

KATHLEEN BULFORD

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Bulford, Kathleen Patricia: March 16, 1949 – December 15, 2024



It is with broken hearts and profound disbelief that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of our angel on earth, Kathleen.

Kathleen Patricia was born March 16, 1949, in Northern Ireland to Catherine and Francis McGreevy, where she was the middle child of nine. She lost her dad when she was just a young girl, and it was a huge loss because she adored him and his playful spirit, which she matched. After she finished school, she attended business college and worked in an office in Belfast, a job she enjoyed. In 1969, Kathleen was encouraged by her mother to move to Canada, to Maple Ridge, BC where her older sister Lily and family and her brother Hugh had emigrated to. She told her younger siblings she would be back soon, but she would not return to Ireland until many years later. The biggest reason for that delay was meeting the love of her life, Grant, in the fall of 1971. Grant had just been transferred there for his first RCMP posting. They fell completely in love after their first date, getting married in 1972 and then starting their bustling family of five. The arrival of Monica would start their family in 1972, followed by Tammy in 1974.

Being married to a police officer has its challenges, but the biggest was leaving family and friends and moving to start over in a new town. In August 1977 Grant and Kathleen made their first move to Carlyle, Saskatchewan where they welcomed Sean in December of that year. While in Carlyle they added Ryan in 1979 and rounded off their crew with Daniel in 1982.

So many life-long friends were made in Carlyle that became more like family, which was so important to her, as she was so far away from hers. She made many special memories there with her young family.

Seven years later, the trek was made north to Battleford, Saskatchewan, where she started all over again, finding many new friends. If you knew Kathleen, that was easy for her to do. She was so easy to love. Two years later, the family was on their way to settle in Bezanson for years to come, and back with family.

She was a vital member of her community, involved with the local CWL, TOPS, Bezanson Rec Society, Bezanson Senior Centre, and wherever else she was needed. She has been called by some a matriarch in the community, and that is so true, she loved and was loved by all.

She was known for her strong Catholic faith, her sweet Irish singing voice, her quick wit, her smiling eyes, and most of all her beautiful and giving heart. She was a brilliant ray of love to all who knew her. She was truly one in a million.

Her greatest and most precious gifts were her family- Grant, the love of her life, travel companion, ranch hand and soulmate, her children who she loved unconditionally, and her shining stars, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kathleen was predeceased by her father Francis McGreevy, her mother Catherine McGreevy, her sisters, Lily McFadden, Rose Brennan, and Sally McKay, brothers Joe and Hugh McGreevy, infant brothers Seamus and Francis, mother-in-law Annie Bulford, father-in-law Harvey Bulford, and Granny Bulford.

She is survived by her adoring and loving husband Grant, her children and grandchildren who were her entire world. She will be missed dearly by her daughters Monica (Wade), Tammy, sons Sean (Shelanne), Ryan (Jenny) and Daniel (Pyper), her grandchildren Daylon, Ashley (Kyle, and their children Hudson and Jillian), Emma Kate, Abby, Sean, Logan, Dani Lynn, Lily, Rheed, Charlie, Ella, Griffin, Hayes and Sutton. She is also survived by her three brothers, Mickey, Francie (Wanda), and Len (Noleen) McGreevy, her in-laws, who she loved like her own family, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who held a special place in her heart, as she certainly did in theirs.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the friends and the emergency personnel that tried so hard to keep her with us.

Service for Kathleen will be held on Saturday, December 28th, 2024, at 1:00 pm, at St. Joseph Catholic Church 10404 102 St. Grande Prairie.

Luncheon to follow at the Bezanson Memorial Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask you to please make a donation in Kathleen's name, to a charity of your choice.

Care entrusted to Bear Creek Funeral Home info@bcfh.ca 780-830-7742

LaValley Family Silent Auction & Dance

Thank You

Thank-you to the following individuals and business who donated items for the silent auction:

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And a big thank-you to those who helped organize and run the benefit and each and every person who lent us their support.

