

Dessert, Katherine (Kay) “Baba”

October 14, 2020



Katherine (Kay) “Baba” DESSERT

August 2nd, 1925 – October 11th, 2020

It is with deepest sadness that the Dessert family inform of the death of **Kay “Baba” Dessert** on Sunday, October 11th, 2020 as she was encircled with the love of her family while being held in the arms of her daughter in prayer, guiding her into her new life with the Lord in Heaven.

Kay was predeceased by her loving husband, Joseph Armand Dessert in 1996, as well as her great-granddaughter, Angelica Dessert in 2013. Also greeting her in Heaven are her beloved parents, eight siblings and many dearly missed friends.

Left to heal their broken hearts are her loving children, grandkids and great-grandchildren:

Joe & Arlene Dessert

Jason & Darci Dessert (Jaxyn Rayner)

Garrett & Erin Dessert (Madelyn & Odin)

Selene & Brian Colquhoun (Lochlann)

Gerald & Michelle Dessert

Delisca & Dean Seifert (Elian, Kalaya & Kenna)
Tristin & Angela Dessert (Luca & Sydney)
Saralea Dessert
Braeden Dessert
Greg & Doreen Dessert
Jamie & Jayme Dessert (Kolby & Kason)
Darren Dessert
Katherine "Katie" Dessert & Michael Szeles
Donna Dessert

Kay will be sadly missed by her long time best friend Marion Hoover with whom she shared over 50 years of friendship.

Katherine Mary Nykyforuk was born on August 2nd, 1925 on the family farm near Meacham, SK. She lived her early years in the Trojan area, then later went to work in Saskatoon, SK. She met Joe Dessert after being introduced by her sister. He became the love of her life after a trip to Nipawin, SK to visit family when they had to request Joe to drive them as he was the only person they knew who owned a vehicle at that time. They fell in love and got married on April 23rd, 1955. They started their family shortly after, then began moving to various small towns throughout central Saskatchewan, as Joe was a CN Station agent. They finally settled in Moose Jaw, SK in 1969, making this their home for the rest of her life.

She became a friend to many in the community through her association with the church, and the Lynbrook Bowling league that she actively participated in until her late 80's, as well as the Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society and Multi-Cultural Motif.

Kay's kindness shone through in many ways, from her beautiful laughter, her always open kitchen and her ability to make anyone smile from ear to ear. She would often stop and talk to strangers and babies anywhere she would go and always told them to call her Baba.

The family would like to extend deep appreciation to those who provided loving care to Kay during the last three months and in her final days, including Mariam and the care staff at Marcie's Personal Care Home, and care staff of Pioneer Lodge Memory Lane.

Due to the current health situation, a Private Family Service will be held. In memory of Kay, and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Church Renovation Fund, 1064 3rd Ave NW, Moose Jaw SK S6H 3T9. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



[Valerie Lennox-Sexsmith](#) on October 14, 2020 at 2:11 pm

So sad to see that Kay has passed on. Saw her a couple of years ago at Pioneer Lodge and she had to stop and show me all the pictures of her family that she was so proud of. We were neighbours on Grace Street and the kids always loved Mrs. D. Hold the memories close – she will be missed.

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2.



[Irene & Denis Auger](#) on October 14, 2020 at 3:01 pm

Our sincere sympathy to Donna and the Dessert family. Your Mom praying the rosary We also sat next to each other at church, always had a beautiful smile on her face and her eyes glowed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God bless

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3.



SANDRA NIXON on October 14, 2020 at 3:22 pm

I am so sorry. My condolences to the family.

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4.



Joan Leugner on October 14, 2020 at 3:33 pm

I am so very sorry to hear of Kay's passing. I was just thinking of her the other day and when I think of her a smile always comes to my face. What a special lady! She could brighten the darkest day with her smile and shenanigans. Lol. She bowled on Mom's team for so many years and she brightened our whole Lynbrook league. There are lots of those bowlers greeting her in heaven. I can see them all now having a gay old time. My deepest sympathies to you all.

Joan Leugner (Szuch)

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5.



Judy Szuch on October 14, 2020 at 4:03 pm

I'm very sorry for your loss.

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6.



Beth Jelinski on October 14, 2020 at 5:35 pm

To Donna and the entire Dessert family, so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you all. May you find peace in the lifetime of memories you created together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time.

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7.



Roberta Straub on October 14, 2020 at 8:23 pm

My heart and prayers to you all. May God be with you all during this time. Donna you are in my thoughts. Your mom lived a long life and was Baba to many including me.

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8.



