Marion Joan Irwin



JUNE 13, 2021

IRWIN, Marion Joan

1939 - 2021

Marion Joan Irwin (nee Banta) passed away peacefully at her home in Airdrie, Alberta on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Marion will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 65 years, Lyle Irwin; daughter, Terry (Ken) Reid of Airdrie, Alberta; son, Tim (Judy) Irwin of Spokane Valley, Washington; grandchildren, Miles (Courtney), Brandon (Anna), Austin (Jeff), Andrea (Levi), Blythe, Brynn; and four great-grandchildren. Marion is also lovingly remembered by her sister, Evelyn (Harold) Helzer; brothers, David (Jeanette) Banta and Dale (Lindsey) Banta; brother-in-law, Harry Rowney; sisters-in-law, Gail Irwin and Joan (Ernie) Smith; and many nieces and nephews. Marion was predeceased by her parents, Ellis and Ruth Banta; sister, Marge Rowney; sister and brother-in-law, Fran and Howard Wood; and brother-in-law, Bill Irwin. Marion was born and spent her early years on the farm near Crossfield. Over the years, Marion worked at various jobs including the Bank of Commerce in Crossfield (there for the holdup), Don Beddoes Construction and then got started in business with Young’s Propane. She and husband, Lyle, owned and operated hotels in Airdrie, Canmore and Pincher Creek before returning to Crossfield where they bought and farmed her parent’s farm, ultimately taking up residence in Airdrie. Marion enjoyed curling, camping, gardening, her Christmas light displays and occasional happy hours. Her favourite holiday spot was Las Vegas. She had a love for people, children, animals and the disadvantaged. There will be a private family interment in Crossfield Cemetery at

a later date. The family gratefully declines flowers, however a donation in Marion’s name to a charity of one’s choice would be greatly appreciated.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Lyle and Family,
We will always remember the laughs we had when we were with Marion and Lyle in Las Vegas.
Marion was a Friend, a hard worker and a thoughtful person. Our sincere condolences.
Ken and Karen

— Karen and Ken

Lyle, I was very sad to learn of Marion’s death. Please accept my sincere condolences. Your coffee friend ,John

— John Willsher

To all the family: Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Marion.She always had a smile or laugh when visiting her and will be missed by many who knew her. You are all in our thoughts at this time.
Vera and Mel Bowen.

— Vera Bowen

Condolences to the family

— Dave and Wendy Flather

Uncle Lyle, Terry, and family,
Unbelievably heartbroken to hear the news. Auntie Marion has a very special place in my heart. I will remember the hours of visits we had while I was attending University. She had such a special way of taking the edge off being homesick.
May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories of her.

— Nicole (Rowney) Newton

Lyle & Family
So incredibly sorry to hear of Marion's passing. Our thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time.
The Timmons Family

— Jenelle Timmons

remember the good times. thinking of you and your loss.
best to all your family.
ross farrell

— ross a farrell

So sorry to hear about Marion's passing. I remember so fondly all the summer times spent at the farm with Auntie Ruth, Uncle Ellis & Marion and all the sisters. Thinking of you all.

— Peggy Lambert

Sincere condolences to Marion's family, from a cousin you may not have ever met... Judy.... Peggy's younger sister and Uncle George's daughter. I have many memories of visits to the farm as a young child with my dad, to see Auntie Ruth (George's sister) and Uncle Ellis, and occasionally visit with cousin Marion when she lived nearby. I have not been back to Crossfield since the passing of my dad in 1993, and a visit with Fran when passing through with my husband. If anyone in the family recognizes me, could you consider taking time to contact the funeral home for my email?? I am actually trying to update contact information for Evelyn and Harold Helzer, whom we visited in BC a few years ago but since have been unsuccessful as my information seems to be outdated..... would love to learn any updates on the family, sincerely, Judy Hunt (nee Lambert)

— Judy Hunt

