



*"If there ever comes a day where we can't  
be together, keep me in your heart.  
I'll stay there forever."*

*Meaning in Life  
Meaning is not something you stumble  
across, like the answer to a riddle or the prize  
in a treasure hunt.*

*Meaning is something you build into your  
life. You build it out of your own past, out  
of your affections and loyalties, out of the  
experience of humankind as it is passed  
on to you, out of your own talent and  
understanding, out of the things you believe  
in, out of the things and people you love, out  
of the values for which you are willing to  
sacrifice something.*

*The ingredients are there. You are the only  
one who can put them together into that  
unique pattern that will be your life. Let it  
be a life that has dignity and meaning for  
you. If it does, then the particular balance of  
success or failure is of less account.*

– John Gardner



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FAYE WATKINS  
1929 – 2019

## JEANNINE ELEANOR "FAYE" WATKINS

NOVEMBER 21, 1929

JANUARY 17, 2019

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Faye Watkins, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, on January 17, 2019, at the Rockyview Hospital, at the age of 89 years. Faye is survived by Gerald (Gerry), her beloved husband, of 64 years; her daughters, Kate (Bob) Henderson, Mary Jo (Richard) Lerner, and Shelly (Rod) Lebbert; her grandchildren, Jeff (Melissa) Henderson, Stephan (Tenneile) Lerner, Craig Lerner, Alli Lebbert, and Jill Lebbert; her great grandchildren, Halley, Parker, Maeva, Aiden, and Nolan; and her brother, Lorne Tupper of Edmonton. She was predeceased by her grandsons, Andrew and Brad. Faye was born November 21, 1929 in Edmonton, Alberta to John Alvin and Maye Tupper. She had a wonderful childhood which she shared with her brother Lorne ("Bud"). Faye made many close childhood girlfriends, and "The Gals"

would become life-long friends. Growing up she enjoyed her time and adventures on her grandparent's farm in Athabasca. After dancing and studying her way through "Vic" High School in Edmonton, Faye attended the University of Alberta where she received a Bachelor of Commerce degree, with Honours, in 1951. Upon graduation, Faye articulated and obtained her Charter Accountant (CA) designation... only the second woman in Alberta to do so. Faye was a woman of "independent means", and articulated with Christenson, Simonton and Company in Edmonton. It was at the University of Alberta where Faye met her sweetheart, Gerry. They were wed on September 4, 1954 and began their life adventure as a team. They resided in Calgary where Faye worked for Commercial Tire. After their daughters were born, Faye became a devoted mother. She enjoyed her summers at the lake and later in life, winters in Scottsdale. Faye devoted her time and talents to several organizations including Girl Guides, Children's Hospital Aid Society (CHAS), Meals on Wheels and the Epilepsy Association. Mom was resilient and an optimist... a woman ahead of her times. She was a caring and loving person.

*Rest in peace Mom.*

### *Funeral Mass*

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:30 am

*Presider* ~ The Rev. Bill Stephenson

### *Readers*

Linda Platzner                      Alli Lebbert

*Prayer of the Faithful* ~ Mary Jo Lerner

### *Offertory Bearers*

Jeff Henderson      Stephan Lerner  
Craig Lerner

*Musician* ~ Jim Howells

*Soloist* ~ Ashley Rosales

### *Pallbearers*

Thane Tupper                      Jeff Henderson  
Stephan Lerner                      Craig Lerner  
Alli Lebbert                              Jill Lebbert

### *Tributes*

Kate Henderson                      Shelly Lebbert

### *Reception*

Immediately following the Funeral Mass,  
relatives and friends are invited to meet  
with the family at the Glencoe Club  
(636 - 29 Avenue SW).