

*Do not stand
By my grave, and weep.
I am not there,
I do not sleep—
I am the thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints in snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle, autumn rain.
As you awake with morning's hush,
I am the swift, up lifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight,
I am the day transcending night.
Do not stand
By my grave, and cry—
I am not there,
I did not die.*



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Cherishing the memory of

*Della Joy
Katan*

March 5, 1926 - October 16, 2021

DELLA KATAN (BANACK) passed away at the Good Samaritans Park Meadows, on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the age of 95 years.

Della leaves to mourn her children: Delbert (Denise) of Calgary, Deborah Morgan of Lethbridge, Kerry (Diane) of Lethbridge, Barry (Jolayne) of Lethbridge and Layton (Jae Jae) of Mountain View; and siblings: Audrey (Dale) Wilson, Myrna Olshaski, Lloyd (Edna) Mercer and Clayton (Diane) Mercer, and sister-in-law Kay (Ernie) Mercer. Della was the proud grandma to 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Della was predeceased by her oldest son Daniel and her brothers Ernie and Don.

Della Joy was born the eldest child of Marion and Ernest Mercer in the McNally district. Della attended White School. After graduation, she married Louis Banack, the hired man. She and Louis operated school busses that transported the rural students to White School for two years. Following that endeavor, Louis, Ky Coupland and Della and Danny did custom combine work that took them to Kansas. When they returned, Della and Lou purchased a farm in the Circle Hill area, east of Enchant. Della and Lou farmed for eighteen years. They left the farm and Lou became a welder and worked for Noble Blade. Of course, with six children, Della's life was fulfilled with being a mom and homemaker.

Following Lou's death from A.L.S., Della tried clerking in retail. Her last work place was as a caretaker helper for the Public School District.

Della met a gentleman, Pete Katan, and was happy with their common goals of travelling. They were married sixty days when Pete lost his life in an industrial accident. Della's years as a traveller did continue. She had a great trip to England, Scotland and Wales. After that experience, Della chose to travel Alberta in her motorhome with her dog, Cindy. Her favourite areas were the Kananaskis and Lynx Creek.

Della was an avid reader and enjoyed novels with a "little spice."

Celebration of Life

Friday, October 22, 2021, at 2:00 PM
Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta

Patrick Siedlecki Officiating

Order of Service

Processional - *He'll Have to Go* - Jim Reeves

Poem - *Legacy of Love*

Welcome

Life Story

Tributes - Open Mic, beginning with Delbert Banack

Musical Selection - *I Love You Because* - Jim Reeves

Video Presentation

Message of Hope

Closing Words

Recessional - *I Won't Forget You* - Jim Reeves