



Mrs. Eleanor Jean McKinnon

November 22, 1942 - April 10, 2020

Eleanor Jean McKinnon (nee McLeod) R.N. passed away at McKenzie Towne Long Term Care on April 10th, 2020 at the age of 77. She is lovingly remembered by her three daughters; Connie (Paul), Katherine (Rob), and Colleen (Mike). She will also be dearly missed by her 7 grandchildren: Christopher, Tavin, Kaylee, Avarie, James, William and Isabel. Eleanor is also survived by her sister Margaret Rarick and was an aunt to many. She was predeceased by her parents, Jean and James Smith McLeod and by her brother Jim McLeod.

Eleanor was raised in Turner Valley, Alberta. She attended the University of Saskatchewan and in 1963 she graduated as a registered nurse from the Calgary General Hospital. She followed in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother who were also nurses. Eleanor worked for the Victorian Order of Nurses and then left the paid workforce for a number of years to raise her children. Eleanor ran a successful swimming business and returned to the nursing profession in the early 1980s. Eleanor was very proud to have been a 1988 Olympic Volunteer. As a result of the Alberta government's budget cuts to health care in the early 1990s she relocated to Texas, Tennessee and Florida where she worked as a cardiac rehabilitation nurse. When Eleanor returned to Calgary in the early 2000s she worked in long term care homes and in palliative care.

Eleanor was a feisty lady who marched to the beat of her own drum. She was adventurous and she was a survivor. She had a strong personality and was never afraid to speak her mind. Eleanor was also a very warm person who was kind and compassionate. She was a loyal friend and she had many lifelong friends who always stood by her side. She was passionate about her family, teaching swimming, renovating houses, baking, gardening, playing bridge, watching golf and discussing politics. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Thank you to Dr. Stassen and to all the staff at McKenzie Towne Long Term Care, for the outstanding care you gave our mother over the last year, especially during this recent pandemic. Knowing she was loved and cared for during her last days is comforting to the family. Thank you to all the staff at the Foothills Medical Center for the world class level of care provided to her in 2019 which allowed her to have another year of life. There will be a celebration of life when circumstances permit and an invitation will be sent to all friends and family. If friends so desire, memorial tributes to Eleanor may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 200, 119 - 14 Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2N 1Z6 (Telephone 403-264-5549, www.heartandstroke.ca).

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.9489.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Connie, Catherine and Colleen, we were so very sad about your loss. John worked for your Dad. Eleanor was the gracious hosts for special dinners and staff parties. She prepared all of th food herself. We travelled to Vancouver.....the boys to work, Eleanor and I for a break. What fun it was to let Eleanor show me around and at night we went dancing and Eleanor taught me how to do the latest dance.....the bump. We participated in a company golf tournament and enjoying the golf game with a beverage or two decided to perform at the banquet.....It seemed like a good idea at the time. Eleanor taught both of our girls to swim. She inspired me to sew when she made Christmas stockings for each of us one Christmas. She also organized a Santa party for many children complete with gifts and a real live Santa. I adored your Mom and feel leased to have spent time with her. I hope these few memories will put a smile on your faces. Sincerely, Carol Dauphinee

Carolyn Dauphinee - April 22, 2020 at 03:46 PM

JL

“ Dearest Connie, Katherine, and Colleen,
We send our sincerest condolences to you and your families. I will always remember what a great sense of humor your mom had. And I will cherish the memory of visits I have had with her over the years. Love to all of you❤️ Jen and Gord

Jennifer Laughy - April 22, 2020 at 12:20 AM

TG

“ Colleen and family,
I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was a pistol. Know we love you and send hugs to you all.
XO Tanis, Brett and family

tanis greenlaw - April 21, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CM

“ Dear Margaret and family, I am sorry to hear of Eleanor Jean's passing but happy she lived such a full life. I remember her well and looking exactly like the picture accompanying this tribute page. In my school memories she was always Eleanor Jean which I thought was such a nice name.
My condolences to you all,
Carole Donnelly Malmberg

Carole Malmberg - April 21, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ Connie Isaak lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Eleanor Jean McKinnon



Connie Isaak - April 19, 2020 at 01:02 AM