

Meikle, Vivian Joyce

November 22, 2022





Vivian Joyce Meikle

Gently, peacefully, and surrounded by her children, on Sunday, November 20th, 2022, **Vivian Joyce Meikle** joined her daughter Nancy.

Vivian was born in 1928. While living in Pennant, SK, her parents, Edward and Matle Housego welcomed her younger brother Ian in 1931.

In 1948 Vivian moved to Moose Jaw, SK and completed her training as a registered nurse at the General Hospital. In 1950 she married Robert Meikle, and they welcomed five children into their lives. Together with being a busy mother, she pursued her career as a nurse in a variety of settings: Moose Jaw Union Hospital, Victorian Order of Nurses, Director of Home Care, and finally as a Public Health nurse upon completing her public health diploma at the University of Saskatchewan.

Vivian also gave of her time and talents to many organizations including both the local and provincial Multicultural Councils, the Scottish Society, St. Andrew's United Church community, and

the Order of the Eastern Star, amongst many others. Her contributions were recognized with numerous awards throughout the years.

Most people who knew her would also remember that in her "spare time" she was an avid crafter and they likely have something she made and gifted to them.

In spite of all of her activities, she always put her family first. Her family is currently spread out across Western Canada, and she travelled frequently to spend time with her children and their families. She also travelled many times to New Zealand while her daughter Nancy lived there and joined her on many occasions while she was working on healthcare projects in locations around the world.

She was predeceased by her parents; the father of her children; her daughter, Nancy; and infant granddaughter, Robyn. Vivian is survived by her brother, Ian (Billie) Housego and niece, Joellen Housego (Timo) of Vancouver, BC; daughter, Pat (Mac) Aldred of Moose Jaw and grandchildren Brodi (Pam), Riel (Gill), and Merran (Jesse); daughter, Sandra (Shane) Nichol of Calgary, AB and grandchildren Aaron (Kim) and Mike (Cathy); daughter, Judy (Ed) Fredeen of Medicine Hat, AB and grandchildren Tristan, Keisha, Caitlin (Elias) and Garrett (Randi); and son, Rob Meikle (Catherine) of Winnipeg, MB. She also loved to visit and adored her thirteen great-grandchildren.

As we reflect together with friends, colleagues, family, and caregivers who have been part of her 94-year journey, recurrent adjectives include kind, (fiercely) independent, resilient, determined, and giving. Vivian was all of these and more. Her house was a gathering place for all and a home not only to her immediate family but also to many others who became extended family to us all.

The family would like to thank and acknowledge all the staff and her resident family at Providence Place where she lived for the past 17 months. Though she found the loss of her independence and mobility a challenge, she faced it with her usual grace, and we are so grateful for the care she received and the new friendships she developed.

The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, November 26th,

2022 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 60 Athabasca St E, Moose Jaw, SK with interment to follow at a later date.

Wouldn't it be great to see lots of purple! Friends and family who are unable to attend in person are invited to join via live stream on the day of the service at www.youtube.com/@Mrdavis306.

If friends so desire, please consider donating to a charity of your choice in memory of our mom. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Michelle Ellis, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Stuart Anderson on November 22, 2022 at 6:04 pm

She and my mom hung together. Barrels of fun. Sorry for the loss.

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Bob Wills on November 23, 2022 at 10:32 am

So sorry to hear of Viv's passing. Though I am out of the country at present, I was fortunate to share a smile with her just last week as she was informing me that she was "doing pretty good for an old girl". That she was. And yet, I guess things slip away rather quickly sometimes.

My heart-felt condolences go out to the entire Meikle clan.

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2.



Glennys Holliday on November 22, 2022 at 7:59 pm

Pat and family

So sorry to read of your mom's passing. A lovely tribute to her many years of giving, and leaving a legacy. Lots of your memories will fill your heart as time goes by.

Glennys Holliday (Hannah)

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3.



Robert Meikle on November 22, 2022 at 8:09 pm

I loved my mom with all my heart.
I am going to miss her love and her humour. I was blessed to be with her with all my sisters when she gently left us.

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4.



Heather on November 22, 2022 at 8:27 pm

A beautiful life and a caring much loved woman. I appreciated reading this and learning more about her. Rest In Peace.

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5.



Carol and George Bedford on November 22, 2022 at 8:31 pm

So sorry to hear the loss of your Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, friend and in some cases past colleagues. I hope that some warm memories will help to ease the pain during this difficult time. This woman truly made her mark during her long nursing career, and you can tell that she valued family life to the fullest.

Carol and George Bedford

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6.



Gary Thronberg on November 22, 2022 at 8:57 pm

Sincerest condolences to Vivian's family. I'm so sorry for your loss

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7.



