



Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Nelson-Yanke

June 9, 1933 - February 15, 2021

It is with deep sadness to announce the passing of Emma Nelson-Yanke on February 15, 2021 after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

Emma is survived by husband Ray Yanke; daughter Susan Nelson, grandson David Boyce (Cheryl), great-grandson Kurtis Storoschuk Boyce (Jen); granddaughter Brandy Boyce (Doug), great-granddaughter Isla; son Rick (Debbie) Nelson, granddaughter Kyla Nelson; son Glen Nelson; stepdaughters Kim Simpson (Cam), Kari (Jim) Matsella, granddaughters Kevyn (Mitch), great-grandson Avery; granddaughter Cierra (Brendan); sister Eleanor Hass, and brother Ivan Speidel (Joan).

Emma was predeceased by her son Larry Nelson in March 2020, husband Norman Nelson in 1976, parents Elizabeth & Joseph Speidel, sisters Dolores, Lorraine and brother Vern.

Family was the most important thing in Emma's life and she enjoyed travelling to differing countries and within Canada.

Emma enjoyed many different aspects of employment from working at an Insurance Agency, Medicine Hat City Hall, Time Air, Real Estate Agent, and with MRB Foods Brokerage. Emma enjoyed taking numerous courses and was active on several boards, Landlord and Tenant, Library, Medicine Hat

Housing Authority, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Girl Guide Leader, Cub Scout Leader and Sunday School Teacher.

Emma and Ray had just celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary before her passing and she was a loving and devoted wife and mother and grandmother to all. Emma had numerous friends during her time in Medicine Hat and then High River and touched many with her kind and generous spirit. Emma was active with supporting widows in both cities. She was active in both Medicine Hat and High River United Churches and had a strong faith community, offering support to the very end.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Foothills Country Hospice Society, w www.countryhospice.org.

A Celebration of Emma's Life was held at the George Lane Park Gazebo in High River on Saturday, September 18th at 1:30 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP **18**. 1:30 PM.

George Lane Park
343 Macleod Trail SW
High River, AB T1V 1B5 (CA)

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Dave & Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Nelson-Yanke*



Dave & Cheryl - March 13, 2021 at 01:25 PM

CM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Emma's death. It often warmed my heart to know that Emma and Ray moved from the church I served in Medicine Hat to the church I grew up in (and which my parents still attend). It was neat to hear from them through my folks from time to time, to see them once in awhile when I was in High River, and to hear how they had become part of their newest community while maintaining connections with folks in the Hat too. Emma was a kind person and I know she will be missed by all the communities of which she was a part.*

Chelsea Masterman - March 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear of Emma's passing. I have many happy memories of Mom, Dad and sisters and I visiting on our summer vacation and our fist stop would be Redcliff and Emma would welcome five unannounced overnight guests showing up at 4 o'clock without batting an eye and somehow feed and accommodate us all for the night!*
Our condolences to you all.

Rob Burns and family.

Rob Burns - March 07, 2021 at 03:35 PM



Thank you for the kind words, Rib. You're family returned the favour many times on our yearly pilgrimages to Saskatchewan.
Rick Nelson

Rick Nelson - March 12, 2021 at 04:17 PM

ES

“ *Our family has very fond memories of the Nelson family. Emma was such a lovely and kind person. Emma was also a real trailblazer and not afraid to work for what she wanted. We hope you have many memories to comfort you in the days ahead.*

Betty Schritt and family

Elizabeth Schritt - March 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM



My mother always had a lot of respect and kind words for you and your family.
Thank you for your kind words.
Rick Nelson

Rick Nelson - March 05, 2021 at 11:33 AM

ML

“ *Rick, Debbie, Kyla, and Eleanor*
Sending our condolences.

Mona & Todd Larson

Mona Larson - March 01, 2021 at 08:47 PM

DK

“ Ray I was very sorry to read of Emma's passing in the Medicine Hat News .Cancer is such a cruel disease. The years have slipped away since we were neighbors and served on church committees together. Please know that I am thinking of you and your extended family during this difficult time. Dawn Knowles

Dawn Knowles - March 01, 2021 at 04:25 PM

KK

“ Ray - my sincere condolences.
Susan, Rick & Glen & families - Your Mom was a huge part of my growing up in Redcliff and I'll always have great memories of those times. She was a gracious & lovely woman and a wonderful friend to my Mom & Dad.
With deepest sympathy.
Kate Kisinger

Kate Kisinger - March 01, 2021 at 01:23 PM



Thank you for your kind words, Kate. Your family will always have a special place in our hearts. So many special memories were made in both our households with your family.
Rick

Rick Nelson - March 05, 2021 at 11:25 AM

PM

“ Dear Ray and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your much loved Emma. I know that your trust that she is in the loving arms of our Lord will bring you comfort in all the days ahead.
Love and Prayers, Pat Marshall (Westminster United Church family)

PATRICIA MARSHALL - February 27, 2021 at 10:19 AM

EM

“ Ray and all the family. Deep sympathy for you, from Elaine and Tom Mansfield. Emma will be very much missed in the church community. Such a lovely person and a joy to have known. We join you in the sadness of your great loss.

Elaine and Tom Mansfield - February 24, 2021 at 10:24 PM

MG

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. May you find peace by keeping her memory close. I always loved to hear from her via e mail for so many years. She showed us a wonderful time when we visited her in Medicine Hat. Our prayers are for you ,Ray & your family.

Mildred Goddard - February 23, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LW

“ Lee Weiss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Nelson-Yanke



Lee Weiss - February 20, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JW

“ Janine Winter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Nelson-Yanke



janine winter - February 18, 2021 at 01:28 PM

SS

“ *Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Nelson-Yanke*



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - February 18, 2021 at 11:45 AM

CJ

“ *Dear dear Emma. You will be missed by Ray and other family members as well as so many "Church Family" members. Rest in peace Emma.*

Connie L. Jewell - February 17, 2021 at 08:28 PM