



## Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka

July 15, 1937 - October 8, 2018

Lorraine Bagyinka of Blackie, Alberta passed away on October 8, 2018 at the High River Hospital at the age of 81 years. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ed; daughters Jennifer (Curry) and Jodi (Jason); son, Jason (Stephanie); grandchildren Kelson, Delanie, Michael, Lucas, Parker and Annalise, sisters Lorna (Al) and Patsy; brothers Howard (Gloria), Barry (Jenny) and Brian (Dane); as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and was predeceased by her Mother Jessie, Father Carl, sister Genevieve and brothers David and Hugh.

Lorraine was born in Wadena, Saskatchewan and grew up on the beloved family farm with her mother and father and 8 siblings. There was always a lot of love and laughter at the farm. She later attended the Saskatoon Technical Institute where she received a diploma in bookkeeping, after which she spent many years working for the Federated Co-op in both Saskatoon and Edmonton. While in Edmonton, she met the great love of her life, Ed. They were married in 1964 and adopted their baby girl, Jennifer, in 1970 and baby boy, Jason in 1972. They later had baby girl Jodi in 1976. Ed and Lorraine moved to Blackie in 1970 when Ed got his first teaching job at Blackie School. Lorraine and Ed resided in the house they built in 1972 right up until her passing, and enjoyed endless hours working on the yard and in the garden. There was never a shortage of apple pies, ginger snaps, garden-grown vegetables or amazing meals when Lorraine was in the kitchen. Lorraine and

Ed were inseparable all the way through their many years together, and set a wonderful example of how to be a loving, caring, exemplary couple to their three children.

Above all, and most importantly, it's worth noting that Lorraine was a tireless, selfless, loving and generous mother to her three children, and always put them first. She never missed attending a school event or volunteering to go on many field trips. It was obvious to anyone that knew her that she loved being a Mother (and Grandmother) more than anything else. This endearing love of babies and kids carried through to her 6 grandchildren, who were her greatest joy. As Ed would say "there ought to be a hall of fame for moms, and she would be accepted on the first ballot".

A Private Family memorial will be held in the summer of 2019 as Lorraine wished to not have a traditional funeral. Details will be shared at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the High River Hospital Foundation 3rd Floor Care (560 9th Ave SW, High River, Ab, T1V 1B3).

To send condolences and view Lorraine's Tribute Page 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.

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. I will always remember her smile and laughter. I didn't get to see her as often after moving away, but she always stopped to talk whenever I was in town visiting, usually on Canada Day. She will be missed.



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**Geraldine (Egeland) German** - October 23, 2018 at 04:58 PM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss she was a wonderful lady praying for your family., *laura durand*

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**laura durand** - October 19, 2018 at 01:04 PM

FP

“ *Dear Ed and Family:*

*Our deepest condolences to you all at this time of sad loss. Lorraine will be much missed. She was a very fine lady, and we will always remember her lovely smile and the way she spoke with such pride about her family. She has truly 'made a difference'.*



*Ed, my many years of having you as a teaching colleague have shown me a wonderful example of what kindness and caring is all about! Lorraine, too, demonstrated that kindness and caring in all she did! My husband, Andy, who came to know the two of you at staff functions, has always counted you both amongst the friends he truly values.*

*May she rest in peace, knowing she will live on forever in the minds and hearts of the people she touched and loved in so many ways!*

*Blessings,*

*Fran & Andy Porter*

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**Fran Porter** - October 18, 2018 at 12:27 PM

RR

“ *Ed and Family,*

*Please accept our Sincere Sympathy on the loss of Lorraine. I will always remember her friendliness and smiles everytime I ran into her. She was such a neat lady. Hugs to you all at this time.*

*Roberta and Ross and Family*

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**Robert & Ross** - October 16, 2018 at 12:06 PM

GG

“ Dear Ed and family,  
It is with great sorrow that I hear of Lorraine's passing today,  
Looking back it's almost 50 years since we were neighbours and  
best friends, we had so many good times together. I so remember  
the day you brought Jennifer home, we were all very excited!  
Lorraine was a wonderful mother and friend. She always had a  
smile and your home was full of love and laughter. Time has taken  
us apart, but without a doubt I hold those special memories in my  
heart, She was the love of your life Ed and together you created a  
beautiful home and family. Sending my love to all of you and will  
keep you in my thoughts and prayers!  
Take care  
Gail Grassl [Gunderson]

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**Gail Grassl** - October 15, 2018 at 11:50 PM

DM

“ Ed and families  
So sorry to hear of your loss of Lorraine. She was always such a  
friendly and sincere person. Our sincere condolences. Don and  
Lana Malmberg

