



Mrs. Marilyn MacTavish

September 8, 1924 - April 6, 2017

Mom loved to laugh, tell stories, and sing at every opportunity. One would usually catch her smiling and inviting others to do the same. She had a story to tell for every situation and was known to break out in song at every opportunity, especially show tunes from the 30's and 40's, as well as classic Irish ditties.

Marilyn (nee Plunkett) was born in Detroit, Michigan to Leslie Plunkett and Ruby Nicoll Plunkett. When Mom was four years old the family moved to Peterborough, ON where she lived throughout most of her life. She married her Airforce sweetheart Quentin (Danny) Dantzer and had three children. Sadly, widowed at the age of 33, she devoted herself to raising her children and teaching special needs children and teens. Along the way, Mom found love again with Donald (Sandy) MacTavish, and a daughter was added to the family. Sadly, she was widowed once again at the age of 46.

At age 84, just as most would be settled in for comfort, Marilyn decided to sell her house and begin a whole new life in Alberta. She joined her son and daughter and their families. A second daughter joined her 5 years later which meant, to her extreme joy, she was surrounded by almost all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Marilyn is survived by her four children, 11 Grandchildren and 12 Great

Grandchildren. DAUGHTER Wendy (Ron) Gilmore, Tom (Lorissa) Gilmore (Brandon), Jay Richardson (Ethan, Damon), Kim (Chad) Gerlach, Melanie (Brad) Doell (Cody, Cameron); DAUGHTER Molly Thomson (Alex, Ian), DAUGHTER Lyn Klamph (Richard, Bodi, Melody (Penny), and SON Stephen (Judy) Dantzer, Christi (John) Tims (Hunter, Paisley), Sarah (Wade) Tutt (Cassidy, Chloe, Ivy, Allie).

Marilyn is also survived by her beloved brother and sister-in-law John and Lorna Plunkett of Peterborough, ON. Also, celebrating Marilyn's life are her many nieces and nephews who loved their Auntie Marilyn, and many of our friends who loved their Mom #2.

Our family wishes to thank the staff at the High River Hospital for their kindness this past week, and Mom's Care Giving Team at Sunrise Village. We could never thank you enough for the love and tender care you have given to our Mom for these past three years.

Now at 92 we are lovingly sending Mom on to her next adventure. Her loved ones have waited patiently until we were ready to let her go.

A Celebration of Marilyn's Life was held on Tuesday, April 18th at the High River United Church.

To send condolences and view Marilyn's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
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<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

LW

“ I just found this and am saddened by the passing of Mrs. MacTavish. I knew her as Mrs. Dantzer, my grade three teacher at Westmount Public School from 1962-1963. She was an inspiring teacher and outstanding role model. I am forever indebted to her for her support and encouragement. My condolences to her family. May her memory be a blessing. Lois Winstock

Lois Winstock - November 11, 2021 at 02:16 AM

JK

“ Wendy and Ron,
We were saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved Marilyn. May precious memories help to bring you peace and comfort and may the love and support of family and friends be a source of strength to help you through this difficult time.
Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you and all those you hold dear. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.
Jim and Eleanor Kay

Jim and Eleanor Kay - April 27, 2017 at 12:17 PM

 LYLE REEVES
FUNERALS

“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Lyle Reeves Funerals - April 24, 2017 at 11:38 AM

RL

“ I'll remember a smile, an amazing sense of humor...
It was a pleasure to have been in your presence.
Rhian Langille

Rhian Langille - April 14, 2017 at 09:20 PM

Make your heart the most beautiful thing about you.
— unknown

“ I'm forever blessed to have known such a beautiful lady. She was a part of my life for the past two years and she always took the time to make my heart smile. Heaven definitely has gained a angel.



Dorothy Everitt - April 14, 2017 at 04:48 PM

RS

“ We were lucky enough to have this fine lady in our Day Program! She brought many a laughs. We loved her since of humour. One of the greatest! Rest in peace Marilyn!

Richelle Stirling - April 12, 2017 at 10:07 PM

MA

“ We all enjoyed Marilyn when she lived at Calvanna Village, she always had a funny story to tell. Heaven has gained another angel and I am sure she will still have some stories to tell. Rest in Peace Marilyn, you will be missed.



MarlissHarrison - April 12, 2017 at 07:17 PM

SF

“ Marilyn and I were never formally introduced, but I always looked forward to her warm greeting whenever I went to Sunrise Village to visit my mom. She always had a twinkle in her eye and something kind to say. My condolences to her family.

Sharon Forbes - April 12, 2017 at 01:05 PM

OD

“ Great memories of Auntie Marilyn. From spending time with her while at Trent to visiting her while she was living in Okotoks. She was so supportive and non-judgemental. She will be missed. Hugs and love to Steven, Lyn and Wendy and their families.

odette dantzer - April 12, 2017 at 05:13 AM

CJ

“ I so enjoyed visiting with your Mom, and only wished I had known her earlier in life, she sounds like she was "full of it". I know that you were all prepared for this time in thought, but the reality is quite often harder to accept. Blessings to each and every member of the family, know that you are all tenderly remembered by those who knew Marilyn. Farewell Marilyn.

Connie L. Jewell - April 10, 2017 at 03:20 PM

PZ

“ We got to know Mrs. MacTavish when our dad moved into Sunrise Village and we would stop each day and chat for a couple of minutes and as we were leaving she would often have a cute little saying she would say to us. She especially liked when our dad wore his straw hat and they would both tip their "hats" to one another. We will miss her smiling face as she greeted us and will think of her when we pass by the sitting area.
Our deepest sympathy to her family.
Eldon Couey and family

Pat Zebedee - April 09, 2017 at 08:35 PM