



Mrs. Brenda Marjorie Thomsen

January 6, 1932 - November 11, 2024

With heavy hearts, we celebrate the life of Brenda Thomsen, who passed away peacefully on November 11, 2024. Brenda's journey began on January 6, 1932, in England, where she was born to Freda and Albert. Brenda was one of five siblings, including Albert (deceased), Hugh (deceased), Julie, and Sylvia.

Brenda's early years were marked by resilience, as she grew up in England during World War II. She attended Grammar School before serving in the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS), experiences that reinforced that the structure and regiment of the navy was not well suited to her strong-headedness and led to her cutting her four-year service in half.

In 1957, Brenda embarked on a new adventure, immigrating to Canada with her three young children. After a long journey by boat and train, she arrived in Edmonton, Alberta, where she began building her family's Canadian life. Brenda had three additional children upon coming to Canada, in total raising six children—Ken, Sue, Rod, Shelley, Julia, and Malcolm—creating a legacy of 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren who brought her endless pride and joy.

Brenda was married twice, with her second marriage to Will Thomsen bringing companionship and joy, until his passing. Together, they shared a love for

travel, enjoying road trips across Canada and exploring Europe.

In 1975, Brenda and Will moved to Calgary, Alberta, with her youngest children, Shelley, Julia, and Malcolm. There, she became a manager with Alberta Government Social Services. In 2002, she and Will moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia, where they enjoyed many happy years together. In her final year, Brenda returned to Alberta, living in High River with her daughter Shelley and son-in-law Allan, surrounded by the love of her family.

Brenda leaves behind a legacy of strength, warmth, and love that lives on in her six children, her 19 grandchildren, and her 16 great-grandchildren. Her memory will be forever cherished by her family and all who were fortunate to know her.

Brenda, you will be deeply missed, but your spirit lives on in the hearts of those you touched.

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in 1910, she was born into a family of farmers in Calgary, Alberta, with her youngest children, Shirley, John, and Malcolm. There, she became a manager with Alberta Government Social Services. In 2012, she and Bill moved to Okotoks, British Columbia, where they spent many happy years together. In her final year, Brenda returned to Alberta, living in high times with her daughter Shelley and son-in-law Alan, surrounded by the love of her family.

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