



Shirley Fern Klein

February 15, 1942 - January 5, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shirley Fern Klein on January 5, 2025 at the age of 82. Born February 15, 1942, in Elk Point, Alberta, to her late parents Roy & Patricia (Corbett) Christensen.

She will be lovingly remembered by her son Kelly (Jackie), Daughter Colleen (Gino), 5 Grandchildren and 7 Greatgrandchildren.

She will also be deeply missed by her sister Carol, her brother Howard, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. All visited, called and loved her unconditionally, which meant the world to her.

Predeceased by her daughter Christine, siblings Joan, Ronald, Arline, Gary, Raymond, Kenneth, and Gordon as well as her sisters-in-law Marie and Elaine.

Shirley was the third child of 10 children. She was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes when she was 15 and adjusted her life well to keep it under control. In the early 1960s she met her first love John, married him and had 2 wonderful children. She loved being a stay at home mom and was involved in many things such as Community leagues, dancing, curling, travelling, along with entertaining and visiting with friends and family. She was an excellent gardener, baker and cook and loved giving anything that she could, especially

her tomatoe plants. Shirley was kind and thoughtful and loved mailing cards to family and friends for any occasion. Her favorite activity was playing cards, especially at the North West Edmonton Seniors Society where she had many friends that she loved socializing with. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

Our special Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Sister, Auntie and friend, touched the lives, hearts, and souls of so many. Her Diabetes had been hard on her heart, kidneys, and lungs and she felt she had fought it long enough. Shirley left this world on her terms, said her goodbyes to everyone she could, and celebrated her life her way, with whomever could make it (because it was very short notice as well as not for everyone). Memories, photos and stories were shared as she basked in gratitude (with her doing most of the talking). Shirley also invited family to be together afterwards and have supper on her. She considered this her funeral and wishes no other services be held. Her exact words were "This is good enough!".

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff on unit 28 at the Sturgeon Hospital along with the MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) Edmonton Care Team for their care and support that went above and beyond. Donations can be made to the Alberta Diabetes Foundation (albertadiabetesfoundation.com) or the charity of ones choice in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Shirley was a very dear, supportive & loving friend. We lived next door to each other on Lorraine Crescent for many years where we walked our dogs almost every day. I looked forward to coming home from work & having a visit on Shirley’s back porch before making dinner. We played a lot of card games...sometimes entered crib tournaments together. We shared a love of movies & saw many good (& some bad!) movies. I was always in awe of how Shirley could handle her money so well. Unfortunately, In recent years we visited more often by phone. Please know how VERY MUCH I cared about your mom, Colleen & Kelly. She shared her love of her family with me often. Warmest condolences for the loss of your wonderful mom. Warmest hugs,
Pam (Cole) Sutherland

Pamela Sutherland - January 27, 2025 at 10:54 PM

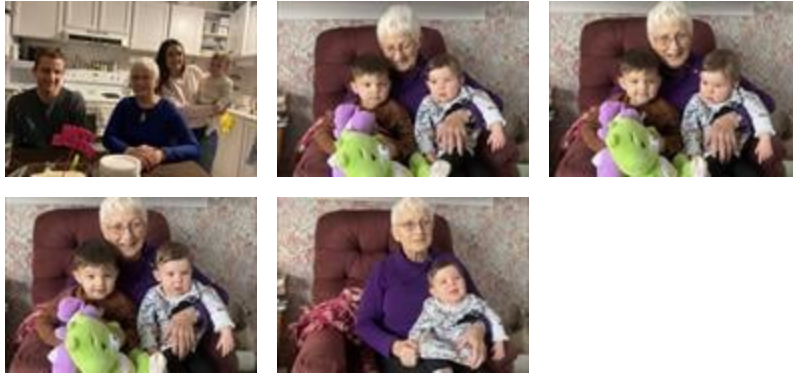
MH

“ Sincere Condolences to the families. Shirley & I spent many hours on the phone reminiscing. Shirley was a very loyal cousin & an extremely positive niece to my Mother Fernie Denham. She spent many hours at the care home joining in putting together puzzles & Canasta games. Shirley will be dearly missed & will always hold a very special place in my heart.❤️

