

Agnes Fern Jacobsen

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As the family matriarch, Fern cultivated strong and loving relationships with each of her daughters and grandchildren, sons-in-law, siblings, nieces and nephews, and extended family. Fern highly valued her many friendships, and especially with her dear friends, Darlene, Rene, and Johanna. An active



genealogist, Fern spent many happy hours online and on foot tracking down obscure branches of the family tree. Fern was a lifelong learner who stayed up to date on current affairs, and pursued diverse intellectual interests in Western Canadian history, provincial, federal and global politics, economics, immigration and indigenous issues, composting and recycling, as well as antiques and collectibles. Fern was a great conversationalist who took a sincere interest in people's lives and enjoyed a lively debate. At the age of 77, Fern died on her own terms and surrounded by her family.

Born in Canora, Saskatchewan, Fern grew up in Brooks, Alberta. She completed post-secondary studies at SAIT in Calgary before getting married and raising a family. Fern supported her husband Mike by doing all of the accounting and office administration for his company, All-Mod Structures, for more than 25 years. Fern worked in retail for many years at the Calgary Airport, Marlborough Mall and Sunridge Mall. Fern was a confirmed bibliophile and active reader who delved into stacks of books she collected from the library, book stores and garage sales. Fern enjoyed sewing and crocheting, watching historical television series, going

for high tea at the Empress, Heritage Park and Pasu Farms, and visiting her sister's farm. In retirement, Fern volunteered at Bethany Care Center, at the Airdrie Food Bank, and on the Board of her Condo Association. Fern also loved to try new recipes, write letters to politicians, complete puzzles, read voraciously, and spend time with her daughters, grandchildren and friends.

Fern is survived by her daughters: Bonnie Vandenberg and son, Michael; Michele Jacobsen-Thoresen (Terry) and their two sons, Erik and Kai; Karen Maniaci (Paul) and their children, Madison and Anthony, all of whom live in Airdrie; sisters, Cecile and Charlotte; and brother, Lawrence. Fern was predeceased by her husband, Mike, her infant grandson, Johnathan, and parents, Peter and Agnes, and also by her beloved orange and white 21 year old cat, Taffy, who was a family legend for his sour temper and mercurial disposition.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the magnificent medical team at the Peter Lougheed Hospital, her physician, Dr. Radhmila Parmar, staff with Home Care, Calgary Health Region, and the staff at Luxstone Manor.

Fern was a generous neighbor and active volunteer who helped to make her community a better place to live. If friends so desire, contributions can be made in memory of Fern Jacobsen to the Airdrie Food Bank:

<http://www.airdriefoodbank.com/donate.html>.

Messages of Condolence

I hope time passes quickly so that very soon you will be able to smile again and share your warm and wonderful memories of your mom....She raised an amazing family.

— **Susanne Evans**

I am so sorry for your loss my deepest sympathy and condolences goes to everyone. She was a very beautiful and wonderful lady. I will always remember her when you guys lived in Calgary next door to me.

— **Kimberly (Thiesen) Gardippie**

My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom, she sounded like an amazing lady. Let the memories of her love, guidance and laughter get your through the coming days. Karen, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

— **Debbie Gibson**

Fern was a magnificent mother, wife, grandmother, sister and friend. I did not know Fern but I know her lovely daughter Karen and her family. My family sends love to you all at this difficult time.

— **Maeghan Heck**

Bonnie, Karen, Michele & families. I am so sorry for your loss & am thinking of you all.

— **Ainsley Woodward**

It is with great sadness that I hear of Fern's passing. She was a wonderful lady with such a caring and giving heart. Fern was a dedicated volunteer and I enjoyed our many conversations that we shared when she came in to volunteer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you make your way through this difficult time.

— **Carolyn - Airdrie Food Bank**

We hold Fern in our hearts.□ Your mom was a special friend and a beautiful woman with an open heart. Throughout the many years we have know her, we have created some special memories that we will cherish for always. We pray that Bonnie Michele, Karen and families remain strong as you get through this most difficult time. You are all in our thoughts. Your dear mom will live on in our hearts forever.

Love Rene, Ingrid, Monica and Elke

— **Monica**

My deepest sympathy and condolences to everyone.

— **Harry Eichhorst**

My heart goes out to you all. I worked with Fern at the Sunridge Panhandler for many years. Her gardening advice and just her knowledge and sense of humour made it a joy to come to work everyday. I lost contact with Fern but I have many great memories of her. She and I also shared a love for the chocolate bar “ Cherry Blossoms” which we inhaled with great joy when we could.

— **Bernice Taubert**



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