

Myrna Joan Budgeon

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Myrna Joan Budgeon in her 80th year, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Foothills Medical Centre. She was born to the late Paul Smaha and Joan Lewchuk Smaha on May 2, 1937 in Enderby, British Columbia.



Myrna grew up on a farm in Grindrod, BC, and attended business college in Vernon, BC prior to moving to Calgary, AB for employment. As a young woman she spent two years in Ottawa, ON and returned to Calgary where she met David Frederick Budgeon at a dance hall.

On November 18, 1961 Myrna and Fred were married and settled north of Crossfield on their farm where they lived until they moved to town in 1999. Myrna loved many things in her life. She kept a large vegetable and flower garden, painted and quilted, volunteered with various community organizations and filled dozens of photo albums with happy memories of life on the farm and travels from around the world. Most of all, Myrna enjoyed her time with family and friends, touching many throughout her life with her generosity, compassion, and joyful spirit.

Myrna will be remembered in the community for her work with the Crossfield United Church, the Crossfield History Book Society, the Crossfield Community Memorial Forest, the Crossfield Legion, the Crossfield Classroom Agricultural Program, the Crossfield Swimming Program and her involvement in the local

chapter of Quilts of Valour. She forged a special bond with her local “Coffee Girls” with whom she spent most mornings.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Fred; her children, Grant (Kathy), Shelley, and Matthew; and two granddaughters, Sydney and Hilary; and extended family and friends.

She is predeceased by her infant sister, Mary Jane; brother, Maurice; father, Paul; and mother, Joan.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Crossfield Community Centre on February 23, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations in Myrna’s memory may be made to the Parkinson Association of Alberta at 120, 6835 Railway St. SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2V6.

The family wish to thank the community for their generosity and support, and express sincere appreciation for the care extended to Myrna by the staff at the Foothills Medical Centre, particularly, the ER and ICU.

Messages of Condolence

My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with the family

— **Jean Hunter**

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Myrna's passing. Someone with her loving and caring nature should live forever. I am sending my condolences to Fred. I'm sure Myrna's passing has left a big hole in his life - he loved her so dearly. My condolences also go out to Grant and family, Shelley and Matthew. My prayers are with you all. Love, Fran

— **Fran Mitchell**

Dearest Fred, Grant, Kathy, Shelley, Matthew, Sydney & Hillary: We are so sad for all of you on the sudden loss of your dear wife, mother and grandmother. Fred, my heart breaks for you. Whenever I think of one of you, I think of the other, and I can only begin to imagine how you will miss her. I pray that you will all be consoled by many happy memories including memories of her sparkling eyes and delightful smile. I will always fondly remember the heartfelt visits that we shared over the years.

With much love,

Joan (nee Cissell) & Andrew Hillson & family

— **Joan & Andrew Hillson**

Heartfelt sympathy to all the Budgeon family, such a huge loss, she will be missed by so many! She was a living angel on earth! God Bless you all!

Rest In Peace Myrna!

With fond memories,

Colleen J Stephenson

— **Colleen J. Stephenson**

Myrna wore many hats in my world, she was our neighbour, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Group Leader, Choir Leader, she was like a big sister and after mom passed, she was that wonderful mom voice of wisdom. She had a smile that reached her eyes, a terrific sense of humour and a laugh that lite up my heart. I have memories of watching her whip up a coffe cake with no recipe to refer to! Watching her weed her garden and then putting paint to canvas creating her own master piece. Picking raspberries off her big patch of canes at the farm. My memories of her go on and on. I will miss her so much, but I am so richly blessed by having had her in my life.

Much love Deb

— **Deb & Sam Barber**

Fred,Grant & Family, Shelley & Matthew

On behalf of the McKague Family we extend our deepest sympathies on the passing of Myrna.

Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

— **Lisa Asselstine**

We are so sorry for your loss of Myrna. Many thoughts are with each of you at this sad time.

— **Lloyd and Laurangel**

We send our sympathies to Fred and all the family and wish we could be there for Myrna's memorial. She was a beautiful and loving person who left us with many wonderful, happy memories, esp. during the early years on our family farms at Grindrod, BC.

— **Elvin and Marilyn Strilchuk**

So saddened to hear of Myrna's passing. Thinking of the entire family during this sad time.

Sue (Hunter) Grant

— **Sue Grant**

We are so sorry to hear of Myrna's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family at this very sad time.

— **Roy & Joy Muir**

Fred and Family

Please know that we are thinking of you and we are so sorry we cannot be there on the 23

I will miss her every day and my heart hurts for you all

Doug and Diana

— **Doug and Diana Steele**

I was so saddened to hear of your loss. I hope you are all surrounded by much love.

— **Jayne Sandilands**

Just returned home from holidays to the very sad news of Myrna's passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Fred, Grant, Shelley and their families. Myrna was an icon of the Crossfield community and will be sorely missed.

