



Monica Anne Grainger, beloved wife of the late Alfred Grainger, passed away peacefully at the Cedar Creek Adaptacare Lethbridge with family at her side on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the age of 85 years.

Monica will be lovingly remembered by Louise (Larry) McMahon of Taber, AB, Margot (Craig) Chantler of Kimberley, BC, Susan (Vern) Boldick of Wetaskiwin, AB, John (Sherry) Grainger of Saskatoon, SK, and Jane (Paul) Crawford of Calgary, AB. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother Richard and sister Julie.

Monica was born March 29, 1935 at Blairmore AB. She graduated from high school after excelling in academics and displayed leadership that continued through her life. Education was always important to Monica. She was known for being conscientious, forthright, honest and hardworking from then onwards. At 17 she attended the University of Western Ontario.

She met Al in Calgary at Penley's Dance Academy in 1953 and they married six months later. Her first employer was BA Oil. She then completed her ARCT in piano pedagogy. While raising her family she returned to the University of Calgary and graduated with a Bachelor of Music in 1977. Monica was a well-respected piano and advanced music theory teacher. She was an associate branch teacher with the Mount Royal College conservatory of music. Monica was an organist and choir director at various churches in Calgary.

As a mother she encouraged, pushed to succeed and followed through on every activity her children or grandchildren began. She challenged all to succeed whilst her laughter at family events was infectious.

Beyond working Monica filled her days enjoying hiking, golfing, playing bridge and cross-country skiing. She was also an active volunteer with many local charities. Upon retirement Monica and Al wintered in Arizona and spent summers at their cottage at Hidden Valley Golf Resort. Grandchildren spent summers with Nana at the cottage creating a lifetime of memories and life lessons. Many of her grandchildren would crave cinnamon bread and hot cocoa after searching for golf balls around the golf course at the cabin.

Monica and Al moved to Lethbridge in 2007 where they quickly adapted to condo life. Monica was a devout catholic all her life. Monica was an active parishioner where ever she lived. A day didn't go by that she didn't do her daily devotions, rosary and prayers for all her loved ones.

In memory of Monica, donations may be made to Child Haven International (childhaven.ca/donate).

PRAYER SERVICE

Cornerstone Funeral Home | 2825 - 32 St. S, Lethbridge, AB Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM

> Officiant - Deacon Cliff Bogdan Organist - Mary Lee Voort Soloist - Lisa Mulgrew Tributes - Monica's Children

Musical Selections — Processional - Amazing Grace Meditational - Ave Maria Recessional - Abide With Me

FUNERAL MASS

St. Basil's Catholic Church | 604 - 13 St. N, Lethbridge, AB Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM

> Celebrant - Father Kevin Tumback Organist - Cheryl Hudak

Readings — First - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 read by Sarah Bisbee Psalm - Psalm 23 read by Jamie Beaton Second - 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 Gospel - John 14: 1-7 read by Father Kevin Tumback

Hymns — Processional - Amazing Grace
Communional - I Am the Bread of Life
Meditational - Softly & Tenderly
Recessional - Sing a New Song

INTERMENT

Following the Funeral Mass, Monica will be laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery

Musical Selection — Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire