



REMEMBERING
Elaine Young

November 5, 1942 - February 28, 2026



Elaine Mary Young passed away suddenly on February 28, 2026, in Palm Desert, California, at the age of 83.

Born in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Elaine carried her prairie roots with her throughout her life—grounded, warm, and quietly strong. She devoted many years to teaching, beginning her career in Saskatchewan in 1962. In 1964, she moved to Revelstoke, BC, where she met her husband, Gordon. They were married on July 5, 1966, and shared 59½ years of devoted partnership.

In 1976, Elaine and her growing family moved to a farm near Leslieville, Alberta. She taught at Leslieville School from 1977 until her retirement in 1992. In later years, Elaine and Gordon returned to British Columbia, where she became well known for her exceptional quilting and her welcoming spirit. She had a gift for making people feel cared for, whether through a thoughtful conversation, a shared meal, or simply her steady presence.

Elaine was a loving wife to Gordon, devoted mother to Kathy Harrison (Tom) and Gayle Gilliss (Laird), and proud grandmother to Rye Gilliss (Salina), Lane Gilliss (Taylor Sawka), Avril Harrison (Pauline), and Lily Calles (Sam). Her family was her greatest joy.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 6, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the Osoyoos Activity Centre (Seniors Centre), 17 Park Place, Osoyoos, BC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) Medical Foundation.

Elaine will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

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

