 14, 2013 at 04:01 PM

SB

“ To Don and all of your and Avalon's family. My deepest sympathy! She was such a wonderful caring person Avalon was the closest I ever had to a sister and I feel such a great loss as will all of my family who she treated as her own..

*Sharon Butler and the Predyk family.*

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**Sharon Butler** - March 14, 2013 at 01:54 PM

TP

*Sharon Butler are you the Sharon Predyk from Vancouver. My name is Teresa Petty (Jim and Doreen's daughter). If you are, pls email me at [teresa.r.petty1@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.r.petty1@gmail.com) Thank you.*

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**Teresa Petty** - September 26, 2017 at 09:43 PM

PD

“ *Phil And Mary Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



phil and mary dillon - March 14, 2013 at 11:57 AM

JB

“ *Don, we share and care for you and for Avalon's family in this time of trial. Our sympathies and caring.*

Jerry/Linda Blake - March 13, 2013 at 11:24 PM

PD

“ *Penny Dowswell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



Penny Dowswell - March 13, 2013 at 09:36 PM



“ *Katie Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



Katie Hodge - March 13, 2013 at 02:05 PM



*Lynda and Family- Thinking of you during this very sad time. Sending love and prayers.*

**Katie Hodge** - March 13, 2013 at 02:15 PM

JA

“ *Dear Laurie, Chris and Family  
So sorry to hear of your loss. May the many treasured memories of your mom give you strength during this time of deep sorrow. God bless,  
Jo Appleby*

**Jo Appleby** - March 13, 2013 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ *Dear Laurie and Family, it is with heavy heart that I send you this note of condolence. May you be blessed with everlasting memories of your mom.*

**Dawn Humphrey** - March 13, 2013 at 10:16 AM

AF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**A friend** - March 13, 2013 at 01:44 AM

RA

“ *Roni Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



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**Roni Anderson** - March 12, 2013 at 09:22 PM

RA

*Lynda I didn't know your Mom but if you followed in her footsteps she must have been an amazing woman. Sending hugs and much love to you.*

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**Roni Anderson** - March 12, 2013 at 09:25 PM

KI

“ *Laurie, Chris and family, my deepest condolences to you on the loss of your Mother and Grandma. Lots of love,*

*Kim Peever*

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**Kim** - March 12, 2013 at 08:06 PM

 Laurie Martel

“ *Laurie Martel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



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**Laurie Martel** - March 12, 2013 at 05:44 PM

ME

“ *Melodee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns*



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**Melodee** - March 12, 2013 at 04:32 PM

ME

“ *Don, Marie, John, Caleb, Connor and family. I am sure Avalon is in God's spring garden. I remember how she loved and took pride in her's. The opposite of death is birth, not life. Life has no opposite life is eternal.*



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**Melodee** - March 12, 2013 at 04:29 PM

RT

“ *Roland Henderson and Internal Audit team, TransCanada purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns.*



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**Roland Henderson and Internal Audit team, TransCanada** -  
March 12, 2013 at 04:01 PM

KO

“ *Lynda, I did not know your mom well, but the times we did share she was one of the kindest, sweetest ladies I had ever met. I was always welcome in your home and truly felt like family. Today I will be remembering many of those good times.*

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**Kelly Oswald** - March 12, 2013 at 01:41 PM

Lynda  
Larsen

“ Lynda Larsen lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Avalon Gertrude Corns



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**Lynda Larsen** - March 12, 2013 at 12:28 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts are with you Don.  
Marlene and Dave Suitor

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**Dave Suitor** - March 12, 2013 at 12:01 AM

CB

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of this beloved wife, mother,  
grandmother and great grandmother. Thoughts and prayers are with  
you.

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**Chaplain Virginia Battiste** - March 11, 2013 at 09:58 PM

LS

“ Lindsay & Craig Snodgrass lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Avalon Gertrude Corns



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**Lindsay & Craig Snodgrass** - March 11, 2013 at 10:16 AM