



## Ms. D. Joyce Christian

March 11, 1940 - October 7, 2014

Joyce Christian (nee: France) passed away peacefully at home, as was her wish. She will be most remembered by all, as loving, compassionate, supportive, generous and kind. She faced all life's challenges with grace and courage, including her illness.

Joyce was an exceptional fibre artist, a jazz and blues musician and patron, an animal lover, an outstanding cook and creator of splendid gardens. She appreciated all that is beautiful and romantic. Mom had a dry sense of humour befitting her English ancestry and was the sparkle at every party. She loved to dance, travel, fish, swim and shop. A lifelong fondness for elders; she cared for the most vulnerable in India and Canada.

She will be forever honored, loved and greatly missed by her daughter Kimberly, sons Kevin (Shannon) and Jeffrey (Rose); her grandchildren Krystal, Todd, Sunra, Sheri and their families. Her many friends who love her dearly are in our thoughts with gratitude. She is predeceased by her loving husband John Christian; her parents Annie and Willy France, as well as her birth mother and father Dorothy Lozecki and Harold France.

The family wishes to thank the Rural Palliative Care Consult Service and the High River Integrated Home Care for their extraordinary care and respect. Memorial donations in memory of Joyce may be made to The High River

District Health Foundation (Home Care) 560 – 9th Ave. SW, High River, AB,  
T1V 1B3.

At Joyce's request no service will be held. To send condolences and view  
Joyce's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is  
Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *When I think of my family, my childhood, and the fondest memories I can recall from that period, I think of my grandmother. She was a selfless glowing beacon of joy that brought love and pleasantry to any occasion. Whether it was a carefully orchestrated Christmas morning filled with wonder and anticipation or a frustrating turkey dinner that she had to keep me from evacuating with her generous offerings of candy and candor - my grandmother was a delightful necessity to any family event. A facilitator and a mediator. Always looking to make things cheerful.*

*She was a gentle woman of pure heart and sound mind, boundless compassion and soothing words. Grandma's house was the only other house where I truly felt at home. She and I would hide away in the "dungeon" together for hours. I'd play games and listen to her stories and ramblings while she worked her sewing machine or knit something beautiful. We shared our hobbies together. She was excellent at her craft. Intricate blankets, flawlessly knit scarves... She'd tear out the entire garment if a single stitch was wrong. She took pride in her work, and rightfully so.*

*I could go on forever about all the wonderful moments I've shared with my grandmother and how beautiful of a person she is, but it wouldn't do my feelings justice. Truth be told, losing her is an ineffable experience. I love her, and she will be deeply missed by many. There is no shortage of hearts touched by her kind and caring ways. Wherever she may be, I am sure it is a place of well deserved peace.*

*She was an irreplaceable contribution to me as a person and a blessing to have in my life. Thank you for everything, grandma.*

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**Sunra** - October 30, 2014 at 01:22 AM

JE

“ Any time spent with Joyce was a good time. I'll always remember her effervescence and sense of humour. Thoughts of her make me smile. Thank you, Joyce, for sharing your special beauty with the world. My deepest condolences to the family. She will be missed.

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**Jennifer** - October 28, 2014 at 11:30 PM

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“ I had the joy of meeting Joyce when I owned a flowershop in high river. We had many laughs and I loved seeing her smile when she would pop in for a visit. After I closed the store I thought of her often and missed our visits. Sending my deepest sympathy to her loved ones! Keep your bright smile shining Joyce!

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**Stacey** - October 14, 2014 at 07:33 PM



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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 07:02 PM



“ John Christian was added to the Family Tree.

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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 01:13 PM



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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 01:05 PM



*There in heaven that John was there to wrap you in his arms and comfort you. Now, you are at peace with the one you love for eternity..*

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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 01:08 PM

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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 11:34 AM

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**Rose Slade** - October 12, 2014 at 11:31 AM



“ *To my Mommy-in-law:*

*I married your son, Jeff & was blessed to gain two wonderful, loving & supportive friends in yourself & John. I was always encouraged by you both to be myself and was never judged by either of you. You truly were the "knowing woman".... You were so much stronger and wiser than you ever realized..... Thank you for always being there to listen when I needed someone to talk to. I can still hear you say " I know, I know, it's ok Rosalie" ....Someday, we'll both be on the other side. I hope we'll find each other & I can have an opportunity to tell you again what a positive impact you had in my life....*

*Love Rosalie xo*

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**Rose Slade** - October 11, 2014 at 06:26 PM

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“ Joyce I remember when I met you for Rose and Jeff's wedding it was a blessed day and you shared so much with these young people thank you for the blessings and the love that you have given everybody over the years you have peace now and thank you Jesus for taking Joyce into your arms and given her the peace amen

Brenda - October 11, 2014 at 12:49 PM



“ Krystal Dawn Schriener nee slade was added to the Family Tree.

Rose Slade - October 10, 2014 at 02:10 PM



“ Todd Jeffrey Slade was added to the Family Tree.

Rose Slade - October 10, 2014 at 02:08 PM



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Rose Slade - October 10, 2014 at 02:04 PM

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Rose - October 10, 2014 at 01:55 PM

JT

“ Jeffrey T lit a candle in memory of Ms. D.  
Joyce Christian



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Jeffrey T - October 10, 2014 at 12:44 PM

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“ Rosalie lit a candle in memory of Ms. D.  
Joyce Christian



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Rosalie - October 09, 2014 at 12:58 PM