



Florence Marybell Anderson, long time resident of Dawson Creek, passed away April 14, 2017 at the age of 76. Florence was born October 8, 1940 in St. Joseph's hospital to George and Maureen Chamberlain, their first child.

Florence looked for the silver linings in life. Strength and grace were attributes of her personality that shone through. Love was a dominant force in her life; her family, close friends and her students felt her loving presence.

Florence grew up on the family farm in Lakeview area with her 8 younger siblings. She attended the Central Elementary school, old Dawson Creek Elementary and South Peace followed by UVIC to achieve her teacher's certificate.

In 1958 on an unexpected blind date, a tall drink of water came to the door. Mom went out with John Anderson and the rest as they say is history. 56 years of marriage, 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandsons later. A loving and strong marriage to be sure - an example to their family.

Florence was a dedicated teacher for over 37 years, she taught all grades but her niche was primary. "Her kids" were a huge part of her life. It was not unheard of for an extra kid to be in our home at times when the need arose.


Florence was a musical and crafty person. She loved to play the accordion, piano, harpsichord and guitar. Sewing, knitting, cross stitch, rug hooking, and Christmas crafts were among her favorites. Many of her students will recall the gingerbread houses she made each year for the students to decorate. The family spent a great deal of time camping, BBQs and picnics. Florence loved nature- all aspects- especially the stars and the northern lights.

Over the years Florence belonged to many organizations performing various roles. The Jaycettes, BC Teacher's Federation, Hospital Foundation, Ladies Hospital Auxiliary and Friends of the Library were among her dedicated volunteering roles.

Florence was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Brian and Bob, and 2 of her children Susan and Dale.

Florence is survived by her loving husband John, her daughter Kate, her son-in-law Darcy (Lana), her grandchildren Brianna, Jenna (Marcel), Drayke and Aleah, her great grandsons Jordan, Keaton, Aidan and Zachary, her siblings Johnny, Carole (Ron), Doreen, Pat(Fred), Polly (Cliff), Steve (Debbie) as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins, and family friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Bergeron Chapel, Dawson Creek, BC. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the BC Cancer Foundation (Centre for the North), 1215 Lethbridge Street, Prince George, British Columbia, V2M 7E9 or Hope Air 207-124 Merton Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 2Z2.

Arrangements entrusted to Bergeron Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd. 

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