



REMEMBERING

Laretta Florence Pauline Quirt (Laurie)

March 3, 1929 - September 9, 2021



Mom was predeceased by her Mother Florence Minnie Clara Gladwish (1931) and her Father Sydney Arthur Rayner (1938). From whom all she ever desired was to have a photo to be able to see their faces. Also predeceased by her husband, Francis (Frank) Arthur Quirt, her son, George Arthur Quirt, and eldest daughter, Laretta Louise Zawalsky.

She is survived by her daughters; Pamela (Curtis) O'Brien, Lynn aka Rosie Crosby (Art), granddaughters Jennifer (Tim), Mianne, and grandsons Ryan and Keifer, and extended family in Winnipeg.

She was a career secretary prior to marrying, and worked off and on as her family grew. But her family and home fast became what was most important in her life. Mom was the best parent a child could ever want. She was a resilient women who was not only an amazing homemaker, wife, mother, sister in law, and friend, she was a supportive, loving, and generous women to many of her children's friends. She instilled in us a strong moral compass, encouraged us to follow our dreams, always made time for us, and gave advice without judgements. She was the huge proponent in raising us to be independent self reliant individuals.

She had an amazing sense of humour, was very well read, and loved to try new recipes. She would recount memories of her life that would enthrall us. She appreciated all genres of music, and enjoyed the arts. If she didn't know how to do something she always said you can find a book and learn for yourself.

She loved each of her children intensely but I believe that she loved her "baby" Lynn the most deeply. They become constant companions in adulthood, lived together for a time after Dad died, travelled together, and were best friends. They were always each other's advocate.

Mom beat cancer twice, had both knees replaced and one hip, but was able to die of old age, with Pam and Lynn holding her hands, supporting her in her last few breaths.

We love you Mom, thanks so much for being you, but most especially for being our Mom.

In lieu of any main stream form of tribute we ask that you please be there for our elderly. Visit as often as you are able, send cards, phone, attend their milestones, and include them in your lives. Finally, just as importantly, be their advocate for when they are unable.

