

Ascension

And if I go,
while you're still here....
Know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure
behind a thin veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
so you must have faith.
I wait for the time
when we can soar together again,
-both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to its fullest
And when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart,
..... I will be there.

Poem by Colleen Hitchcock



Honoured to serve the family of Shirley Birch
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in loving memory Shirley Joy Birch



September 27, 1929 - August 22, 2022

SHIRLEY JOY BIRCH, nee McKay, the beloved wife of the late Dennis Birch, passed away peacefully at Fairmont Extendicare on Monday, August 22nd, 2022, at the age of 92 years.

She was born September 27th, 1929, in Scott, Saskatchewan to Thomas & Perry McKay. At the age of six months, they moved to Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, where she received her high school education.

Shirley worked at Eaton's in Prince Albert from 1950 to 1958. After that, they moved to Calgary, Alberta, and worked at Eaton's from 1958 to 1971. On August 21st, 1971, she married her husband Dennis, and they moved to Ponoka, Alberta until 1973. They then moved to Victoria, B.C. for six months. Then they moved to Coronation, Alberta until 1975, when they moved to Coaldale, Alberta. While there Shirley worked at the grocery store and Robinson's store, retiring in 1985. Shirley and Dennis spent many of their winters in Yuma, Arizona.

Predeceased by her husband Dennis in 2018, she leaves to mourn her step-daughter Patricia (Bernard), step-son Bill, four grandsons, Matthew, Justin, Ryan, and Travis, one granddaughter, Denise, seven great grandchildren, two nephews Myron Brost and Philip Melville and four nieces Debby Gordon, Lu Anne Lautner, Margaret Walberg and Liz McKay. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her sisters Marie Friesen, Margaret Jelstad, Jean Brost, and her brother Howard McKay, her sister-in-law Phyllis McKay, brother-in-law Ernie Brost and one niece Valerie Brost.

Shirley requested that in her memory, please donate to your local Humane Society.

Funeral Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Monday, August 29, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

Officiant
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Langford

Music
Amazing Grace
Old Rugged Cross

Reception

Following the service, relatives and friends are invited to further share this day with the family in the Cornerstone Reception Room

Interment

Shirley will be laid to rest privately with her husband Dennis in Mountain View Cemetery