Gary & Linda

— **Gary and Linda Kiernan**

Our love and prayers go out to Fred, Grant, Kathy, Sydney, Hilary, Shelley and Matthew.

We consider ourselves lucky to have known and loved such an amazing woman.

— **Gordon & Stacy Price**

Sincerest sympathies to you all in the loss of your wife, Mom and Grandma. Our thoughts are with you all in the difficult days ahead.

— **Bob & Norma Bilben**

Dear Fred, Grant and family, Shelley and Matthew

Our sincere sympathy to all of you on Myrna's passing. Such a wonderful and caring person!! Myrna was a family and community person first. Her presence will be dearly missed by both. Sincere sympathy!

— **Gordon/Joanne Bussey**

We were so sorry to read about Myrna's death. We valued her leadership and friendship during our years at Crossfield United Church. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

— **Harold & Loeta Black**

We were so sad to hear of the passing of Myrna when we were on holidays...what an amazing woman she was...she will be so missed. She and I had ties to BC and that was a common bond for us. We visited in Smithers and our last visit was lunch in June in Crossfield. I will miss her emails to me and our visits. To Fred, Grant, Kathy, Shelley, Mathew, Sydney & Hillary...our thoughts, prayers, hugs and love to you all...can't be there on Friday but will be in spirit!

— **Sonny & Cindy Mensies**

I was so sad to read of Myrna's passing and could not believe the news. She was such a warm and loving person. She welcomed me at Crossfield United Church and we became friends. Quilting and volunteering at church brought out the heart of Myrna. She passed along so many memories of church life and events. I will always remember her warm smile, comforting hugs and rich spirit. I know she will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers with the entire Budgeon family! We are all blessed to have known such a wonderful lady! ☐

— **Diana Fisher**

So sorry to hear of your loss, her commitment to community will long be remembered and treasured; her contributions will be missed and her memory treasured.

Jo Tennant

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Our condolences to You All on the loss of a Great Family Member Myrna. R.I.P. dear Pen Pal of 65 years, will miss Our chats. Hugs to Fred, Grant, Shelly, Mathew, Kathy, Hillery and Sidney. Love.

— **Jeanette Pakula**

Myrna was a beautiful woman inside and out. She treated us wonderfully and welcomed us to this community. Her beautiful smile will be missed.

— **Bonita**

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

— **Barry and Lorie Trufen**

Sorry for your loss. She will be missed.

— **Dave and Joyce Scott**

It was such an honour and privilege to know Myrna. She was so kind, caring and incredibly classy. She will be missed in this community and we send our heartfelt sincerest condolences to Fred and family.

— **Cheryl & Jason Hoff**

Fred and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss, Myrna will be greatly missed in the community. She was a great and loving person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry we won't be able to attend the memorial but our thoughts will be with you.

— **Barry & Rhonda Whittaker**

Fred, Grant & Kathy and Family,

I learned the other day of Myrna's passing, and it tugged on my heartstrings. I always enjoyed a friendly visit with Myrna, she was so loving and kind. A strong pillar of her community, she will be greatly missed I am sure. Sending you all love and strength to get through the difficult days ahead. I am confident she has left you all with beautiful memories. Godspeed Myrna

— **Jodi Osborne**

It is with a heavy heart that I write today after hearing this terribly sad news, and there has been little else on my mind for these past few days. Thinking back, it would have been 30 years ago this fall that I first met Myrna. When remembering Myrna several things quickly come to mind. To begin with, you were always greeted with a bright radiant smile and twinkling eyes that lit up the room. Her energy was always so uplifting and positive, and she sure knew how to see humor and enjoy a good laugh. She was always so interested in whoever she was talking to as if they were the most important person on earth. I recall her always being so warm, caring, loving, and supportive. But most of all, she really loved and cherished her family to pieces. Anybody who had the pleasure of knowing Myrna is a better person for it. I extend my sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies to Fred and the entire family. Myrna will be deeply missed.

— **Jason Leemans**

It is with great sadness I read of Myrna's passing. I will always remember the warm hugs and them dancing so beautiful. You will surely missed by all R.I.P.
Myrna

— **Brenda Will**

So sorry for your loss. Myrna was one of my most favorite people. She was as kind a person as I've ever met. I will miss our little chats.

— **Garry And Gessi Richardson**

So sorry for your loss.

Didn't matter where you saw Myrna she was always smiling & dropped to say hi!!!
Thoughts & prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.

— **Richard & Linda Walsh**

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone of you, Fred, Grant and Kathy, Hilary, Sidney, Mathew and Shelly. Myrna will never be forgotten

— **Bryan and Judy Fox**

My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this difficult time.

My childhood was filled with happy memories of Myrna. She was always willing to drag Shelley's Barbie dolls out of the bunkhouse for me to play with. Corey and I had so much fun, on the trip to Enderby, reading Archie comic books in your motorhome. Myrna was so patient teaching us how to decorate Easter eggs the traditional Ukrainian way.

I will always smile when I think of the special person she was.

— **Renee Clayton**



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