

REMEMBERING
Yvonne Starling

February 4, 1934 - September 2, 2022



Yvonne Starling was born in Hardisty Alberta second born of James and Helen Morrison on February 4th, 1934.

Her siblings were Harold, Lorne, Laverne, Bryan and Beverly. Yvonne grew up cleaning and helping around the house and in her formative years she babysat, cleaned houses, cleaned the church and the school regularly and this helped form her work ethic in which she carried out throughout her whole life. In her early teens she worked as an overnight telephone operator in the town of Hardisty as well as worked in the local restaurant.

Moving to Calgary she met James Sheridan while working as telephone operator for AGT, and they were married in 1953 and of that union came Stephen, Jeffery, and Theresa. We had great fun growing up with numerous cousins and Aunts and Uncles. We also enjoyed many family vacations, camping and boating mostly in the Okanagan.

Upon the dissolution of her marriage, Yvonne and the children relocated to the area known as Westbank BC. The family spent about 2 years there before returning to Calgary where Yvonne and Stephen and Jeffery all started working for Safeway. Yvonne met Don Moran in 1972. This newly blended family including son Craig and daughter Teri-Lyn. We enjoyed many years of family life, and they were married in 1984. They had a wonderful relationship that included getting to know Donny's family who resided in Lethbridge Alberta. Many wonderful loving relationships were made getting to know Melba Kjeldgaard (Don's sister) her husband Dennis.

Yvonne's brother Harold and Maxine introduced them to Winters in Palm Springs, and they were hooked! Then in the coming years they bought a mobile home in Safari Park Palm Springs. Early Retirement for both ensured they would spend 6 months per year as snowbirds. There was always a welcoming atmosphere in

Safari Park where Don and Yvonne made many friends. Including Den and Melba (Dons sister) Kjeldgaard, Al and Nancy Sliger and Carol and Roger post were among the many friends from across Canada and the USA. It was a giant melting pot of beautiful souls all enjoying their retirements and the wonderful atmosphere in the desert.

Yvonne continued to work for Safeway and excelled at anything she chose to do. I can remember her telling me she would be busy stocking spices or cigarettes in the Brentwood Safeway and people would come up to and say "I am ready to check out now Yvonne even though there were cashiers on till, they enjoyed her pleasant positive congenial manner. These attributes helped her move up to the personnel department in Safeways head office in Calgary. I know she cemented many long, wonderful friendships while working there, you all know who you are.

Yvonne faced many tragedies in her life with a strong faith in God and the resolve to carry on. First Craig Donny's son died and then three months later Don died of a broken heart.

Yvonne was determined to continue to winter in Palm Springs and in 2002 a mutual friend Roger Post, introduced Kenneth Starling to Yvonne. They were smitten!

After a whirlwind courtship they married on January 23rd 2002. They continued to enjoy Palm Springs in the winter and Canyon BC in summers. While on the dessert together they excelled at Shuffleboard, taking home many trophies over the years. Hiking dancing and socializing with the 20/20 group weekly at the clubhouse. They welcomed many relatives that bought or rented in Safari Park each winter. Including Rita and Mike Murtha, Darrel and Gayle Murtha, Beverly Conzevoy, Maxine Morrison, Bryan Morrison, Den and Kathy Kjeldgaard, who all lived very close by.

It was a great getaway in the winter for all their kids who quite often would bunk in or rent nearby during their yearly holidays. Yvonne was a going concern all through her life she had an energy that was endless, she exhibited a love for life that was incredible and with Ken who was very similar in character. One memory I would love to share is on her 80th birthday cruise in the Caribbean Ken and Yvonne cleared the floor in a big band night club and held the attention of the night club for more than 30 mins and at 80 and 78 years of age.

Yvonne showed her resilience again facing her son's battle with cancer together with Jeff's loving wife Lucy, Ken and Yvonne spent much time being with them both in Vallejo California offering any support they could. She was also there for myself and Jacquie when I got a liver Transplant in Edmonton. While at the same time my sister Theresa suffered a heart attack in Kelowna. She bravely survived both her children, Jeffery and Theresa. finally succumbing to dementia after a long and strong battle with that disease. Her loving husband Ken and his entire family in Cranbrook provided absolutely the best support she could have.

Yvonne is survived by her loving husband Kenneth. his family, Rhonda & Arthur Tank, Dee & Ken Manson, Terry & Rick Mallot, Steve & Anita Starling.

She is also survived by her son Stephen & Jacqueline Sheridan, Daughter in-law Lucy Sheridan, Stepdaughter Teri-Lynn Moran,

Also survived by Brother Bryan Morrison, sister Beverly Conzevoy, sister in-law

Maxine Morrison.

Ken and Yvonne's Grandchildren Jenna, Erin, Matthew, Jennifer, Jordan, Samantha, Emily, Alyssa, Brendan, Jim, Dexter, Natasha, Kelly, Tim and Tara.

Great Grandchildren are McKenlie, Harper, Olivia, Charlotte, Bo, Hadley, Carter, Hudson, Brynlee, Benjamin, Annie, Abbygale, Cameron, Kianna, Nash, James, Kylie

Yvonne was predeceased by her parents Jim & Helen Morrison, brother Harold Morrison, brother Lorne Morrison, sister Laverne Morrison, James Sheridan, Don Moran, sons Craig Moran, Jeffery Sheridan, and daughter Theresa Shaver.

The funeral mass will be held at Christ the Servant Catholic Church at 1100 14th Ave South Cranbrook BC at 2 pm on Tuesday September 6th, 2022.

There will be a memorial service at McInnis & Holloway Crowfoot, 82 Crowfoot Circle NW, Calgary, Alberta on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers you may donate to the charity of your choice.

