

Legacy Of Love

*A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep*



Celebrating THE *Life* OF *Joyce Henrietta Thomas*

Joyce Henrietta Thomas beloved wife of William Thomas, passed on April 28, 2021, at Fairmont Extendicare, following a lengthy illness at the age of 92.

Joyce Brooks was born on June 22, 1928 in Medicine Hat, Alberta and was raised with her six siblings in Grassy Lake Alberta. Her parents, Fred Brooks and Sara Peach (came to Canada) from Selston, Nottinghamshire, England.

Joyce attended Grassy Lake School and was very athletic especially in baseball. After her older sister Ann married and moved to Warner, Joyce also moved to Warner and while working in Reid's Hardware store, she met Bill Thomas and they eventually married on January 4, 1947 In Medicine Hat. As stated by Bill, "she was a loving woman and a wonderful wife and mother".

Bill and Joyce raised four children: Bob (Marilyn), Barry (Betty Jo), Linda (Len) and Keith (Alicia). Joyce was predeceased by Barry (2003). As well, Bill and Joyce have 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Joyce was happiest when she was entertaining family, neighbors or friends and always made sure they were well taken care of. She was a great cook, an artistic home decorator and had a lovely singing voice. Joyce sang with the Warner Evangelical Church Choir and was a soloist at many weddings. Her other interests included sewing, quilting, and gardening. She belonged to the Eastern Star and the Order of Royal Purple.

Even as her health declined, Joyce never complained and the staff who cared for her said many gracious things about her. The family would like to sincerely thank the staff, too many to mention individually, at Fairmont Extendicare who provided compassionate, loving care to our mother, grandmother and wife. Joyce was a loving, thoughtful, selfless person who we will miss dearly.

Funeral Service

1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021
Martin Brothers Riverview Chapel
Lethbridge, Alberta
Pastor Jason Carroll, officiating

Pallbearers

Mason Thomas Mitchell Thomas John Thomas
James Bonifacio Len Bonifacio Rob Thomas

Honorary Pallbearers

Reggie Easthope Brian Easthope Rod McMillan
Brett Brooks Dale Brooks

Musical Selections

Old Rugged Cross ~ Anne Murray
Amazing Grace ~ Susan Boyle
How Great Thou Art ~ Susan Boyle

Psalm 23

Eulogy - Len Bonifacio

Slideshow Presentation

You Raise Me Up ~ Josh Groban
My Heart Will Go On ~ Celine Dion
The West, The Nest and You ~ Gene Autry
You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings ~ Bette Middler

Interment to follow in the Warner Cemetery