

Swanson, Lily Rose Marie

June 5, 2025



LILY ROSE MARIE SWANSON (née: Whitbread)

April 30th, 1949 – June 4th, 2025

Lily Rose Marie Swanson aged 76 years of Moose Jaw, SK, passed away on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025. Lily was born April 30th, 1949, in Hamilton, Ontario. During her youth, she traveled, lived, and was educated in many different places in both Canada and Europe, due to being born into a military family. She worked at an assortment of jobs as an adult, but her happiest times were spent with her husband Alfred and their four children and grandchildren. During the winters Lily put in many hours creating quilts and knitting projects for her family. In the summer, she loved to grow a good garden and work in the yard. During the many family visits over the years, Lily's greatest pleasure was spending time talking and playing games with her

children and then later, her grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Alfred; parents, Sidney and Rhea Whitbread; sister, Barbara Wilson; sisters-in-law, Shirley Talbot and Fran Bechard; and brother-in-law, Ken Swanson. Lily is survived by her children and stepchildren: David Swanson (Jo Anne), Brian Swanson, Dean Swanson (Karon), and Denise Gubrud (Gary); grandchildren: Andrew, Jenilee, Julianne, Tavis, Emily, Braeden, Danica, and Sofia; and great-grandchildren, Luna and Levi. She is also survived by her twin brother, Wayne Whitbread (Bonnie); brothers-in-law: Don Wilson, Ted Bechard, and Cecil Talbot; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Thanks so much to the Moose Jaw Home Care nurses for their wonderful support and the good friends and neighbours who have been there for her.

A private family service will be held to honour Lily. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Lily's name may be made to any Cancer charity. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Shirese Noble Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Susan Lamb on June 5, 2025 at 6:59 pm

I am so sorry to hear of Lily's passing. She and I were in high school at Riverview together and we went on a great adventure after graduation to Waskesiu and then Saskatoon for a shopping trip. We lost touch for years but I saw her again at a community event in Moose Jaw. My sincerest condolences to her family, especially Wayne, who was also in classes with us.

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Wayne Whitbread on June 13, 2026 at 2:58 pm

Thank you for your very kind words Susan.

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2.



Gerry Reilly on June 6, 2025 at 9:25 am

Condolences to the Swanson family on Lily's passing . She was a great lady . A wonderful person will be remembered forever !

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3.



Frederick Koshnysh on June 7, 2025 at 3:57 pm

My condolences to you and your family, Brian. Thinking of you and sharing your grief at this sad time. Cherish happy memories of your time with your Mother

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4.



Kim Tkachuk (nee Smith) on June 7, 2025 at 4:55 pm

I'm sad to hear of Lil's passing. We shared a lot of time together a few summers ago. She was a welcoming friend. Our crib games were epic! My heart goes out to family.

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5.



Wayne Whitbread on June 13, 2026 at 2:49 pm

Dear Lily ... my sister and twin but also my friend ... hard to believe you are gone now a year. We experienced so much together as children in our worldly travels and then later with children of our own. And now you have passed, our children grown, matured and with their own children... it is as it should be I suppose but the sadness that aging brings with it is truly a tormenting process.

I dearly regret that I was unable to attend but it was wonderful that I could at least chat with you over the phone, our last conversation together, forever.

Good bye to you once again my sweet darling and condolences to Dave, Brian and family.

My sweet sister Lily born just 20 minutes before me oh so many years ago ... as she never failed to remind me. I have difficulty believing she's gone even now a year later. What a wonderful person she was as a sister and as a friend. As children we saw the world together, much of it sitting as we did in the back seat of the '57 chevy, it without seatbelts ... mom and dad smoking up front, windows closed if it was chilly. Those were the times ...

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Wayne Whitbread on June 13, 2026 at 3:16 pm

Dear Lily ... sister, twin and friend. I cannot believe that a year has now gone since your passing. This aging is a sad, sad business for those of us that continue to draw breath.

I regret that I could not be there at the end but I know you understood why. We chatted on the phone and that was worth everything, our last conversation.

Sleep well my darling and condolences to Dave, Brian and family.

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Wayne Whitbread on June 13, 2026 at 3:18 pm

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