



## Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson (Strate)

May 9, 1931 - October 16, 2024

It is with deep sadness, we share with you the passing of Vanita Jean Davidson on October 16, 2024, at the High River Hospital. Vanita is survived by her 4 children Tom (Debbie), Barb, Bill (Colleen) and Carolyn (Korey) and was predeceased by her 2 daughters Marnie, Heather and husband Jack. Vanita was also the lone survivor of her parents and 7 siblings that she loved and missed daily. She was a grandma to 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren whom she was very proud of and loved deeply with all of her being. So many nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends from far and wide. Vanita loved you all.

Vanita was born on May 9, 1931, to Theressa and Delance Strate. She grew up in Waterton National Park with her 7 siblings. Vanita married her husband Jack (John) Davidson on November 18th, 1949, and raised 6 kids between Waterton and Calgary.

Vanita was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandma, great grandma, great, great grandma and friend. Vanita loved to travel and spend time with her friends and family. Whether celebrating birthdays, retirements, dances, weddings or the holidays, she was always going places and seeing people. She loved socialising, games, puzzles, and long phone conversations with family and friends.

Many conversations with our mom over the years, were always her reminiscing about beautiful Waterton and her adventures with her brothers and sisters growing up and through adulthood. These memories always put the biggest smile on her face and a spring in her step. There is so much to say about our beautiful mom. She will always be the most precious, kindest, and beautiful soul, inside and out. Thank you, mom, for everything you have done for us, and just being you.

We love you MOM

Forever and Always

You are home... Rest in Peace

A Celebration of Vanita's Life will be held in Waterton in 2025.

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

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Oh Vanita. You were one of the nicest ladies I'm glad we had our little visits when I was working there. Rest in peace .*

Pat baker - October 31, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of aunt Vanita's passing. She was an absolutely wonderful woman, strong, and full of smiles when you would see her. She loved her family with all her heart, and you all brought her such great joy. She made the world a better place and she will be missed. From the Calgary Chisholms.*

Alexandra Chisholm - October 25, 2024 at 12:23 AM

TK

“ *Beautiful Auntie Vanita...I will always remember your smile, generosity, love for animals, Strate childhood stories shared, Waterton picnics/walks/swimming, and your kindness to others. I picture a heavenly reunion with loved ones...'til we meet again! I love you! 💕💕*



Tracy King - October 24, 2024 at 11:44 PM

SL

“ STEPHEN LAYCRAFT lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)



STEPHEN LAYCRAFT - October 23, 2024 at 11:44 PM

BC

“ Aunt Vanita was an incredible Woman and beautiful soul. Caring, kind, humble, so witty and extremely wise. A loving Wife, Mom, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt and Friend. She was all these things and more to everyone. She truly radiated love, as all the Strates did. I am extremely grateful and feel truly blessed to have had her as an Aunt and a friend. My love to all of you for your loss and prayers for your heartache. She's with her family for eternity and she will always be near you all! Dance and sing up there; Soar High, Fly Far. P.S.... I miss her everyday, too. 💕



Brenda Chisholm - October 23, 2024 at 08:28 PM

SD

“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)



Sharon Doll - October 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM

KC

“ Many memories of Vanita working at hospital in Food services and also at Medicine Tree Manor when I was there often when mom was there Often Vanita and Peggy M meeting me at the door for a chat

Kathy Cuthbertson - October 23, 2024 at 10:13 AM

KC

“ Kathy Cuthnt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)



Kathy Cuthnt - October 23, 2024 at 10:10 AM

AP

“ My deepest condolences to you Carolyn, and all extended family. I remember hanging out in your house as a kid, when we were in dance together. You had such a great mom, I still treasure those memories. May Vanita rest in peace.

Alison Palmer

Alison Palmer - October 22, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JG

“ I was so very sad to hear that Vanita had passed away! She will be very missed at the table in the Manor, that we , Marion, Ruth and myself, shared with her! , There is now an empty chair ! I will miss the cocky look she gave, once in awhile , with the raised eyebrow !!! Much love to the family, and many blessings! 💕💕💕



Judy Green - October 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ *"Momma Davidson" will always hold a piece of my heart. Kind to a fault, and as genuine as anyone could ever be. My deep condolences to you all,*  
*Diane (Young) Smyth*

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**Diane Smyth** - October 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

AM

“ *I will miss you forever my beautiful friend* ❤️

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**Allana Mueller** - October 21, 2024 at 11:03 PM

DR

“ *Aunt Vanita was a exceptional Aunt, just like her sisters, to all the Strate nephews and nieces. We all loved Aunt Vanita. She and her parents, with all her sisters and brothers, will be living in our hearts for eternity.*



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**Dale Rechner** - October 21, 2024 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ *All my memories of my aunt Vanita are so very fond, a warm-hearted soul, always thinking of others. Mother and Vanita were very close.*



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**Donald Chisholm** - October 21, 2024 at 06:28 PM

BP

“ I worked with Vanita at the hospital many years ago and have many memories. My deepest condolences to all her family. RIP Vanita.



Barb Pickering - October 21, 2024 at 05:40 PM

HW

“ Vanita was a thoughtful and kind presence when I worked in the hospital kitchen so many years ago. I still remember her often saving me a seat at the cafeteria table! May she rest in peace.

Hilary Lobe Welte - October 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM

MP

“ We enjoyed visiting Vanita over the years. Great talks about family. A lovely caring woman. We will miss her 🥹💜💚 Our deepest condolences to her family!

Marlene Podwysocki - October 20, 2024 at 02:10 PM

RD

“ I worked with Vanita years ago in the kitchen at the H.R. Hospital. She was a kind lady with a great sense of humour!



Rosemary Derbecker - October 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM

JC

“ *Jo-Anne Chipchase lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)*



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**Jo-Anne Chipchase** - October 20, 2024 at 12:03 AM

ND

“ *Kind and gentle. That is how I will remember Vanita. Safe travels!*

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**Natalie DeSantis** - October 19, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CM

“ *Such sad news. She was a great lady, always a smile and loved a good giggle. Watching her and Ms. Peggy together -- well it was a friendship that dreams are made of. Carolyn - your mom was an amazing lady who without a doubt adored her family. My best memory was the walker all lit up at Christmas, she was so excited to show everyone and take in all the compliments!!! She made a mark on my heart and truly she was one of those special souls who you just carry with you. Thank you for sharing her*

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**Chrissy Mosby** - October 19, 2024 at 03:26 AM

SU

“ *Sad news, Vanita was a lovely gentle lady, I have fond memories of her at the dinner table with Peggy at the Manor.  
RIP sweet lady x*

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**Sue** - October 18, 2024 at 08:51 PM

LF

“ *Lewis Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)*



Lewis family - October 18, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Happy Times*



Angie McCormick - October 18, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the entirety of the Davidson family. I enjoyed my visits with Vanita, and having her over for family holiday dinners. Haven't seen her as much in the last year or so, but overall, she enjoyed her family right down to grandchildren and great grandchildren as well. May your fond memories bring you peace at this very trying time. RIP Vanita 🙏😊*



Angie McCormick - October 18, 2024 at 10:15 AM

SS

“ *Rest in Peace my sweet friend Vanita 💜  
You will be dearly missed 🌹xx*

Susan Sibley - October 18, 2024 at 02:44 AM

JM

“ *Jerri McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Vanita Jean Davidson ( Strate)*



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**Jerri McLean** - October 17, 2024 at 11:45 PM