



REMEMBERING

Lucille Marie Palmyre Mirrlees (Poissant)

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Lucille, surrounded by the love of her family in her home at Willingdon Creek. She will be greatly missed by all who were touched by her loving and sharing heart, and we will all treasure the smile that warmed your soul and eyes of blue that brightened any room.

Lucille was born in Lac Magantic, Quebec and married her first love and husband Clement (Clem) Poissant in Fredrick House Ontario in 1948. In 1964, Clem came to Powell River to buy the family home and work in the mill. Shortly after, Lucille landed by float plane with her six children in tow, Raymond (Fern) Poissant, Monique (Bob) Richman, Albert (Sylvia) Poissant, Liliane (Aaron) Hamilton, Pauline (Dan) Vella and Alice (Jack) van Zwietering, barely knowing a word of English and terrified when the plane hit the water that they would all drown. She was sad to leave her siblings she dearly loved in the East, but excited to spend time with her brother and sister-in-law and to start a new chapter in her life amongst the ocean, lakes, mountains and mild temperatures that Powell River offered.

Lucille loved the outdoors and was always eager to head outside gardening or to go fishing, hunting, camping and enjoy nature with her family and friends. In those days, Lucille was a homemaker and a very busy one at that. She was always sewing clothes for her kids, as it was important for her to have her family dressed well when going to mass on Sunday. Many times you would find Lucille in the kitchen either canning, baking or cooking for her family and always welcoming all their school friends into her home. As if six kids at the table was not enough, her friends were important, too, and she stayed active in the community with the C.W.L.

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In 1973, after the death of her husband, she started numerous jobs in the workforce in order to raise her children and later just the one job at the Moose. Many people knew her there as "Luci' and she soon became Powell River's favorite bartender. It was then that she met her next love, her second husband Harry (Herk) Mirrlees, and her family became even larger. Sharing her heart with his children, Kirk Johnson, Max Johnson, Glen (Vicki) Johnson, Leah (Pete) Godau and Gina (Carl) Jensen and loving them as her own. Her family continued to grow, which Lucille was so proud of. Many times she would lovingly brag about her 24 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren. She sadly lost one grandchild (Darlene), but always held her memory close. Her grandchildren all fondly called her "Nanny' and she always beamed when any of them walked into the room or called to say hello. Her life at this time was filled with many fun and memorable times with family and "the lake crew' up at the cabin on Powell Lake.

In 2005, Lucille was again sadly left as a widow but filled her sorrow by spending time with her family, friends, gardening, some travel, playing games with grandkids and feeding everyone at any chance she got. Her heart accepted anyone and everyone was always welcome.

Eight years ago, Lucille's health began to seriously decline. Although she had many struggles she fought hard in order to live her life the best she could and be with her family. This time was always so precious to her and she was always so happy when her family would stop to visit. Lucille was truly an example of strength. She was supportive and respectful of others and always provided a smile or a laugh when she could.

The family extends a sincere thanks and are grateful to the staff of house three at Willingdon Creek who provided tremendous love, guidance and support for her. Also, to her table mates, you shared so much and she loved you. We have all been truly blessed to have known her and she will be forever in our hearts.

She's left us now, she has taken flight,

Dancing on stars throughout the night.

Sending her touch and watching us each day,

Enjoying her loved ones, this I pray.

So when you miss her so much you ache inside,

Think of her smile and her eyes filled with pride.

She belongs to heaven now, an angel for evermore,

Her new journey will be amazing, just watch her spirit soar!

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