

# Patricia Mary Clayton

AUGUST 1, 2020



It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved mum, Pat Clayton, on August 1, 2020, at the age of 92. Pat was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Clayton, second husband, Harold Rowbottom, daughter, Kim Clayton, daughter-in-law, Bessie Viridi, and great granddaughter, Emercyn Hornby. Pat will be lovingly remembered by her brother, Terry Dexter (Sheila); her children, Rosalie Pedersen (Charles), Roger (Margaret), Lorna Clayton-Belyk (Chris); her son-in-law, Tony Muszynski (Kim); her grandchildren, Michael Pedersen, Mark Pedersen, Hayley Dion, Joseph Hornby, Hannah Muszynski, Alex Muszynski; her great grandchildren, Kaja, Evan, Asia, Weston, Jace, Claire, Austin and Cohen; Harold's son Henry and daughter Isobel, as well as Pat's much cherished extended family, and Edna Crook, her special lifelong friend.

Born Patricia Mary McLeavy to Frank and Margie Dexter in Didsbury, AB, and raised on the family farm near Garfield, AB, Pat loved school and was an excellent student, skipping both grade 1 and 6. She attended high school in Calgary, living with her special aunt and mentor, Dolly McLeavy. She went on to become a teacher, first in a one room school near Edson, AB and then in Airdrie, AB, where she met her future husband, Bruce Clayton. Retiring from teaching to become a "farm wife", Pat was always busy cooking, cleaning, sewing, canning, gardening, driving truck during harvest, being a great mum, and subbing at school when she could. She loved the Dogpound Stampede, Airdrie Parade, camping, family

holidays to Penticton or the Shuswap, visits to Sundre for special family dinners, and extended family gatherings at the Clayton Coulee. Pat proudly called Airdrie her home for 75 years, first arriving in 1945. She was very involved in the community as a member of the Community Club, Eastern Star, UCW, the Over 50 Club and Meals on Wheels. Pat loved to travel, visiting Peru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Europe, Australia, Hawaii and Russia. She and Bruce also enjoyed many winters in Arizona.

Pat and Bruce moved from the farm to Airdrie in 1975. Bruce passed away in 1987 and a few years later Pat met and married Harold Rowbottom. She and Harold had over 20 years of fun and adventure ice fishing, playing crib, dancing, and travelling Alberta in their camper van. They also spent several winters in Florida.

Mum possessed the rare quality of “Grace”, always speaking to the good in others. She was highly intelligent and valued a well-rounded education for her children. She was hardworking, kind, and a proper lady, yet was not above participating in a family game of scrub baseball on our large lawn at the farm. She was always supportive and gave sage advice. And she knew every nursery rhyme, proverb, and old saying there ever was!

The family wishes to thank the staff at AgeCare Midnapore in Calgary for the excellent care they gave Mum during her stay there.

Due to Covid-19, a celebration of Pat’s life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers and to honor her, please consider a donation in her name to the Airdrie and District Agricultural Society. [www.airdrieagsociety.com/about-us/history](http://www.airdrieagsociety.com/about-us/history)

## Messages of Condolence

My sincere sympathy to you all. Pat was well thought of by all and will be truly missed. May your warm memories keep her always in your hearts.

Kind regards,

Barb Hinger

— **Barb Hinger (Snyder)**

Dear Clayton Family, we are so sorry to hear of Mrs. Clayton's passing. As a child, I have very fond memories of spending time at your place and always remember your sweet Mom being so warm and welcoming, always having a nice cold glass of milk and delicious cookies for snacks. We were blessed to have your Mom as a neighbor not only on the farm but in town as well. Mrs. Clayton was a woman full of grace, class and warmth. We are so very sorry for your loss. God bless you and your beautiful family as you walk through this sad time. Lots of love and prayers.

Joy & Herry

— **Joy (Bakke) & Herry Soepono**

To the Clayton Family

So sorry for your loss of your dear Mother

Mom & Dad & Bruce & Pat had many great times together -was always good to see Pat at Cederwood Station & visit-with this COVID thing all has been lost in celebration of life

The get togetherness after the service was one of the only times old neighbors got to see each other-when someone passed in the community everyone knew within a day or so

I stumbled on Pats passing looking through obituaries

Take care The Pat Clayton Family-she was a wonderful person & friend☐

— **Bill Morison**



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