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**Don Malmberg** - October 14, 2018 at 06:44 PM

MU

“ We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Ed and his family on the  
passing of Lorraine. We enjoyed our camping time with you and  
Lorraine.  
Sincerely,  
Garry and Marge Uhrich

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**Marge Uhrich** - October 14, 2018 at 06:03 PM

Sandra Locken

“ *Sandra Locken lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Sandra Locken - October 14, 2018 at 03:07 PM

PA

“ *Pat lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Pat - October 14, 2018 at 12:46 PM

TF

“ *Tanya Federico lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Tanya Federico - October 14, 2018 at 09:42 AM

EW

“ *Ellie Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Ellie Woods - October 13, 2018 at 10:34 PM

JW

“ Ed, Jennifer, Jason and Jodi - we are so sad to hear about the loss of Lorraine. She was such a big part of our life for the 10 years we were neighbors. Cookies, tea, and never ending canned goods. You and Lorraine were surrogate grandparents to Ellie and Lane and always there for us no matter what we needed. She taught me so much about gardening and canning and I still have her ginger snap recipe in my favourite recipe file. She always had a smile for you and a laugh was never far off.

*Our hearts go out to all of you and know you are in our thoughts.*

*Love Jennifer Shawn Ellie and Lane*

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**Jennifer Woods** - October 13, 2018 at 10:29 PM

RB

“ Dear Ed, Jennifer, Jason and Jodie ..... Lorainne was such a positive and genuinely friendly person. She always made you feel special. Since Ed retired we would meet only occasionally but she would talk to you like it was yesterday. She faced life's challenges with grace and brought light to every situation. My wish for you all is that the many cherished memories you have will bring you comfort.  
*Rob and Cathy Bennington*

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**Rob Bennington** - October 13, 2018 at 10:52 AM

NM

“ *Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



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**Nancy MacKillop** - October 12, 2018 at 11:40 PM

AM

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Bagyinka family. She was such a great person to meet up with and have a chat to catch-up on our Blackie days. Lorraine will be missed by all who knew her, may your fond memories keep you strong through this trying time.*



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**Angie McCormick** - October 12, 2018 at 10:53 PM

ER

“ *Our thoughts and love are with you Ed, Jennifer, Jodi, and Jason, and with Lorraine. We hope you can find time during these difficult days and weeks to share with one another your happy times, loving times, and the times Lorraine created for you as a family.*

*All our love, Eric, Margaret, Thomas, and Nicholas*

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**Eric** - October 12, 2018 at 08:21 PM

IS

“ Dear Ed, Jennifer, Jason and Jodi, well for once I'm at a loss for words, the loss of Lorraine was so sudden and I'm still trying to come to terms with it. I've known you guys since we moved to Blackie in 1972, you guys were the first people I became friends with and that friendship has lasted to this day, though of course over the years as things change we didn't see that much of each other but we always were best friends anyway. You know Ed, when I think of Lorraine I think of you, you two were always as one. We raised our kids together. On Wednesday when I talked to you, you said something that really made an impact on me. You told me you'd gotten to know three amazing people through this horrific time.....your children. We always know our kids will be here for us but you really find out just how much at times like this. Your children are who they are because of you and Lorraine, you raised them to be loving, kind and caring. I've always thought as parents that raising decent, hard working kids is our biggest accomplishment in life and we both did well! You said you've now become the son and the kids have become the dad and that's a great tribute to you and Lorraine!! And sadly a sign of our old age :)



I have so many memories of Lorraine, there's one in particular but because there was a tragedy involved it's not something I want to share on here. Lorraine got me involved in so many of the activities and clubs in Blackie, thus I got to meet more people and make more friends. I probably spent more time at your house in those days than I did at my own! I still think of her as having that long beautiful dark hair, that's still how I picture her even though she had it cut off many years ago. I don't need to tell you she lived for you, your kids and grandkids, the loves of her life and all our conversations revolved around them, the biggest joy in our lives.

I know you have some very hard days ahead of you adjusting to life without the love of your life but she wouldn't want you to grieve too long, she loved you too much to want you to suffer and of course

*you know she's always with you in spirit. Well Ed, you know me, my fingers don't know when to stop. If you ever need anything or just someone to talk to I'm always here for you, please remember that.*

*So much love to you and the whole family.*

*Ingrid & Howard*

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**Ingrid Suitor** - October 12, 2018 at 03:39 PM

DL

“ *Condolences Ed, Jennifer, Jason, and Jody, at this tough time. Camille & Darryl.*

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**Darryl Laycraft** - October 12, 2018 at 02:42 PM

CK

“ *Our sincere condolences to Ed and family on the sudden loss of Lorraine. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dan, Cheryl & Stephanie Krysko*

