Sylvia Elias

OCTOBER 13, 2023

On October 13, Sylvia passed peacefully into heaven at the Christine Morrison Hospice in Mission, BC. She turned 90 in June and lived in her own apartment prior to entering hospice in mid-September. She had battled a leukemia-type of lymphoma as well as heart failure for several years. She is now reunited with her husband, Roger, and sister, Hazel. Sylvia is survived by her son Dean, daughter Teresa, son-in-law Mark, three devoted grandsons Colton (Lauren), Nick and Hayden and two beloved great-grandchildren, Blair, and Noah. Sylvia was born in Dauphin, Manitoba on June 19, 1933, to Nicholas and Jessie Pokotylo. She grew up in Fork River then moved to Vancouver around the age of 20 and lived with her uncle and aunt, Stan, and Mary Landy. She met Roger at Dreamland Dance Hall in New Westminster. They married on June 27, 1958, and lived on Trinity St. in Coquitlam for many years. In 1995 they moved to Mission to a house adjacent to their grandsons' elementary school. Sylvia and Roger enjoyed their campsite at Campers' Paradise on Mt. Baker Highway with many close friends and relatives for 35 years. Sylvia's life revolved around cooking for, entertaining, and being a friend to everyone in her midst. She brought joy to so many and taught these lessons well. her Memorial Service will be held on October 28 at 2pm at North Valley Baptist Church in Mission. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity that feeds people. Her favourites were Backpack Buddies, Union Gospel Mission, and the local food bank.

Messages of Condolence

I send my sincere condolences during this time of sorrow. The Bible promises that your loved one will live again on a beautiful paradise earth when death will be no more. (John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:4)

— Linnie Ellis

On behalf of the Harrison family, I send our deepest condolences to all of you. Our parents, Tony and Anne Harrison (Fork River & Dauphin, MB), always spoke highly of Sylvia. They really enjoyed any visits that Sylvia made to their home. My brothers, Paul and Harry, and I would have last seen Sylvia when the Pokotylo family reunion was held in Fork River in 1994. Brother Don was unable to attend. We remember how much effort she and Roger put into contacting family members and encouraging our attendance. It was a very real pleasure to have that opportunity to visit with her at that time. Brother Paul communicated with Sylvia over the years with phone calls. They shared many memories being so close in age. Loss is difficult as we all know, but I am sure that all of you have many wonderful moments to remember her by. Sincerely, Dianne Harrison

— Dianne Harrison

To the family of Sylvia Elias,

I remember very clearly the many weekend visits Sylvia and Hazel made to our home in Fork River as young ladies always with little gifts in hand. At the time they lived in Dauphin and we always looked forward to the visits and the thoughtfulness they had for us.
My sincerest condolences!

Cousin Don Harrison and Family

— Don Harrison

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