

MCBRIDE, Beverly (Anthony)

Bev was a home delivery on September 5, 1935, in Kennetcook, Nova Scotia. She was the only child of Greta and Ralph Anthony. Although she was an only child she had plenty of opportunity to socialize with dear friends, cousins and relatives in the small community. She attended school in Kennetcook except for her last two years of high school during which she rode the train back and forth for 30 miles each day to attend Windsor Academy. After finishing high school, she trained as a nurse at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax and graduated as a registered nurse in 1957. She worked for a year at the Victoria General, then she and three friends travelled to Calgary to start jobs at the old General Hospital. Two years later she decided to complete a post graduate course in neurological nursing at McGill University in Montreal and after finishing that she returned to the Victoria General in Halifax as a head nurse on the neurological unit.

In 1963 she headed west again and took a job at the Municipal Hospital in Peace River, Alberta. There she met Stuart McBride and after she had an adventurous 10 week trip to Europe, she and Stuart were married on September 4, 1965. After their wedding they moved to Edmonton where she worked at the General Hospital until her son Scott arrived, followed by daughter Pamela. The family then made a final move to Calgary, and while she raised

her children she continued to work part-time as a nurse at several nursing homes until retiring in 1992. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends and working on jigsaw puzzles. She was an active member of Saint David's United Church and volunteered in a number of roles in the community. Bev was known for her big heart and big laugh and was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was devoted and dedicated in everything she did. Bev is lovingly remembered by her husband, Stuart; and her children, Scott (wife Kelly and children Angus, Fletcher and Hayden); and daughter, Pamela (husband, Mike and children Julia, Brady and Natasha).

A small family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. For anyone who would like to, donations will gratefully be accepted by the Mustard Seed in Calgary www.theseed.ca. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca

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