REMEMBERING

Donna May Thompson

February 4, 1941 - July 24, 2024

Long time resident of Okanagan Falls, Donna May Thompson died peacefully on Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 in Penticton, BC surrounded by her family. Born in Haven Hill Hospital in Penticton on February 4th, 1941. Donna May was a survivor and a woman of amazing strength and kindness. She was a devoted wife and mother to her two children.

She was predeceased by her husband Morris Thompson and her daughter Joanne Bailey, her brothers Jim Moriarty and Glen Moriarty. She is survived by her son Dale (Leslie) & grandson Nash; her son-in-law Clint Bailey & grandchildren Wyatt and Hannah. Also survived by her brother Don Moriarty, sister Margaret (Don Barker) and sister Sharon (Vance Potter), loving in-laws, nieces & nephews and a host of long-time friends.

Donna May was the hub of her community, she was the woman you called when you needed help, and she was always there to help. If you needed a cup of coffee her door was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Donna served as Recreation Commission Director, she held all executive positions of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Donna was a member the Women's Institute of Canada, the United Church of Canada and the Okanagan Falls Heritage and Museum Society. Donna ran the concession at the stock yard for years, she made pies and baked and decorated cakes and catered for every community function, from birthdays to weddings to funerals. She was instrumental in organizing the Elementary School Breakfast program and was the forestry catering coordinator during the Vaseaux Lake fire in 2003.

She ran the local Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program, was the local organizer for the British Columbia Emergency Support Services. If there was a need in our community, Donna May was there to help.

Donna survived countless illnesses, tuberculosis as a teenager, anemia, had breast cancer, diabetes, kidney dialysis and several other health related problems, but, she also had a wonderful smile for you thru it all.

Donna May had a wonderful life and she enjoyed road trips with Morris across the province, loving to stay in a hotel and read a book, and explore the local communities.

Donna May received the Okanagan Falls Citizen of the Year Award in 1988, and a British Columbia Community Achievement Award in 2010 at BC House in Victoria given by the Lieutenant Governor of BC.

Donations can be made in Donna May’s honour to the charity of one’s choice.

An interment service will be held on Saturday, August 24th at 10 am, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Okanagan Falls Community Hall on Saturday, August 24th at 11:30 am.

Condolences and tributes may be directed to the family by visiting www.nunes-pottinger.com