



Kathryn "Kay" Montgomery, beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Montgomery, passed away peacefully at the Newport Harbour Care Centre in Calgary surrounded by family on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the age of 90 years. Kathryn was born February 18, 1929 to Jack & Florence Koenen in Lethbridge and resided on the family farm along the Oldman River north of Coaldale.

Kathryn was predeceased by her husband Bob, her brothers, Ron, Earl and Ray and his wife Sharon, and her parents, Jack & Florence.

Kathryn is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Rob & Sherry, grandsons Brenden & Sean and doggo Cooper all of Calgary. She is also survived by her brother John Koenen and his wife Sandy of Picture Butte, and sisters-in-law Marilyn (Ron) Koenen and Marj (Earl) Koenen of Lethbridge. Auntie Kay is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Kathryn graduated from the Galt School of Nursing in Lethbridge on May 17, 1950 and went on to work over 30 years as a Registered Nurse in Lethbridge, Coaldale and Taber. Kay & Bob were married on June 25, 1952 at the Southminster United Church in Lethbridge and went on to live in Lethbridge and Coaldale until Bob's passing in 2009.

Their son, Rob, was born in 1960 and Kay & Bob loved to follow and watch baseball and hockey as he grew up. Travel became a passion as Rob moved to Michigan, Egypt, Thailand, and Alaska and Kay & Bob made numerous trips to visit and see the sites. Rob's marriage to Sherry Lothian of Taber in October 1994 was a special time for Kay. The birth of her first grandson, Brenden, in February 1996 in Medicine Hat was her life's highlight to that point. Two years later in March 1998, her second grandson, Sean, was born in Anchorage, Alaska.

Following the 'kids' became her new job and many hours playing knee hockey and other sports were lovingly had by Grandma Kay and the boys. Watching them both grow up playing hockey and baseball was always fun and travelling to wherever they were competing was done without a thought or a care. In recent years, Kay's passion was watching Brenden and Sean play hockey; first at the Mac's Midget Hockey Tournament and then in the AJHL and WHL, culminating just this year with Sean's team winning the WHL Championship and playing in the Memorial Cup.

Kay loved to 'coffee', play cards and spend time with family. The CFL, Flames, Oilers and Blue Jays became favorites of Kay's and she enjoyed watching live or on TV — critiquing the games with her brothers. She was an accomplished seamstress and loved to sew and knit. Many graduation and wedding dresses were created for family and friends over the years, and knitting toques for everyone was her hobby in later years.

Kay & Bob joined the Lethbridge Athletic Association (LAA) when Rob started playing hockey there and remained dedicated volunteers for many years, enjoying and cultivating several lasting friendships. Dogs were part of the family early on and, just recently, Cooper had become like the third grandson to Kay.

Kay will be sadly missed and so lovingly remembered by her family and friends. She was a special person loved by so many. Her spirit will live in our hearts and minds forever.

Service of Remembrance

Cornerstone Funeral Home 2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, AB Friday, July 5, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Officiants - Deacon Ray & Ellen Wagner

Pianist - Laurel Van Vaerenbergh

Readings - Brenden & Sean Montgomery (grandsons)

Soloist - Madi Badger (great-niece)

Tribute - Sandy Koenen

Video Tribute - created by Kay's family

Reception

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

Interment

Prior to the service, Kay was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery