

# Doris Virginia Sifton

JULY 11, 2017

SIFTON, Doris Virginia (nee Davidson)

April 13, 1928 - July 11, 2017



Doris Sifton, aged 89 years, passed away suddenly in Cranbrook, BC while vacationing there at Tie Lake. She was born on the family farm near McCord, Saskatchewan, the fifth of ten children and had an idyllic childhood. She lived in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan from 1949 - 1968, where she worked as a waitress in the Harward Hotel and the Skyline Nightclub. Doris married Les Taylor in 1949 and they had two children, Ron and Judy. In 1967, Doris remarried to Dale Sifton, the love of her life. They moved to Calgary in 1968 and Doris worked in a medical lab for a year and then at Gulf Oil for 9 years. Following her retirement, they wintered in Yuma, Arizona and holidayed at Tie Lake, camping in the orchard and visiting her son's beautiful ranch in southern Alberta. She loved to dance, camp, bake and do crafts - never tiring of working at something new. Her life centered on her family and friends, with Christmas being her favorite time of year. Doris loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as they were the highlight of her life. She was always the first to help others, tell a funny story or a slightly inappropriate joke and loved to bring her famous homemade chocolate cake, bread, buns, cinnamon buns and apple pies to special family dinners and holidays.

Doris will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Dale (of 50 years); her son, Ron (Karen); grandsons, Shaun (Michelle), Adam (Emily), Nathan (Natalie) and Tyler; and her very dear great grandchildren, Curtis and Violet; her brother, Don

(Martha); sisters, Jean, Belle and Myrtle, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends, here and in the United States; also, her daughter, Judy (Jim) and children Jason, Jaclyn and Jessica of the US. She was predeceased by father, Roland (1984); mother, Emma (1981); 2 brothers, Glen (1945) and Jack (1966); and 3 sisters, Virginia (1929), Lorraine (1930), and Ruth (1992).

Doris always had a smile, instead of a frown, always a hand, when one was down, always true, thoughtful and kind, what wonderful memories she left behind.

Her final words of wisdom for us are "Don't be afraid to die when it's your time, I'll see you all in that Big Campground in the Sky."

A Celebration of Doris' Life will be held at the Calgary Winter Club, 4611 - 14 Street NW, Calgary, AB on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made in Doris' memory to the Children's Hospital, 2888 Shaganappi Trail NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 6A8.

## Messages of Condolence

Words can't express how sad I was to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time.

— **Bonnie Ingeberg**

To Dale and the family;

Please accept our sincere condolences on sudden Doris's passing. It was our pleasure to have known Doris & Dale for many years.

Les & Bea Hamilton

Retired

— **Les Hamilton**

I was so saddened to hear of Doris's sudden passing! My deepest condolences to Dale, Ron, Karen, Judy, Jim and the whole family! I have so many special memories spending time at the Sifton's home in Calgary and travelling to Montana. I know Doris will be missed!! Love Vera

— **Vera (Janssen) Funk**

My heart is so sad for the terrible loss of dearest aunt Doris. She was always such a treat, she had a ready smile and a welcome word for everyone she met. She always made me feel so special and I know I'm not the only one that she Bestowed that feeling on. All of our lives will have much less sparkle in it with her passing. My heart felt condolences to Dale and all of the family members. Love surrounds you all.

— **Donna Meyer**

I will be with you all in spirit on Thursday. Sure wish I could have been there. Love to you all ☐

— **Belle Harford**



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