Cheryl Stern on November 23, 2022 at 9:40 am

My deepest condolences Pat, to you and your entire family. Vivian was such a joy to visit with, joke with and gave the best hugs. It was an honor to be one of the many that helped to make her days just a bit easier.

I will miss this beautiful sole greatly ♥️

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8.



Gail and Garry Clark on November 23, 2022 at 11:14 am

Your tribute to your Mom was beautiful! She really was all of those incredible things. A true inspiration to all of us. I miss her already. Our hearts are with you and your families.

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9.



Brenda Lee Brodie on November 23, 2022 at 8:40 pm

My deepest condolences on the passing of your mother and grandmother. Vivian was always a spirited member of the Scottish Society. We all missed her when it became too difficult for her to attend meetings. Heaven has gained another angel. Be certain to take care of yourselves during this very sad tim.

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10.



Connie on November 23, 2022 at 10:29 pm

My condolences to you and your family Pat. Viv was such an

independent and courageous thinker. May she live on in your memories and stories.

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11.



Sheila and Brian Leahy on November 24, 2022 at 8:11 pm

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of dear Vivian. She was a long time member of St. Andrew's church and was such a beautiful soul. I remember she loved the colour purple and was quite often wearing a purple outfit. She was a lady who had many adventures in her life and had great wisdom. Our deepest sympathy to all of her family and friends on her passing. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

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12.



I. Moore on November 25, 2022 at 4:16 pm

I worked with Vivian in Public Health Nursing in Moose Jaw. She was a wonderful workmate. She retired before I did and I always so enjoyed running into her and catching up. She was always caring and compassionate and what an interesting life she led. Sending love to all Vivian's family at this time.

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13.



Ronna J May on November 26, 2022 at 3:57 pm

To my dear cousins and your families, I extend my heartfelt condolences to you on the loss of your wonderful mother and grandmother. You will miss her at every turn in this next while. I am remembering some of the wonderful times that we had together as kids and the special relationship that our mother's had with one another. Auntie Viv, was a dear friend and cousin to mom and they really enjoyed each other's company. I remember the many visits we had at the lake and the time that dad and auntie Viv shared the driving out to the coast for Grandpa Housego's 80th birthday. They kept driving and driving until it was too late to get a motel so we ended up sleeping in the van, in a parking lot in Blue River. On the way back we stopped at our cousin's home in Pentiction, picked a box load of cherries off their tree and drove back to Moose Jaw. In the morning after sitting out of the fridge all night in a box, there were worms all over the counter! It was 1976 and that day was the opening ceremonies to the Summer Olympics in Montreal. I remember watching the ceremony from auntie Viv's beautiful living room in her beloved home. It was lovely to be able to partake in Auntie Viv's remembrance service via youtube. So very sorry that I could not be with you all today. Sending love and prayers to you all.

Ronna

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14.



[Don Dutchak, Lacombe Ab.](#) on November 26, 2022 at 11:39

pm

Pat,Mac & Family, Sandy,Shane & Family, Judy,Ed & Family, Robbie & Catherine, I am truly sorry for the loss of your mother! She was one of those people that is genuine, and enjoyed having chats with her when we ran into each other while out walking, and was always friendly and quick with something funny! It was an honour for me to have known her, and my thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this difficult time.

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15.



[darlene goudie](#) on November 27, 2022 at 11:00 am

to all the family. over the years i enjoyed visiting with vivian. i would often see her out walking around the city'.i got to really know her when the registered nurses would get together socially at chapter meeting of the saskatchewan registered nurses association.0,ver the course of her long career in nursing she mentored at lot of new nurses hhelping many of them get established in there careers.quite the lady life well lived cherish the memories.

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16.



Jim Browne on November 27, 2022 at 11:59 am

Pat, Mac and family. A sad loss but wonderful memories of a life well lived. Your mother has gifted these to all of

you.

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17.



Maureen Wareham on November 29, 2022 at 9:38 pm

Pat I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. May your memories become treasures that you hold in your heart and may they comfort now in your time of sorrow.

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18.



Barb Hughton Morrison on November 30, 2022 at 7:32 pm

Sincere condolences to all the family on the loss of Vivian. It is sad to see the loss of another of the strong, capable nurse of the Moose Jaw General. Vivian was a force in so many ways – an example of a life well-lived.

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19.



Sandie and Vince Bueti on December 4, 2022 at 11:27 am

Dear Rob and family, we extend our sincere condolences for the loss of your mom. After reviewing the obituary we see why she was so loved and respected by all who knew her.

Sandie and Vince Bueti

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20.



Don Dutchak, Lacombe, Ab. on January 2, 2023 at 8:35 pm

Although late, I am sorry to hear about Vivian's passing!
There is no doubt she will be missed by many. My thoughts
and prayers go out to her Family at this time!!

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