

Miss me but let me go

WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD
AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME,
I WANT NO TEARS OR GLOOM-FILLED ROOM,
WHY CRY FOR A SOUL SET FREE?
MISS ME A LITTLE — BUT NOT TOO LONG;
AND NOT WITH HEAD BOWED LOW.
REMEMBER, THE LOVE WE ALL SHARED;
MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO.
FOR THIS IS A JOURNEY WE ALL MUST TAKE
AND EACH MUST GO ALONE,
IT'S ALL PART OF THE MASTER'S PLAN,
A STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOME.....
WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND SICK OF HEART,
SEE FAMILY AND FRIENDS WE KNOW.
TAKE TIME TO HEAL, THO' WE MUST PART,
MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO.



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Forever in our hearts

Shirley Abbie Gouw

September 4, 1941 - March 17, 2022

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of SHIRLEY ABBIE (BAILIE) GOUW, beloved wife of 60 years to Jim Gouw. Shirley passed away at St. Mike's Health Centre, Palliative Care Unit on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the age of 80 years.

She was a loving mother to Connie (Yvan) Audet of Strathmore, Cindy (Clint) Marr of Twin Butte, and Shawn (Susan) Gouw of Skiff. She has 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Richard, parents Dick and Lelah Bailie, Jim's parents Arie and Bastiaanje Gouw, as well as seven sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, one niece, and four nephews.

She was raised on the family farm and attended school in Skiff and Foremost until 1950 when the family purchased another home in Taber so the children could attend school there.

After high school, she worked at the Taber Hospital. In 1959, she met the love of her life, Jim. They were married in 1961 and began their life together in Barnwell. Their daughter Connie and son Richard were born while living in Barnwell. In the fall of 1963, they returned to the family farm in Skiff. Cindy was born in 1964 and Shawn completed the family in 1970.

Shirley truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. She loved vacationing, however, camping was her favourite. She was fortunate enough to camp throughout Canada and the US. Shirley will always be remembered as a kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

*In lieu of flowers, we ask that you take a moment to
hug your loved ones. Time waits for no one.*

Celebration of Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Friday, March 25, 2022, at 2:00 PM

Reverend Dewald Delport Officiating
Pianist - Mary Lee Voort

Order of Service

Processional - *Softly and Tenderly* - The Trio
Greeting
Sentences of Scripture
Preface
Hymn - *Blessed Assurance*
Eulogy
Time of Remembrance
Scripture Reading
Hymn - *Just As I Am*
Meditation
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Hymn - *Abide With Me*
Commendation & Benediction
Recessional - *Remember When* - Alan Jackson

Reception

Following the Service, a Reception in Shirley's honor
will be held in the Cornerstone Reception Room.

Interment

Shirley was laid to rest during a Private Family Service
in the Taber Memorial Gardens.