



REMEMBERING
Lorna Meryl Sortome

December 7, 1929 - October 21, 2014



A Kimberley resident of over 60 years, Lorna passed away October 21, 2014 at the age of 84. The youngest of six children of Howard and Anna Wightman, Lorna was born in Broderick, Saskatchewan December 7, 1929. She was raised in Creston, BC and lived and worked in Trail prior to moving to Kimberley.

Lorna married Anton Clarence on May 10, 1958 and together raised their son Jon and daughter Sherry. Lorna's working career saw her at the Kimberley Credit Union, F.W. Woolworth and The Looking Glass jewelry store in Cranbrook.

Lorna was a dedicated community volunteer throughout her years, including President of the North Star Figure Skating Club, International Order of Job's Daughters, Overture Concert Series, Kimberley United Way, hairdressing at Kimberley Special Care Home, Adjudicator and Volunteer for Kimberley International Old Time Accordion Championships and Worthy Matron of Harmony Chapter 45 Order of Eastern Star.

Lorna loved to garden and took great pleasure in providing fresh vegetables to her family, friends and neighbors. She knit endless numbers of mittens each year to donate to the Order of Eastern Star bazaar and Helping Hands Food Bank, but of most importance to her were her family and special friends, including the "Wednesday lunch ladies". She treasured every moment with her grandchildren. She was an avid Scrabble player and enjoyed her daily crossword puzzle. Most recently, Lorna donned a dry suit and hopped in a "Zodiac" to marvel at the wonder of sailing with orca whales off Pender Island.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter Sherry Waites (Michael), daughter-in-law Marcia McMurtrie of 100 Mile House, BC, grandchildren Jordan Waites and Amara

Waites of Kimberley, Connor Sortome of Calgary, Lauren Sortome of Victoria and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Lorna was pre-deceased by her parents, brothers Edwin and George, sisters Grace, Verna and Dorothy, husband Clarence in 2009 and son Jon in 2012.

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Those wishing to make a donation in Lorna's memory may consider Harmony Chapter (in support of Cancer charities), Box 133, Kimberley, BC V1A 2Y5 or East Kootenay Foundation for Health in support of Palliative Care, 13-24th Avenue North, Cranbrook, BC V1C 3H9.

