

Irene Lucille Kennedy

February 27, 1941 - January 1, 2019

Irene was born February 27, 1941 to James and Hazel Voros in Hardisty, Alberta. Irene was named after her mother's good friend Irene Eshpeter, and Lucinda Thurber (her great grandmother). Irene grew up in the small town of Hardisty, completing grades 1-12. Irene enjoyed baby-sitting, swimming, skating and reading. In 1960 she graduated from Nursing school in Edmonton. Irene worked a few nursing jobs, and while nursing at Wainwright General, she was introduced to Patrick Kennedy by friends Cecile and Hutch. Irene and Pat were engaged on May 13, 1977, and tied the knot May 20, 1978 in Hardisty at St Paul's United Church. Pat was stationed to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia in 1979, thus they moved out to Annapolis Royal, NS. Irene and Pat were told by doctors it was unlikely that they would have children, but on July 16, 1980 at 2:01 PM, they had their only child, Robert, in Kentville, NS. Their time in Nova Scotia was short as Pat was posted to Cold Lake, Alberta in 1982. Irene worked with special needs children in her home while enjoying her time as a mother. Robert went to school and Irene briefly taught mornings at Mary Poppins pre-school. In 1987 Pat was promoted to Warrant Officer and transferred to Calgary. Irene starting working for Churchill Park Day Homes as she was able to work from home which she enjoyed very much. As a family they took trips to BC, Arizona, and California as well

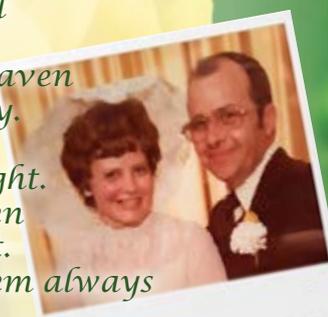
as Europe to meet up with Pat who was working in Cyprus for a 6 month period. Irene also traveled with her sister Joyce to London in 1999. Religion was always part of Irene's life as she attended Sunday School as a girl. She began studying the bible with Jodie Zober in 1990 and studied for many years with her close friend Judy Robertshaw. Irene devoted much of her time as a Jehovahs Witness to learning the bible and spreading God's word to many people. On October 16th, 2016 Irene was baptized with the support of many in her congregation and those who had studied with her along the way. One of Irene's favorite scriptures from the bible was Psalms 37:34 as she believed in Jehovah and a future paradise. On July 13 2003, Pat passed away from Cancer. Irene's world was shocked. After his passing Irene was forced to become more independent and focused her life on helping others. Irene, through her devotion as a witness and through her volunteer work bagging lunches for underprivileged children, had a heart of gold and was always willing to help others in need. Irene loved her family as well. She saw heartbreak losing both her parents, James and Hazel, and her brother, Ed. She is survived by her sisters, Joyce Beeton and Corinne Hittle; and brothers, Dahl and Calvin Voros. She took so much joy when her family grew in August of 2009 when Robert married Jenesia Warren. Irene was always hoping for grandchildren, and her wish came true with the birth of her first grandson Eli Patrick Warren Kennedy on June 11, 2017. Irene's eyes would always light up during her time with Eli. To an amazing grandmother, mother, sister, friend and wife we will never forget what you meant to us all.

In Loving Memory

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's Love is Special
It's present every day.
A gift that came from Heaven
That God has sent our way.
Her job is never ending
She's there all day and night.
To be there for her children
And be their guiding light.
Her thoughts are with them always
Even if they are apart.
Her children have a special place
Deep down inside her heart.
Mothers are a special gift -
A gift from up above.
This world would be so empty
Without a Mother's Love.*

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