



*Mothers don't fear death
They are afraid of leaving behind
their children knowing that no one
will love and care for them the
way she did.*



Honoured to serve the family of Dortha Boychuk
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On March 20, 2023, I parted ways with my frail earthly body – a body that has served me well for many years. My life was truly blessed.

I was born in Denmark. In June 1956, my mom, dad, four of my brothers and I set sail from Copenhagen and sailed into Halifax on July 3. From there we crossed Canada by rail, landing in Edmonton. After experiencing a harsh winter there, dad found work in Raymond. This is where I grew up, went to school and worked. Until one fine July day, my knight in shining armor rode up in his bright red truck, whisked me away and showed me how beautiful the wilds of Southern Alberta are. I married Dennis Boychuk on May 13, 1978 in Lethbridge. He has been my lover, my very best friend, my confidante, the biggest pain in the ass a girl could ever have the privilege of loving, and finally, being my caretaker. I couldn't ask for more.

As blessed as we were to have one another, our children opened our hearts even more with each birth. We welcomed and loved Michelle, Dennis Jr., Christina and Kevin. They have all made us so proud. And then we got our crown jewels, our grandchildren, Dylan and Katelyn. Could our hearts expand even more without bursting?!

My survivors are my love, Dennis; our children, Michelle (Steven) Hilderman, Dennis Jr. (Breanne Baker-Boychuk), Christina and Kevin; grandchildren Dylan and Katelyn Hilderman; my Byrgesen brothers and bonus sisters, Bert (Lynn), Fred (Wendy), Dan (Sharmayne), Phil (Sherry), Peder, Ole (Daylene McNamara); and my Boychuk brother Greg (Charlotte). All have been supporting and loving through everything. And let me mention my grand fur babies, Rem, Raya and Lexy - all of whom gave unconditional love.

I was predeceased by my parents, Laurits and Gerda Byrgesen; my in-laws, Bill and Polly Boychuk; my brother and sister-in-law, Erik and Linda; my brother Anker and many more relatives and friends whom I miss dearly. And the fur babies who have crossed the rainbow bridge before us.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the care from the staff at Jack Ady Cancer Center and the Palliative care team who helped me at the end.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the **Terry Fox Foundation** (16A, 6120 – 2 Street SE, Calgary, AB T2H 0P3) or a charity of your choice.



Lovingly Remembering

Dortha Boychuk

March 4, 1953 — March 20, 2023

Memorial Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB
Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Officiant - Fred Byrgesen

Order of Service

Processional: *Nearer My God to Thee*
by The Mormon Tabernacle
Eulogy and Obituary reading
by Greg Boychuk
Song: *Angels Among Us* by Alabama
1 Corinthians 15 read by Charlotte Boychuk
Poem read by Bert Byrgesen
Tribute from Faye Wallace
read by Phil Byrgesen
Open Mic Tributes
Announcements
Recessional: *You Raise Me Up*
by Josh Groban

Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Cornerstone Reception Room

Honourary Pallbearers

Bert Byrgesen — Fred Byrgesen
Dan Byrgesen — Phil Byrgesen
Peder Byrgesen — Ole Byrgesen
Steven Hilderman — Michelle Hilderman
Dylan Hilderman — Katelyn Hilderman
Dennis Boychuk Jr. — Breanne Baker-Boychuk
Christina Boychuk — Kevin Boychuk
Greg Boychuk