To each and every person Who came to lend a hand And worked to save our home From the crumbling land.	To each and every person Who are here this evening Your kindness is the driving force That keeps us all believing
To each and every person Who put themselves in danger They came from all around family, friend and stranger	To each and every person These words don't seem to do To express our heartfelt gratitude And thanks to all of you.
To each and every person Who said for us a prayer It warms the heart to know That so many people care	by Misty LaValley

CWL supper at Bezanson successful event

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON – Emily La Valley, on behalf of the Catholic Women's League of Bezanson, graciously thanks each and every one for their generous donations to the fowl supper Oct. 23. Also, a big thanks to all of the willing hands that helped in many ways.

The ladies hope you enjoyed your evening and will be looking forward to seeing you again next year.

The Bezanson boys A volleyball team took second place in the Harry Balfour invitational tournament Oct. 22. They defeated Teepee Creek Oct. 27 to remain undefeated in first place in league play. Next action for the boys is Nov. 3 at Harry Balfour school.

The October bottle drive netted the junior high students \$440.15. The students thank Eleanor Ford, Donna McNally, Kathleen Bulford, Jim Robertson, Chris Miller, Bob Vetsch, and Jerry Oe for driving the pick-up crews and everyone who supported them. The money will assist students taking a Jasper ski trip later in the year.

Remembrance Day services conducted by the West Smoky Legion will be held in the Bezanson school auditorium at 11 a.m. Nov. 9. Community residents are invited to join the school students and teachers for the services.

The Lo-Cal Diet Club is an informal support group for people concerned with weight loss or control. Members follow their own self-styled diets and exercise regimes to the degree they find suitable for their individual needs. The group meets at the home of Allie Ames Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. to weigh-in. For further information, give her a call at 532-6495.

Do you find events in our community entertaining, informative, and interesting? I believe we all enjoy learning about the things that keep everyone busy in Bezanson. Help us cover your activities by calling 567-2105 and make sure they don't go unnoticed.

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Photo submitted

Grande Prairie Storm's Rick Nordstrom (far left) and Luther Kosowan of Technical Search and Rescue (far right) present Grant and Kathleen Bulford with a cheque for \$2,652.50 from the 50/50 draw at the Storm's final game.

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The Rehabilitation Services Department of Grande Prairie Regional College would like to thank the following agencies and their employees for their assistance in providing successful practical experiences for the students in the Rehabilitation Services Program:

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Cause of fire will never be determined

BILL MAH AND TONY SESKUS

Herald-Tribune staff

A Bezanson-area family may never know what sparked the blaze that destroyed their beloved log home last week.

The fire that burned their two-year-old, two-storey house to the ground was so intense, investigators sifting through the ashes were unable to pinpoint a cause, said Gregg Littleton, chief fire protection officer for the County of Grande Prairie. "We're putting the cause down as undetermined," said Littleton. "It was all gone. There was nothing left."

Littleton said he has suspicions on what started the fire but no physical evidence to back them up.

Fire erupted at the home of Grant and Kathleen Bulford and two teenage sons Danny and Ryan last Thursday about 10:30 a.m. on Highway 733 about eight kilometres north of Highway 34.

Firefighters from Grande Prairie, Sexsmith and Teepee Creek rushed to the fire but were unable to save the house which was already engulfed in flames. No one was injured. Grant, a Grande Prairie RCMP special constable, and his family built the house themselves over three years. He said the log cabin was a dream he always had.

Littleton said the house's timber construction made the fire tougher to fight and to find a cause afterwards. "Logs are harder to put out than a regular house because they'll burn longer. In most cases, you don't get a chance to put it out. You have to let it burn down."

The burning logs also threw off intense heat which destroyed everything in the house, he added. Meanwhile, friends, neighbors and strangers are rallying to help the Bulfords rebuild. Bezanson residents are holding a dance April 5 at the Bezanson Hall to raise donations for the family. The dance will begin with a wine and cheese at 8 p.m. to be followed with music from country band Skyline. There will also be a silent auction. Admission for men is \$5; women can pay \$5 or make a gift donation. A wishing well will be available for further donations.

"It was a very tragic event and it's the kind of thing that could happen to anyone," said event organizer Eileen Veitch. "We want to pitch together to help this family. They're very good people." Readers needing more information can call Eileen at 568-4543, Janet at 567-2376, or Tracy at 532-8496.

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