



Donalda Grace Pilling

November 26, 1925 - December 26, 2018

PILLING: It is with great sadness that the family of Donalda Grace (Hinch) Pilling, share the news of her sudden death on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Donalda, "Donny" was born and raised in the Roseland District, the second child of Bert and Gladys Hinch, on November 26, 1925. She married our father, Harold Pilling, on February 12, 1944. In the 52 years of their marriage, they raised six daughters and three sons: Leslie (John) Steel; Hedy Lynn (Bert) Carter; Larrie; Patricia (Clare) Wheaton; Susan (Garnet Holtzmann); Brent (Sandra); Shelly; Shannon (Harry) Peters; Braden (Jan). Donalda also leaves to mourn her loss, 22 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Donalda is also survived by her sister, Peggy Johnson, sister-in-law, Betty Hinch, and many extended family members.

Growing up Mum loved to play ball, which drew the attention of our Dad. She also loved to skate, which she continued to do for many years. She made time for gardening, knitting, sewing and baking; and these skills were something she shared with her children, along with her love of books. Mum always wanted to be a nurse; but, except for a short time working at the Brandon Mental Health Centre, her dream was mostly realized with children's sicknesses and accidents. It could be said that Mum was generous to a fault – never keeping anything for herself if someone else seemed to need it more. She could stretch a dollar to make five. In later years, when there was more time, her passion became researching and writing the history of our pioneer ancestors and war veterans, and enjoying her photo albums.

A Celebration of Donalda's Life will be held at Brockie Donovan Chapel, 332 – 8th Street, Brandon, MB on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with a private family interment planned.

Donations in memory of Donalda may be made to the Cancer Society, 415-1st Street, Brandon, MB, R7A 2W8.

Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

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Brockie Donovan Chapel
332-8th Street, Brandon, MB, CA

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Brockie Donovan Funeral & Cremation Services - January 03 at 04:10 PM



“ Such a beautiful tribute video! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Our sincerest sympathy, Susan & Dave Burgess

Susan Burgess - January 04 at 09:59 AM



“ To the Pilling Family, our hearts and thoughts go out to you at this sad time. I had the pleasure of working for Donna at the front desk of 'Royal/Red Oak Inn' in the late 1970's and she was a close friend of my late Mother-in-Law, Ann. The 'Oak Family' shared many happy times and laughs. Donna really had a way with people, bringing out the best in everyone and her contagious humour was always appreciated. She led by example and I will never forget some of the challenges that were overcome in a positive way. May dear Donna Rest In Peace. What a quality life she has had with a strong and lovely family. Thinking of you all at this sad time.

Diane (Mahoney) Logan & Peter Logan

Diane (Mahoney) Logan - January 05 at 03:09 PM



“ Many years ago we worked together at the Royal Oak Inn. We shared many adventures and laughs. She made work fun! Sympathy to her family and dear friends.

Colleen Elliott - January 03 at 03:43 PM



“ Shannon and family. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Elaine Morris

Elaine - January 03 at 02:14 PM



“ Shannon, Harry & Family.....
Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences are with the family.....
May fond memories bring you comfort & strength....
We're sharing your sorrow...
Randy & Terry

Randy & Terry - January 03 at 12:53 PM



“ Larrie: Sincere condolences on your mother's passing. By reputation your mother was a wonderful woman. Jack & Shirley

Jack Woodward - January 02 at 11:51 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Donalda Grace Pilling.



January 02 at 07:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Family with Mom



Braden Pilling - January 02 at 01:02 PM



“ To the Dear Pilling Family I'm so saddened for your loss of such a very special and wonderful lady Please know your in my thoughts and prayers.

Shelann Keelan - January 02 at 10:58 AM



“ Patti - I was sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. It's so hard to lose a mother. My condolences to you and your family at this sad time. hugs, Nora (Hallick) Andersen

Nora (Hallick) Andersen - January 01 at 04:41 PM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Donna's family. I first met Donna when she was working at the Royal Oak Inn. She was a very dedicated and hard working lady. Later in life I had the pleasure of working with her daughter, Shannon, at the Cancer Society. You are all in my thoughts at this sad time.

Noreen Templeton

Noreen Templeton - January 01 at 12:20 PM



“ To all the Pilling clan - my thoughts and support go to all of you . Your mom was a special lady. I have so many memories of her - her sparkling eyes are in them all. My deepest condolences to all of the family.

Lois Wedgewood - January 02 at 02:41 PM