

Joan Lovelace (nee Halkyard)

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Joan is survived and lovingly remembered by her children: Juanita (John) Duncan & their children - Jody (John Rutherford) - Jerri (Nigel) Fisher & their children, Jillian, Madison, & Kayla - Jason (Sharon); Lawrence Lovelace;

Gerald (Dione) Lovelace & their daughter Thera (Mike Humble); Rosalee Lovelace (Alf Bitzer) & her children - Tammy Williamson (Bill Olds) & their son Tyler - Angela (Jim) Hrihorow & their family, Ashley (Dale Richardson) their daughter Riley, Greg, Brad, & Amber - Trevor (Megan) & their children Courtney & Jordan; Kevin (Lisa) Lovelace & their children - Trent (Crystal Flaman) - Jenna (Jordan) Birchard & their daughters Zoey & Aubrey - Jaylynn (Mike Romanchuk). She is also remembered by sister-in-law, Sally, and numerous nieces and nephews, in particular Pat and Archie Lovelace and Irene Carlson.

Joan was predeceased by her husband Floyd Lovelace, son Neil Lovelace, grandson Tyler Lovelace, great-granddaughter Karlee Williamson, mother Lucy Hyde and final life partner Richard (Dick) Beatty.

Joan was born in Oldham, Lancashire, England and arrived in Canada in 1928 at one year old. She started walking on the ship, Minnedosa, on the way over. Joan was raised and educated in the Goschen (south Carnduff) district where her mother worked for Bert & Neil Hyde. Joan attended High School in Carnduff & Normal School in Moose Jaw. She obtained her first teaching job at Lookout School near Willowbrook, SK, where she met her husband Floyd. They moved to



Victoria, B.C and were married in May, 1946. Juanita was born in Victoria in 1947. In the spring of 1948 they moved back to take up farming. That fall they moved to the former McNaught farm in the Souris Flat district. Joan often told a story about that first winter in the old house, how it was a lesson in survival, you would be roasting on one side and freezing on the other. She always referred to the heater as a “contraption”. Larry was born in 1949. Another son, Gerald was born in 1950, then Rosalee was born in 1954, Neil arrived in 1957, and Kevin in 1963. In 1971 their son Neil was accidently killed in a tractor rollover. In 1974 they sold the farm and moved into Glen Ewen. In 1980 Joan and Floyd moved to Regina where they resided until Floyd’s passing in 1986. After Floyd’s passing, Joan moved to Pilot Butte where she helped with grandchildren and was involved in the community. In 1998, Joan and Dick built a new house in Pilot Butte. It was one of Joan’s bucket list items, she said, after standing by that “contraption” with two young children that winter. Joan and Dick loved to travel - they went to Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Hawaii, Alaska and Texas. They spent 12 winters in the Rio Grande River Valley in Texas. She absolutely loved it there - they danced several times a week, enjoyed their many friends and she learned to oil paint and do many other crafts. After Dick’s passing in 2004, Joan continued to travel. She would just get in her red van and take off to wherever. When she was 79 she traveled to Texas by herself - she had a big stuffed bear dressed in a T-shirt on the passenger’s side complete with a hat and a cigar, so villians would think she had a travelling companion.

Joan loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who affectionately nicknamed her GG. Joan will always be remembered for quick wit, her infectious laugh and her caring personality. Joan was a beautiful seamstress, enjoyed crocheting, doing needle point, oil painting and many, many other crafts. Over the years she created many beautiful items. We must not forget how she loved to do her daily crossword with her niece, Pat. Joan loved to have company and she

would always make sure you had something to eat, even in the later stages of dementia, she always asked if you wanted to stay for supper.

Joan remained in Pilot Butte until moving to Surrey B.C. in 2009. In 2010 she was diagnosed with Alzheimers disease and because of her daughter Juanita, was able to spend her remaining time at Czorny Alzheimer Centre in Surrey, BC, a beautiful facility with very caring staff. Joan passed away very peacefully and comfortably.

Memorial service and interment in Glen Ewen cemetery at a later date in 2016. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of BC, 300-828 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Z 1E2.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

To all of you my deepest sympathy. Auntie Joan was always so much fun to be around. She was not someone you could forget. She will be missed.

Love to you all.

Wendy

— **Wendy Lovelace**

Our deepest sympathy in your loss. Joan was a great person to be around, I enjoyed her company, she always made me laugh.

— **caron csada**

My deepest love and hugs to you all on your loss, Auntie Joan never ceased to make us all feel at home, her quick wit was with her long after she had gotten diagnosed with Alzheimers. I will always my visits to her while in care she never ceased to make me smile. She will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her. RIP Auntie Joan.

— **Charlene Fowler**

So sorry for your loss. We were talking about her just the other day wondering where she was..I enjoyed living across the street from her. We downed a lot of coffee together and had a lot of laughs ..pleasant memories . Think of the good time. Take care

— **Bill and Ethel Burnett**

My sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. Joan was a wonderful and thoughtful friend. I always enjoyed her dry English humour. I will never forget our friendship and the many laughs we had.

— **Yvonne Jackle**

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember her always being friendly and laughing. But when you were in trouble look out. Lol. I am sure you will miss her greatly.

Sheree-Lee

— **Sheree - Lee MacNaught (Hansen)**

I am sending my wishes to Juanita and John and family. May peace be with you. I know it was a difficult long journey and that Joan has found peace. I am grateful to have known her and even more grateful for the gift she has given me in her daughter, Juanita.

Love to all of you

Donalda Jones

— **donalda jones**

Our deepest sympathy to the lovelace families.

— **Ralph & Sheila White**

I really liked your mom. When her & your dad came to visit she pitched right in to help can Peaches, getting a meal ready for the combine crew. We always wrote often & called each other. I am sorry I never went over to see her place when we were up there, I was just getting so tired. I feel like I know it between the letters & the pictures that Larry send me.

I am sure she wasn't very happy the last few months. it is a sad illness.

You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Arliss Lovelace

— **Arliss Lovelace**



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