Marilyn Huziek - January 27, 2025 at 08:51 PM

PB

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paul bellina - January 25, 2025 at 07:44 PM

JC

“ Shirley and I have been friends for many years. Shirley and John got married the week after I did and we both landed up living in the same apartment building. Shirley was always a loving, caring and a great friend. We lived in walking distance of each other and she often walked over for a visit. I don't remember whether we ever talked about where we were born. I always thought it was in St. Paul and I see it was Elk Point, that's where I was born a year after Shirley. What a small world! With Shirley's health issues, she has stated many times that she's "had enough." I will miss my sweet friend, she was a beautiful lady.

Joyce Chambers - January 24, 2025 at 08:38 PM

JP

“ Shirley was always considerate and caring and was always looking after my mother’s best interests. Shirley frequently visited her throughout the last 15-20 years of her life and treated mom like her second mother. Over the last 10 years, Shirley was sure even myself received a call or a card on my birthday. I will remember her as a compassionate, considerate, and genuine caring person. Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends. Attached pic of Mom’s last celebrated birthday April 30, 2017 with Shirley and Howard in attendance.

Joyce Pocha, Fern Denham’s daughter



Joyce Pocha - January 21, 2025 at 01:05 PM

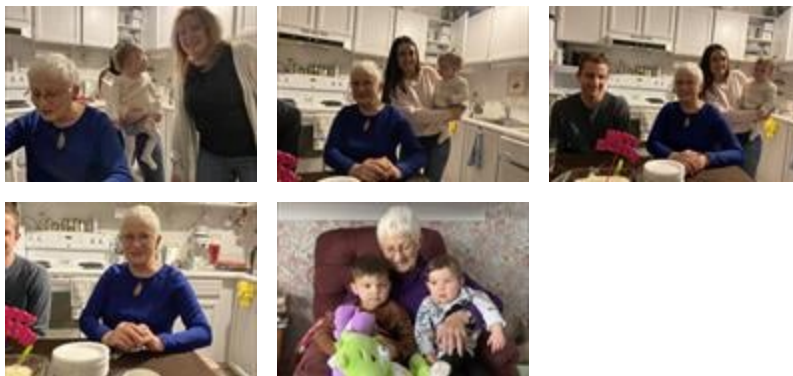
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Fernie's 95th Birthday @ the Kingsway Legion. Memories of a great celebration. ❤️❤️

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Paul Bellina - January 18, 2025 at 03:05 PM



Colleen
Bellina

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Colleen Bellina - January 15, 2025 at 12:47 AM

CB

“ I was very touched to see this beautiful tribute of your mom...

All the picture are so good. Touching to hear her voice.

Your Mom was very nice looking. Carried herself so well,

The grand children meant a lot to her. Just in the last year ,

her hearing wasnt good, and she couldnt hear conversations,

That she chose to miss only two gathering s for gr. grand babies birthday.

I would phone her the next day and tell her all about the party.

Shirley and I had lots of laughes, especially when We went to Pauls ,the first home he had.

We thought we had the right house, We knocked on the door, no answer, so we went in

...This man smiles and asked who we were,,, We then realized we were in the wrong house.

We went to the car and sure laughed about that. We did finally find the right address.

We got lost quite a few times. It was funny every time. Great memories...

On the 4th, she phoned me to say good-bye... She was so happy and in good spirits.

She told me that she will be watching over me../And said...I think its time to say good bye.

I will always remember our good times ,and indeed a great friend.

love gladys

Colleen Bellina - January 14, 2025 at 11:26 PM

CB

I had permission to post this from Gino's mom. I remember my mom tell me this story. They had actually brought a cake into the house that was just down the street from Paul's home. They said sorry to the guy for intruding and the guy said that it was ok, as long as they left the cake!

Colleen Bellina - January 14, 2025 at 11:36 PM

PB

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paul bellina - January 14, 2025 at 03:09 PM



She was such a great Mom, agrandma and great grandma.

January 14, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JK

I agree

john klein - January 18, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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Colleen Bellina - January 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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Colleen Bellina - January 14, 2025 at 11:59 AM

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