

# REMEMBERING Vera Ryan

November 12, 1940 - April 12, 2024



# Tribute from Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium Ltd.

The Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

## **Tribute from Cindy Kennedy**

Relation: Friends and fellow parishioners of St. Anne's parish

Dear Michael, Kathleen and Marc, we extend our deepest sympathy to you. Vera was the most loving and caring ladies I've never encountered. She was a wonderful friend and mentor to me and will keep those memories in my heart always. May she rest in peace wrapped in the arms of Our Lord and His mother Mary.

With love, Cindy and Dan Kennedy

# **Tribute from Christine Doraty**

Relation: Friends

Dear Michael and family, We are sincerely sorry to hear of Vera's passing. She was such a beautiful and loving person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this dry difficult time. Christine and Randy Doraty

## Tribute from Derek & Derek & Eileen Noske

Relation: Friends, fellow Church members.

Dear Michael and Family, it was with heavy hearts and a deep sense of loss that we learned of Vera's passing. A bright light, a smile, a sincere how are you? Vera always had time for all she knew. Now you and your family have to reconcile your deep loss with the comfort that Vera is now beyond pain and is with our Lord. Our prayers are for you and your family and for Vera who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Sincerely Derek & Eileen Noske

## **Tribute from Diana Thomas**

My sincere condolences Michael to you and your family. Vera was a very sweet lady who always had a kind word. Enjoyed our chats when they occurred. Vera will be missed.

## Tribute from Lucy & David Adams

Relation: World Wide Marriage Encounter

Vera was a generous & Kind bright light, she exemplified hospitality and love!

Micheal and Vera were great mentors for many of us, till we meet again, may she rest in Peace!!

# **Tribute from Joan Cameron**

Relation: I knew her through the South Okanagan Amateur Players group

My deepest sympathies to Michael and families

#### **Tribute from John Dietrich**

Relation: My wife Marilyn and I met Vera and Michael through the Toronto Marriage Encounter community.

My wife Marilyn and I met Vera and Michael shortly after we moved to Canada from the US in 1991 and joined Marriage Encounter. Over the years we lived in Toronto we got to know them very well, spending many a New Years Eve with them and mutual friends. Vera's warmth and loving nature were what we noticed first about her. She made everyone she met feel welcome from the moment you met her. And her sense of humor, while quiet, was fun to witness; her laughter was contagious. God gifted Vera with a love for humankind. She will be missed.

#### Tribute from Dan Fraser

Relation: Friend.

The world was made and is a better place as graced by the magnificent Vera Ryan. All that we're lucky enough to have been touched by her love, warmth, compassion and wisdom are better people because of it. My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Ryan family and may Vera forever rest peacefully in God's warm embrace.

# Tribute from sara Endale Hailemariam

Relation: Friend of the deceased daughter

Extending my deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother. May God comfort you in this hard time.

# Tribute from Elizabeth ( Beth)/Earl May

Relation: Vera and I met through the Osoyoos Senior Centre exercise class.

Dear Michael and family....Vera was a kind and warm hearted woman. I met her at the Osoyoos Senior Centre pre-Covid and it was always a delight to have her life touch mine. God is Love and may HIS Love and Peace envelop you all.

# Tribute from TED CRONMILLER

Relation: A friend.

Joyce and I had the opportunity to know Vera and spend some time together when Micheal and I served on Town Council together. Vera was such a kind hearted person always with a smile. We send our condolences to Micheal and the family.

# Tribute from Diana Anderson

Relation: Health professional - Expert Hearing

I'm very sorry to hear about Vera. She was a lovely lady who always had a smile on her face and a kind word. My sincere condolences.

# Tribute from Deb & Deb &

Relation: Friends

Take comfort in your memories of Vera at this time of sadness. May it also help to ease your pain to know that others care about your sad loss.

## Tribute from Gisela and Alain Cà té

Relation: Friend

Alain and I got to know Vera through the Marriage Encounter community in Toronto. She became a dear friend, staying in touch even after the move to Osoyoos and then welcoming us when we visited. We were always impressed with Vera's care for others which led her to take on leadership roles in different organizations. Vera always walked her talk. We will miss her empathy and her wonderful smile. We offer Michael, Kathleen and Marc our deepest sympathy.

# Tribute from Negin, Hamid, Shadi & Dp; Shahriar

Relation: Friends

We're truly saddened to hear about Vera's passing. She brought so much warmth and kindness into our lives when we first moved to Canada. She was such a special person, and her presence will be greatly missed. Vera will always be in our hearts. Michael, Kathleen, and Marc, please know that we're here for you during this difficult time. Sending you our deepest condolences and keeping you in our thoughts.

# Tribute from Robert L. Pearson

Relation: Friend. Graduated high school together.

Dear Michael and family,

Please accept our sincere condolensces on the passing of dear Vera. Vera and I graduated from S.O.H.S. in Oliver in 1958. I have been blesssed to re-connect with her at school reunions and to have met Michael. May your families take comfort in memories of a very fine lady.

Sincerely,

Robert and Esther Pearson, Vernon, B.C.

# **Tribute from Fay Morgan**

Relation: Neighbor and friend

You are the light for so many

# Tribute from Janet

Relation: Friend of Vera and Michael's Daughter

We had the chance on a few occasions to meet Vera and Michael when they visited Kathleen, and enjoyed the wonderful energy that her parents brought with them and that Kathleen also brings to others. It is inspiring to read about Vera's life. We can tell how Kathleen has reflected her values and sense of adventure and love for life and community. Our deepest condolences to Kathleen, her father, brother and family. Please know that our thoughts are with you, Kathleen, even though we're only

# Tribute from Seblework Bayeleyegn

Relation: friend

Dear Kath and family, I'm so sorry for your loss, your mother will be missed; may you be comforted by your memories of her. Wishing all of you strength and peace during this difficult time.

## Tribute from Meseret Bayeleygne

Relation: Kathleen, doughter of Vera, is a friend of mine and I had a chance to volunteer with her.

My heartfelt condolences to you, Michael, and Marc for the loss of your mother, Vera. I can imagine her caring through your compassionate nature, as a mother to you. May she rest in peace.

# Tribute from Rita Fanfarillo

Relation: Friend of the family

Dear Michael, Kathleen and Marc,

What a beautiful service.

Vera is rejoicing in the beautiful words that were shared and the sentiment and legacy she has left behind in everyone she has touched.

I was one of the recipients of her many clippings mailed out.. she had sent me one on Resilience. A word I never really explored much beforehand. She gave me insight into an important way of coping in life, and has taught me so much in the examples she has set both in the past with her generous, adventurous, caring approach to life and her recent peaceful, accepting and once again generous approach to moving onto this next chapter in her life.

I am honored to have been a small part of her chapter here with us until now.

Thank you for sharing this important moment with us.

You are truly blessed to have been close to her and to carry her with you as you move forward in your lives.

With so much love. Rita

## **Tribute from Aleida**

Relation: kathleen's friend

My deepest condolences Kathleen and family for the loss of your mother, I was not fortunate enough to meet her but through you I knew that she was a great person.