



## Ms. Diana Evelyn Doe

February 8, 1931 - December 19, 2022

Di passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital surrounded by close friends.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Linda Rowland, Thomas Doe, Jill Toocaram, Janice Doe, Philip Doe, Steed Doe, Diana Donoghue, Suki Menaged, Paul Wheeler and Michael Wheeler.

Predeceased by her parents Thomas and Marie, brothers Tom and Bill, and sister Sybil.

Di was a teacher and Librarian for 35 years, both in England and Canada. While teaching she was very active with the youth taking them on field trips, as far away as Europe, as well as basketball tournaments and other sporting events.

One of her greatest loves was curling. She began curling in 1954 when she lived in Nipigon, Ontario. Except for a few years when she lived away from a curling center, she had remained active in the sport. She was a player, but even more she was a coach. She coached junior women's and men's teams in Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. Many of her teams qualified to compete on a provincial level. Di was a member of the executive of the B.C. Curling Association, serving as its president in 1989. The following year she was

elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Ladies Curling Association. She was a director with Curling Canada for many years and attended the Scotties Tournament of Hearts for over 30 years.

Di loved to travel, visiting every continent at least once, her most recent trip was to the Antarctic. Through her travels she kept in contact with friends all over the world.

Her final request was to be cremated and her ashes to be cast into the wind so she can continue her travels.

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

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so deeply saddened to hear of Di Doe's passing. She moved to our street in Houston shortly after I was born in 1970. She was like part of our family and there was always a dog or two to play with at her house. The door was always open, and I was probably there at least once a day lol. I often think of her and how much I learned from her all those years ❤️ RIP my Didoe, love you xo

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**Julie Bodnar** - March 02, 2023 at 10:49 PM

BT

“ It was with huge sadness that I learned the news that my Great Auntie Di has passed away at the age of 91.

*Sister to my grandfather, Tom Doe, she was the matriarch of our family: a strong independent woman, fierce and kind in equal measure, but always fair. Regardless of who you were, or where you stood in the pecking order, Auntie Di never shied away from delivering the cold hard truth when necessary, as she saw it (which was generally spot on), with razor-sharp precision, tempered by her wit and dry sense of humour.*

*For me growing up, she was a bit of a mythical creature: As a child, I would wait impatiently, peering out of the windows, anticipating her arrival at Christmas from her adopted home of Canada (with her trademark bright white hair), for many years with her companion Marg, to hear her enchanting tales of adventures from her travels. These would jump from her wartime childhood on Rob's Farm, Cavendish, to avoiding bears in Canada where she taught for many years and her love for the sport of curling. Just a couple of years ago, she even spent Christmas by herself aboard an Antarctic cruise to see the wildlife, specifically the penguins. She was the ultimate adventurer who lived life to the full.*

*At the age of 20 I was lucky enough to spend a summer with her in High River, Alberta. We had so much fun and laughed a lot. Our days comprised water aerobics with the town's OAP's, me digging her clay garden, lunch and then afternoon g&t's with cards, before I was finally put to work in deepest rural Calgary, on a construction site for a month - quite the education / life experience, sometimes referred to as "character building", by certain family members...*

*She was also very generous and for my last two weeks of the trip, bought a new RV camper van, which she allowed me and my university friend Alex Joughin to travel in to the US. Being over ambitious, young and naïve, we managed to squeeze out 5,500 miles in 11 days, all the way down to Orange County, CA and back -*

*our own adventure of a lifetime!*

*On returning the RV, I remember the conflict of emotions she had: on the one hand she was bemused as to how on earth we'd managed to travel so far in such a short time, balanced with the admiration that we had in fact done so. As I stood in front of her, braced for a scolding, to my surprise she put her hands in her jeans pockets, raised both eyebrows and shrugged her shoulders - "not a bad little runner then!", coupled with a knowing mischievous grin, which we gleefully returned.*

*Auntie Di was hugely loved, respected and will be sorely missed by me and all of our family and friends who were lucky enough to encounter her.*

*For me, her legacy is how she inspired us all to live life to the full, to stand tall, be brave and perhaps most importantly, not to mince our words.*

*RIP Great Auntie Di*

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**Ben Toocaram** - January 08, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *I so enjoyed "Princess Di" and treasure our last phone conversation just before her passing. We met at Aquafit & became friends. I enjoyed her stories as I pedaled her around town on the Cycling Without Age bike. She was "one in a million". Safe travels, DiDoe, as you head off on your next great adventure.*

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**Mandoannie Cadrin** - December 31, 2022 at 08:52 PM

DE

“ I so enjoyed my visits with DiDoe. Endless stories she had to share on our visit. I only knew her for a short while but I am so grateful to have met and been blessed by her presence. Always remembered DiDoe.

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**Debbie** - December 31, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ Di will forever be in mine and my families heart. For years I was blessed with her stories after Aquafit or when we'd have a visit at her house.

Di loved giving me plant clippings and asking after their growth (I could never get my plants to look as great as hers)

She was wonderful with my son and would have him over to do spring/fall yard work and shovelling in the winter. Alex loved her stories and would have a good laugh when her little but mighty 4.5 self would boss up on his 300lb 6ft self.

Di will be deeply missed, and thought of often.

All our love follows you to heaven Di!

Love the Leadbeater's



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**Leah Leadbeater** - December 31, 2022 at 03:40 PM

SB

“ Sandy Burgess lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diana Evelyn Doe



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**sandy burgess** - December 30, 2022 at 04:10 PM

LR

“ *Di was such a lovely lady. Always enjoyed visiting with her. Thinking of all her family and friends*



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**Leah Randle** - December 22, 2022 at 06:22 PM

SM

“ *I enjoyed all interactions with Di; she was one of a kid.*



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**Sheila Macklin** - December 22, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SM

*"Kid" should be "kind". in the above note.*  
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**Sheila Macklin** - December 22, 2022 at 04:49 PM

FR

“ *Will always Lady Di whom I met doing Aqua Size - was always being told to stop talking . Always interesting stories. Also will always remember her for suggesting for me to hire her very good friend Eileen to be my buddy,friend, and lifesaver for cleaning our home. Rest In Peace. I know the streets will be safer in High River- instead of driving you will look upon us and planning another trip*



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**Frieda Rogers** - December 22, 2022 at 02:06 PM

CH

“ I loved getting to know Di, you could sit for hours and listen to her adventures!! She was talented beyond measure and so kind to all. When I worked at The Manor I used to bring the dogs in, she would take the old collie dog to her room for a visit and treats. She left this world a better place.

Chrissy - December 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

TB

“ Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diana Evelyn Doe



Tammy Beach - December 22, 2022 at 12:45 AM

JG

“ Diana will always be remembered for all her curling activities..  
Condolences to all her family.. Judy & Doug Green



Judy & Doug Green - December 21, 2022 at 04:48 PM

AB

Dear Dido  
I miss you.  
Condolences to family and friends.  
Sincerely  
AB

A B. - January 15, 2023 at 09:19 PM