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**Cheryl Krysko** - October 11, 2018 at 11:07 PM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Ed and family. Many fond memories going back through the years. Lorraine was a pleasure to know and visit with. Ray Seney*

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**Ray Seney** - October 11, 2018 at 09:05 PM

SL

“ *Deepest sympathies to you and your family Jennifer. Sending hugs and love your way* ❤️



Sally Lapointe - October 11, 2018 at 08:40 PM

MS

“ *Margaret And Art Speelman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Margaret and Art Speelman - October 11, 2018 at 08:34 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



Pat and Colleen Mastel - October 11, 2018 at 08:32 PM

KC

“ *Sincere condolences Ed, on the passing of Lorraine- wife, mother, grandmother, and best friend. May she be honoured by the many memories all have celebrated through the years.*



karen Crawford - October 11, 2018 at 08:25 PM

JE

“ Deepest condolences to you and yours. “What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.” ~ Helen Keller

Jenn - October 11, 2018 at 07:56 PM

HG

“ Howard And Gloria lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka



Howard and Gloria - October 11, 2018 at 07:05 PM

CH

“ My heartfelt condolences to you and your family Jennifer. Your mother will live on in your heart forever. Love you❤️ Cynthia Harquail

Cynthia Harquail - October 11, 2018 at 06:54 PM

CS

“ Carol Stier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka



Carol Stier - October 11, 2018 at 06:53 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



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**Michelle Smith** - October 11, 2018 at 06:38 PM

LB

“ *Our very deepest sympathy Ed to you, Jennifer, Jason, Jodi and their families. Lorraine will be greatly missed by all of you and the community. On October 8th a new star appeared in the heavens above; look up and remember. Linda & Jerry Blake*

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**Linda & Jerry Blake** - October 11, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ *An amazing woman who created an amazing family and children. R.I.P. Never forgotten xo*

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**Kim Smith** - October 11, 2018 at 06:13 PM

AD

“ *Ed and family, I am so sad for you. You were rarely seen without each other, so I know your loss is felt deeply. She will be missed by many. I send my sincere sympathy. Arlayne Davies*

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**Arlayne Davies** - October 11, 2018 at 04:04 PM

LG

“ *Laura Gardener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorraine Lily Bagyinka*



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**Laura Gardener** - October 11, 2018 at 03:40 PM

SH

“ *The world was a better place because Lorraine graced it with her presence. She will be missed.*

*Ed, we are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Sheri** - October 11, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JG

“ *Deepest sympathy to you, Ed and family in the sudden loss of Lorraine. Thinking of you all at this sad time. George and Judy*

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**Judy. Groeneveld** - October 11, 2018 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ *Always enjoyed my visit with Lorraine on Thursday evenings , she was always interested in my family. A Very caring lady.*

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**myrna Dickson** - October 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to Ed & family. Lorraine will always be remembered for her warm smile & her genuine caring for her family & friends. All the best to everyone, Bert Montgomery*

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**Bert Montgomery** - October 11, 2018 at 06:34 AM

GB

*Our sincere condolence to Ed & the family. We were glad to spend some happy moments with Lorraine, Ed & Jason at the hospital & bring Jae, who has been an 'extra member' of the Bagyinka family. We love all of you & know that your memories of a wonderful wife, mother & grandmother will be a valuable example to all. May you have comfort & peace at this sad time.*

*Russ & Glenda Bateman.*

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**Glenda Bateman** - October 12, 2018 at 10:54 AM

MD

*Caring thoughts are sent to you Ed,(Mr Bagyinka), Jennifer, Jason and Jodi. Although I have not lived right in Blackie for a while I always remember how easy it was to have really good conversations with Lorraine, anytime and on any street corner in Blackie. I'm sure this will be missed by many people in your lives and community. Take care*

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**michele durand** - October 12, 2018 at 09:36 PM

HG

*To you, Ed and your family, we extend our sincere condolences on your loss of Lorraine. Our thoughts are with all of you.*

*Greg and Heather Goode*

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**Heather Goode** - October 15, 2018 at 10:33 PM

MW

*Our deepest sympathy Ed Jennifer,Jason and Jodie.Was so nice to have Lorraines visit last October.May she RIP.*

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**Margaret Winchester** - October 16, 2018 at 06:41 PM

FT

*Ed, Jennifer, Jason, and Jodie, we are so sorry to hear of Lorraines passing. We will all miss Lorraine,'s inviting smile and warm hello. She was a genuine lovely person, we send our sincerest sympathy . Wayne and FayeThurber*

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**Faye Thurber** - October 20, 2018 at 03:06 PM