



## Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy

December 18, 1944 - January 26, 2025

It is with great sadness and much love that we say goodbye to Barb.

She passed away in Nanaimo, BC on January 26, 2025, after a short battle with lung disease. She was predeceased by her husband Grant Coy in 2014 and her parents Edwin and Mary MacKay. Barb is survived by her three children Debbi, Darren (Sherry) and Dana, five grandchildren Nicole (National), Eryn (Nash), Ty (Jenna), Cody, and Dillon, four great grandchildren Reinen, Ropen, Ryden and Rhett, sister Sheila (Neville) and brother Ed (Judy), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Barb was born on December 18, 1944 in Victoria, BC. Her family moved from Victoria to Turner Valley, Alberta when she was a young girl. Later on relocated to Calgary, her heart was always in Victoria. Barb met the cowboy of her dreams, Grant they were married in 1965. Barb and Grant raised their three children on an acreage in High River, AB. Barb was involved in her children's sports, hockey, figure skating and horse activities throughout the years and was the face behind the front desk at Grant's Small Engines. Some of her favorite times were spent on their annual family vacations to Vancouver Island. Grant and Barb moved to Nanaimo BC in 1992. The memories of times spent on Parksville Beach were very near and dear to her and that was where she always took her grandkids when they came to visit. She was proudly involved with the Nanaimo Arts Council, the Nanaimo Tozan Kiln

(1995), Nanaimo Rhododendron Society, the Nanaimo Bridge Club, Literacy Nanaimo, and the Newcomers Club where she met lifelong friends Diane Wade and Phoebe Hamilton. Playing bridge, doing floral design, gardening and rhododendrons were passions of hers.

Most would agree that her title of “Grandma” and “Gigi” are ones she was most proud of in life. Due to them all living far away, she took great pleasure in FaceTiming with them as much as possible. Her duty as Gigi to her four great grandchildren was taken very seriously. She requested weekly updates with “those little Jaspers” as she called them.

The family would like to thank the caring and loving staff at the Nanaimo Regional Hospital 5th floor & Palliative Care Unit who took pleasure in her humour and cheekiness during her stay.

A Celebration of Barb's Life will be held on at the Meadowbank Hall on Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Meadowbank Hall

AB-540

Cayley, AB T0L 0H0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ *What a lovely picture of your mother! She was one attractive gal . Because I live in Vancouver, we did speak now and again . The last time being around Xmas and she had been to see her grandson play football at UBC She - sent me a picture . She was so proud of him ,and so proud of her other smaller grandchildren too . I have been thinking of you kids .. the 3 ‘ D’s knowing of your trials of settling your mothers estate issues from afar . She did love living on the coast brought on by all her happy times with her own grandmother out here . So long ago in Calgary we were neighbors on Shamrock pl , .. young adults and having fun with Grant and barb and the Serna’s . . Time passes .. life happens -the happy and the sad . I send my caring thoughts to you all .*  
*Annabelle*

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**annabelle Gaffney** - February 23, 2025 at 02:19 PM

ES

“ *Upon hearing of the recent passing of Barb we offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Debbie, Darren, Dana and their families.*

*We have many, many fond memories of our dear friend and longtime former neighbor. Barb was a very special person who will be dearly missed but will not be forgotten. Rest in peace Barb.*

*Jack, Zig, Ed and Linda Serna on Shamrock Place.*

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**Ed Serna** - February 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CJ

“ My heartfelt wishes go out to all of Barb's children and grandchildren. Our girls went to school together and I remember Barb well. Hope your memories of your Mom and Grandma will help you through the next few months and years.

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**Connie Lorraine Jewell** - February 18, 2025 at 04:46 PM

CC

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Coy Family



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**Cathy Couey** - February 18, 2025 at 04:09 PM

EM

“ Eileen & Jodie Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



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**Eileen & Jodie Malmberg** - February 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Beingessner-Kerr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



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**cheryl Beingessner-Kerr** - February 18, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LC

“ Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Lynda Cowling - February 17, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JC

“ Jeff Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Jeff Callahan - February 17, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JB

“ Jay Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Jay Bradley - February 16, 2025 at 03:35 PM

GC

“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - February 16, 2025 at 02:54 PM

PZ

“ Our sincere sympathy Darren and Sherry and family on the loss of your Mom and Grandma. Treasure your memories, they will help you through the tough days that lay ahead.  
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee

Pat Zebedee - February 16, 2025 at 01:14 PM

DP

“ Diane Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Diane Porter - February 16, 2025 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ Barbara McInerney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Barbara McInerney - February 16, 2025 at 09:49 AM

BM

“ Bert Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



Bert Montgomery - February 16, 2025 at 09:27 AM

EL

“ I have so many memories of Barb over the years we were neighbours and friends, here and in Nanaimo’. Thinking of her makes me smile. The silly and fun times, as well as the caring and serious times. Our kids still are friends. They were important times in my life. My heart and prayers go out to Debbi, Darren, Dana and their families

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**ElaineMason** - February 16, 2025 at 12:20 AM

KC

“ Kathy Cuthbertson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Coy



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**Kathy Cuthbertson** - February 15, 2025 at 10:34 PM

CA

“ Debbi, Darren (Sherry) and Dana, my deepest condolences to all of you in the loss of your beautiful mom. Hugs and loves, your mom was a special lady.

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**Connie Anderson** - February 15, 2025 at 09:37 PM