



## Brenda Gibson

### 1949-2017

Brenda Joyce Gibson (Dahlen) passed away in the arms of her loving husband Barry on May 10, 2017. Brenda is survived by Barry, her devoted husband of 48 years, their two sons and their families: Scott (Caitlin) Gibson, and children Dylan and Vincent Gibson, and Stephen (Laura-Lea) Gibson, and children Devre and Charlize Gibson. Brenda is also survived by her caring sister Marilyn Ricker (Chilliwack) and brothers Laine (Penny Johnson) Dahlen and Robert (Laurie) Dahlen, their families, and her favourite sister-in-law Darlene Fraser (Ted Harper). Brenda was recently united with a newfound siblings Karen (Gordie) Omeg from Colorado USA and Brian (Lea) Smith from Clearwater BC. They knew each other only briefly but formed an instant bond. Brenda will be missed by numerous Dahlen cousins as she was instrumental in planning family functions. Brenda was predeceased by her parents Joan and Arnold Dahlen and her Dahlen aunts and uncles. Brenda was especially close to all of her aunts as they spent many hours together quilting, baking, crafting and planning family events. It was so much fun listening to the group of them chatting and laughing. Brenda still has distant family in England and Norway. We know they too will be saddened as Brenda was the liaison between intercontinental families.

Brenda will be remembered affectionately for her love as a wife, mother and especially grandmother. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She shared in all their successes. Brenda has left a huge void in the lives of all who knew her. Brenda will also be remembered for her kindness and positive approach to life.

During her 28 year career with School District #59 Brenda worked as head secretary at several Dawson Creek schools and finished her career as head purchaser. Brenda was known for being a conscientious leader at work and was well respected by colleagues and students. Brenda loved to laugh, even at Barry telling the same stories time after time.

Brenda was active in the community in various sports including golf, curling and fundraising for various youth organizations. Brenda and Barry enjoyed almost a decade of winters in Arizona where they made many dear friends and happy memories.

A special thank you to sister Darlene Fraser for all her timely visits, loving support, and kindness (fresh baking) during this difficult time. Barry would like to thank Bev and Neut, Cathy and Ed, and all the friends in Yuma for making Brenda feel loved, secure and always welcome. Special thanks to Terry Trussell for her caring support for Brenda.

Thanks to Muriel Stanley and Linda Eby for their help along the path. The family thanks all their local friends who continued to visit and share companionship with Brenda during her journey. Thanks to the homecare professionals and the staff at Rotary Manor who were so supportive and understanding of Brenda and the family during her struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Brenda loved purple petunias; the family invites you to plant a purple petunia in your garden in tribute to Brenda. Thanks to all who generously relayed condolences, sent cards, flowers, and food. According to Brenda's wishes no service will be held. A private internment will occur at a future time. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Brenda can be made to the charity of your choice.

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