Brenda Colenutt on October 14, 2020 at 9:23 pm

My thoughts and prayers are with the family with the hearing of the loss of this wonderful lady. Heaven has a new angel to watch over her loved ones here on earth that she had to leave behind. She will be missed for her friendly and loving nature and her smile

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9.



Wanda Hallborg on October 14, 2020 at 10:35 pm

Donna I am so sorry to read your mom had passed, I always enjoyed our chats.

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10.



Shirley Tillie on October 15, 2020 at 7:02 am

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kay. A lady who was involved in so much. I had worked with Joe for several years and now they will be reunited. You will have so many wonderful memories of her, keep them close.

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11.



Wayne & Elaine Gill on October 15, 2020 at 8:40 am

Joe and Arlene, so sorry to hear about your Mom/Mother-in-Law/Grandmother's passing...our thoughts are with you.

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12.



Cal & Holly Jorstad on October 15, 2020 at 8:57 am

Our sincere condolences to the family. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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13.



Gregg and Helen (Ryan) Bathgate on October 15, 2020 at 2:27 pm

Sending our condolences to the entire Dessert family on the loss of what appears to have been a very energetic, loving and family-focused woman. May you all treasure the great memories you have of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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14.



Kim on October 15, 2020 at 2:53 pm

To Donna and the entire Dessert family, my deepest condolences. My family was a neighbor to Kaye and Joe for many years on Grace St. My thoughts and prayers are with you. She is with Joe now.

Kim Annesley-Froehlich

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15.



Shirley and Gary Gabel on October 15, 2020 at 5:37 pm

Joe and Arlene, sorry to hear of the loss of you Mom, mother in law and a wonderful Grandma, May the memories of her comfort you!

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16.



Colleen and Stacey Statler on October 15, 2020 at 5:57 pm

When we moved to the neighborhood she was the “welcoming” committee. That first Christmas and many others, she often brought her homemade apple juice (a favorite of James’) and some peroghyhs over. She always, always made time for a visit. She was a wonderful lady! Our thoughts are with you all.

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17.



Bev Traxler on October 15, 2020 at 8:21 pm

On behalf of the Traxler Family ~ our deepest condolences ~ our sympathies.

Bev, Wes, and Bob Traxler.

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18.



Helene Rogowski on October 16, 2020 at 3:54 pm

Deepest condolences to Donna and the Dessert family on the passing of your mom. She was such a lovely and funny lady and will be missed. God bless all of you.

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19.



Blair Bucsic on October 17, 2020 at 11:42 am

Joe, Gerald, Greg, Donna and family. Please accept our condolences at the loss of your mother and our friend. We will keep you and her in our prayers and always remember her smile, laugh and way of teasing us whenever we met, perking up our day. Your Mom and Baba was special to all who knew her. God Bless you all...Blair & Roberta Bucsic, Loretta and Diane Stark.

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20.



Leslie & Bob Fielding on October 21, 2020 at 3:13 pm

We're saddened to hear about Kay's passing. We have fond memories of her at Ukrainian events and celebrations and will remember her energy and cheerfulness. The word Bob uses to describe Kay is 'delightful'. Thinking of you, Donna and the whole family at this very sad time. Praying

for God's peace and strength to envelop you.

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21.



Craig Weinbender on October 23, 2020 at 6:48 am

Gerald, Michelle and family

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Craig Weinbender

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22.



Wes & Leslie MacDonald on November 1, 2020 at 4:12 pm

Our sincere condolences to the Dessert Family...

Your mom/Baba was an extremely special lady admired by many people and many children for her warm and generous personality.

I am very honoured and privileged to have met Baba through her Dessert grandchildren (mainly J & G), when she was thrilled to accept the invitation to come into my classroom to share her heritage and expertise of Ukranian Easter Egg Decorating. Her enthusiasm and patience with the young six year olds was sure evident as the children watched with much anticipation /pride and their final products under her direction were amazing on the eggs and transferred into other arts ed egg projects! These wonderful experiences that she provided children landed her in more future invitations into the schools. I thank you for sharing your Baba with me and other children ...an

event that we will all cherish for years to come!

Whenever we would see Baba (Mrs. Dessert) with Donna, she would always stop to chat or made sure she waved with a friendly smile.! Baba has sure had an amazing full life . She was so admired by many and her dedication and love towards your families will never be forgotten. Cherish those wonderful memories of your mom and Baba, hold them close to your hearts....

Your Baba is one in a million!!!

Take care....

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23.



Betty Nixon on November 2, 2020 at 7:26 pm

Donna your mother made us laugh and now her memories will make us smile .Thinking of all the good times we had over coffee . Betty and Eric Nixon

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