



## Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin

November 1, 1936 - November 29, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Ilah Hockin of High River, AB, announce her passing on November 29, 2024, at the age of 88 years.

Ilah's journey began November 1, 1936, weighing just 4 pounds. She met Donald Suitor at a dance in De Winton and a few years later they married, moving to Oklahoma. Their first child was born in Oklahoma and three more in different places in Alberta. They were together 14 years and they moved 32 times.

Ilah worked full time and went to night school to become a chartered accountant. She made life long friendships during those times.

She met and married gentleman George and lived a wonderful life together full of travel and adventure. They retired and called Kelowna home for 20 plus years. When the grandchildren reached the magic age of 10 they would have a special trip with grandma and grandpa taking 2 kids at a time. They moved back to Alberta when George had a stroke. High River was home.

Ilah loved being an artist belonging to the Leighton center, Kelowna Palette Club and she achieved a long standing membership in the FCA – Federation of Canadian Artists which she was very proud of. Ilah was an amazing, beautiful woman. She loved to laugh and tell stories of growing up. She

always looked for the good in everyone. Family meant the world to her, she loved her family very much. Ilah never met a stranger, to know her was to love her.

She moved into seasons retirement home, where she made new friends and looked forward to shuffle board and puzzles, and her favourite was Thursday night jam sessions.

Ilah is survived by her sister Lynne Goddard of Millarville; sons David Suitor of Vulcan, Darrell (Dianne) Suitor of Enderby, BC; daughters Donna (Winston) Buckland – Davisburg, Rhonda Suitor – Nanton; step-son Tom Hockin – Vancouver and step daughter Pat (Charlie) McGannon – New Orleans; eleven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and four bonus great grandchildren, sister in law Grace Teel-Victoria, two nieces, and two nephews. Predeceased by parents Eric and Jamesina Goddard; sister Elaine (Lelek), and husband George Hockin.

Ilah will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

In lieu of flowers donations could be made to salvation army at <https://salvationarmy.ca/donations/>.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Lyle Reeves Funerals Inc. (140 6th Avenue SW, High River, Alberta, T1V 1M3) at 1:00 p.m.

To send condolences please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com). Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Lyle Reeves Atrium  
140 6th Ave. SW  
High River, AB T1V 1A1 (CA)  
(403) 652-4242

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *A lifelong friend and yet not long enough. A soulmate and lover of horses. A gifted artist. “There’s a little purple in every picture,” she would say.*

*I could write a story about her life and how much she shared it with others. For eight years, a new bride in a new town was privileged to have her as guide, chauffeur, cooking advisor, rodeo and horse show mate, babysitter; a best friend.*

*Thank you Ilah*

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**Joyce Bews** - December 21, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Shawna Lea** - December 21, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BN

“ *Brenda Nanos lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin*



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**Brenda Nanos** - December 20, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SH

“ Shelley De Hoog lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Shelley de Hoog - December 20, 2024 at 04:07 PM

GT

“ Grace Teel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Grace Teel - December 20, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DN

“ Dawn And George McKay (George's Niece) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Dawn and George McKay (George's niece) - December 20, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LP

“ Luanne Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Luanne Perry - December 20, 2024 at 08:47 AM

PG

“ Pam Ganske lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Pam Ganske - December 09, 2024 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ Donna, Rhonda and family members, our sincere condolences on Ilah's passing. Always enjoyed visiting with Ilah when she came to musical ride events some years ago.

Molly, John & Matt Baron - December 06, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MJ

Make that from Molly, John & Matt Baron

Molly & John - December 06, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ Rest Well Ilah, miss you at dinner time already...



Jc - December 06, 2024 at 12:05 AM

BB

“ Barbara Bramsen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Barbara Bramsen - December 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM

PM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pat McGannon - December 03, 2024 at 11:14 PM

KM

*My condolences to all loved one's! I'm so great full I was able to meet you!*

kym mcEwen - December 05, 2024 at 12:29 PM

PM

“ Pat McGannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Pat McGannon - December 03, 2024 at 11:12 PM

TG

“ Toni Lynn Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ilah Jean Millicent Hockin



Toni Lynn Groeneveld - December 03, 2024 at 10:51 PM

AM

“ *Ilah! I am so happy you are finally with your George! Thank you for all your stories, laughs, and hugs!  
My condolences to the family and friends. Hugs!*

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**Alicia Morgan** - December 03, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - December 03, 2024 at 05:04 PM