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May 07, 1941 – April 19, 2021

With deep and sincere sorrow, the family of Florence (Flo) Pearl Arthurs announces her passing at the Red Deer Regional Hospital in the early morning hours of Monday, April 19, 2021 at the age of 79 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her three daughters, Brenda Thompson, Colleen Arthurs, and Tracy (Steven) Tusz. Also mourning her loss are granddaughters, Breanna (Jason) Robertson, Laura (Matthew) Pauly, Hailey Drake (Joel Cressey), Ashley Tusz and grandson Lyle Tusz. Flo was also blessed with four great grandchildren, Keira Robertson, Lincoln Robertson, Liam Cressey and Quinn Pauly, all of whom will dearly miss their Nana.

Flo will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by brother, Don (Helena) Balisky; sisters, Deloris Doerksen, Sheila (Eldon) Friesen, Joan (Ed) Wiebe; as well as their children, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

She was predeceased by beloved husband and soulmate, William James (Jim) Arthurs; an infant son, Troy; parents, Bill and Mary Balisky; in-laws, Fred and Ellena Arthurs; grandson, Colton Drake; brother-in-law, Erv Doerksen; and

brother, Rev Gordon Balisky.

Florence was born to William (Bill) and Mary Balisky at the Fairview Hospital in Fairview, Alberta on May 07, 1941. She was raised in the Highland Park District where she attended Highland Creek School from grades 1 to 3. When her parents chose to leave their general store and blacksmithing enterprise in Highland Park and move their family to the town of Fairview, Florence would continue her formative schooling there culminating with completion at Fairview High School.

On choosing nursing as her profession, Flo competed her training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. She worked at many different hospitals in Grande Prairie, Edson and Wainwiright.

When Flo met Jim Arthurs, who was working in the oil industry, love flourished and they were married at the United Church in Fairview on July 13, 1963. After a few moves around Alberta the young couple settled in Red Deer where they raised three girls; Brenda, Colleen and Tracy. With the oil industry thriving, together Jim and Flo started a company, Arthurs Light Oilfield Hauling Ltd. Flo was a book keeper, payroll officer and receptionist for the company for many years, all the while maintaining the household, gardening, and raising the girls.

Always creative since her formative years, Flo developed culinary skills that were enjoyed by anyone blessed to be hosted at her table, and there were many family, relatives and friends that were just that. Her creativity extended into her arts and crafts and she developed a small business , Krafty Kritter Kreations, which was yet a further outlet for her skills. Husband Jim as ever supportive, as was Flo of him in his endeavours.

Flo and Jim also found time to participate in sports and travel. They were members of church bowling leagues for many years, they also enjoyed golfing together, as well as attending Red Deer Rustlers hockey games as avid supporters. Always

involved and present in the various pursuits and interests of their children and grand children as well.

After Jim’s untimely passing in 2014, Flo filled her time continuing with her crafts, floral arranging, cake decorating, baking, she also enjoyed painting , creating greeting cards, and crocheting as well as visiting with her grand children and great-grandchildren.

We take comfort in knowing that Flo is now at peace, trusting her love of her saviour to reunite her with her loving husband, family and friends who have passed before her and await her arrival.

Due to restrictions currently in place during the pandemic, only the immediate family will attend a private internment ceremony.

We know that Flo supported many worthy causes, we ask that any donations you wish to make in her memory be made to the charity of your choice, with appreciation.

A Celebration of Life for Florence Arthurs will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the CrossRoads Church, 38105 Range Road 275, Red Deer County. For those unable to attend in person here is the Virtual Link. The link will be accessible 10 minutes prior to the Service. HERE

Messages of Condolence

Our sincere condolences in the passing of your loved one Flo . Red & I spent time visiting & enjoying her delicious cooking , learning many new recipes. May Gods love comfort you all @ this difficult time

— Elaine Quinn Red Gallant

I am saddened to hear of Flo's passing. My condolences to Brenda, Colleen, Tracy and families. Over the years my family and yours were intertwined at many different stages. We have many of Flo's crafts, Barbie Doll clothes, and enjoyed many of her baking creations.
Jim, Flo and girls were great friends, and we have wonderful memories of you all. May God comfort you all in this time of sorrow.

— Evelyn, Judy, and Trudy Olstad

Aunty Flo made our wedding cake and the most delicious carrot cake for our wedding in 1993. We always admired her handy work with crafts. Remember her yummy food and good times with family. God bless and keep you Flo, you're always in our hearts, please give Uncle Jim a hug from us. Love, prayers and hugs to the family . . .
Heather and Delvin Albright

— Heather Albright

Thank you for giving us a wonderful, loving daughter-in-law. We miss the enrichment you have been in our life. May you rest peacefully knowing that you have " made a difference".

— Pat and Ken

Aunt Flo made us a beautiful wedding photo album and matching picture frame in our bridal party colours. So pretty and still 30+ years later still looks fresh and beautiful. She was incredibly talented and used those talents to bring others joy. Our thoughts are with you, Brenda, Colleen and Tracey and your families at this difficult time. Hugs and kisses.

— Lois and Kieran Ballah

Brenda Colleen and Tracy we send you our heartfelt condolences. We were saddened to read of the loss of your mother. There were many fun trips to Mexico and many afternoons and evenings spent together. She and Jim were good to our children and grandchildren and she will be greatly missed. Neil Morrison,Dawn &Dan Morrisonbrown,Layne,Amanda and Ryden Schneider,Tegan,Kurtis,Blake Kaleb & Kinlee Kenway

— Dawn Morrisonbrown

Flo and Jim were dear friends of ours for many years. She had the nicest smile and the biggest heart. Always phoning, bringing baking. giving of herself - just a wonderful lady. I will miss her.

— Donna Martynes

Bill, Gerrie, Arthurs & family in Ontario give our condolences. Flo will be sadly missed.

— Colleen Cant-Arthurs
