Marion Atkey



JULY 12, 2022

We write this in loving memory of our mother, Marion Atkey, who passed away on July 12, 2022. She was born in Didsbury, Alberta 93 years ago and moved with her family, at the age of 15, to Ladner, BC where she met her husband, Ken, in high school. They married in 1949 and she taught school until their children were born. She continued her teaching career once the children were in school and taught at Ladner Elementary for many years until her retirement in 1986. She was active in her community and church and served at the Hospital Auxiliary thrift shop, sang in the church choir, served in the church Martha group and craft group and was famous for the baby quilts that she donated each year. She and Ken were active members of the Kinsmen/Kinette clubs in their younger years and later with the K40 group where they had many wonderful friends. She leaves behind her daughters, Beverley (Bill) and Marilyn and her son, Mel as well as her grandchildren, Erin (Christian) and Christopher (Sarah) and her sister, Doreen. She has joined her beloved Ken beyond the veil.

Messages of Condolence

Lots of love Marilyn. She was a very lovely person.

— Garth Preston

Marilyn, thank you for sharing your Mom with so many of us in our church and community. Both your Mom and Dad will always hold a special place in my heart. I will miss our hugs, and was so special when we could share them again in this past year. I know your heart is hurting along with the rest of your family. We all will help comfort you in your loss. Much love, Shirley

— Shirley Baker

Bev, Marilyn and Mel,
My heart is heavy with the news of your mother’s passing. She was an exceptional woman, a close friend of my parents and an integral part of our family. Her deep care and devotion to others was exceptional. I know how deep a loss this is for all of you. My heart is with you.

— Heather Marshall

Mrs. Atkey was my Grade 2 teacher at Ladner Elementary School. My family and I moved to Canada from Germany in 1954 and we settled in Ladner in 1957. I was learning English at the time and I believe I was one of three other immigrant families. I remember her as an incredibly kind teacher - although I do recall that she would not let me go out at recess because I did not understand homonyms - and she wanted to spend time with me to help me understand. She was an inspiration for me and I became a high school teacher and taught at Delta Secondary for many years, earning a Master Degree and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. I will always remember her as one of my most inspirational teachers. I am retired now, but am volunteering as an English tutor for new Canadians - today I taught my Korean student about homonyms - I think this is the best way to honour her!With love,Marsha Boyle

— Marsha Boyle (nee Geddert)

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