



RHODA FORBES 1944 - 2017

Rhoda Jeanette Forbes was born in Dawson Creek on August 13th, 1944. She grew up in Rolla with her parents, Margaret and Roy Forbes and siblings, Lillian, Margy, Judi and Roy.

Her dad passed away suddenly in 1955. In 1959, her mother married Dave Fellers and the family moved to Dawson Creek, Dave's children, Bill, Dorothy and Betty joined to make a blended family. Brenda was born in 1963.

In the early 60s, Rhoda went to Ft. Nelson to work as a telephone operator. She married Trevor's dad, Vic Sattich, and lived in Ft Nelson until the early 70s when she returned to Dawson Creek.

Trevor, was born in 1972, Rhoda and Vic separated around that time. A bit later, Bill Cornish became Rhoda's life long love. Rhoda, Bill and Trevor welcomed Travis to the family in 1975. In 1989, Trevor was in a serious car accident, from which he never fully recovered. Rhoda's selfless dedication to Trevor's recovery made a huge difference. Amidst all of this, Rhoda went back to school, earning a degree in education from Simon Fraser University in the mid 90s.

While living in Baldonnel, Travis and Lisa presented Rhoda with two precious granddaughters: Jordyn in 1993, April in 1995. Jordy and April were the light of Rhoda's life. In 2005, Rhoda and family returned to Dawson Creek. Bill passed away that same year. Rhoda remained in Dawson Creek until her untimely death, from complications after open heart surgery, at age 72, on January 10th, 2017.

Rhoda had many jobs in her 72 years including stints as a city bus driver, a respite care co-ordinator for the Childhood Development Centre in Ft. St. John, owner of The Wool Shop in Dawson Creek and more. She contributed many chemo quilts for the comfort of local cancer patients and was a dedicated volunteer for the Meals On Wheels program.

Rhoda embraced life to the fullest, whether it was one of her many summer trips in her motor home, cooking new and exotic recipes for her family or planting and harvesting the garden tables that Travis built for her.

She was always doing something creative with her hands - knitting, crocheting, ceramics, painting with watercolour or acrylic and so on. However, her two major artistic achievements were with her gourds and her quilting.

Her stunning work as a gourd artist lead to her giving gourd workshops in Canada and the US. She produced several instructional gourdng books that were best-sellers in the gourd world. She routinely took top honours in Canadian and US gourd shows.

Rhoda excelled at most everything she tried and quilting was no exception. She was a prolific, innovative quilter and held many quilting seminars both online and in person. Rhoda loved to share her art, many of our homes house treasures from her hands.

Rhoda was an inquisitive, creative, generous woman and had a fierce and deep love for her family. She left us too soon but she will live on in our hearts, forever.

Rhoda passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 in Edmonton, Alberta at the age of 72 years. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm from Reynars Funeral Chapel. Pauline Haycock officiated. Interment will be at a later date.

For friends so wishing donations may be made in memory of Rhoda to the BC SPCA, South Peace Branch, 637 114 Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3A1.

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