



**Elouise Anne Johnson (Scorgie)**  
July 2, 1950 - December 30, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Elouise Anne Johnson announce her recent passing at the age of 70 years.

Elouise was born on July 2nd, 1950, in Grande Prairie, Alberta. The family lived briefly in Grande Prairie and Wembley before settling in Hinton Trail. The eldest of five children, Elouise took on the role of mother's helper, assisting with chores and caring for her younger siblings. Elouise was predeceased by her loving parents, Alice and LaVerne Scorgie, and in-laws Ruth and Verne Johnson.

Elouise will forever be missed by her loving husband of 50 years, Lorne Johnson, and her five children: Riley (Lisa) in Vancouver, Cameron (Joelle) in Edmonton, Sarah (David Switzer) in Nanaimo, Graham (Marian) in St. Albert, and Krystin (Robert Nowicki) in Kamloops.

"Grandma Weezie" will forever be in her grandchildren's hearts: Britani (Sarah), Kasidy, Taiber, Tiernan, Morgan, Garrick, Ava, Amelia, Parker, Devon, Tye, Norah and her great grandson Oliver. Elouise is also fondly remembered by her loving siblings Eleanor (James Martin) in Beaverlodge, Daphne (Gary Ray) in Beaverlodge, Gary (Lianne) in Hinton Trail and Ramona (Brian Howe) in Victoria, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Elouise attended the Royal Alexandra School of Nursing in Edmonton where she graduated with honours as an RN, and continued to the U of A to attain her BSc in Nursing. She moved back to Beaverlodge, and went on to work for many years as the Director of Nursing at the Beaverlodge Hospital.

In 1970 she married the love of her life, Lorne Johnson. Together they raised five children, and operated a successful grain farm just north of Beaverlodge. Elouise enjoyed the farm life, driving the combine and tending her flowers.

Always community minded, Elouise took on many roles. She spent time as a VON and public health nurse teaching prenatal classes, working inside the schools and traveling to many rural homes to care for those in need. She was a councillor and Vice Mayor with the Beaverlodge Town Council as well as a trustee with the County of Grande Prairie, the Alberta School Board Association, the Mistahiya Regional Health Board and served as Chairwoman for the Peace Wapiti School Board.

After retiring from farming, Lorne and Elouise moved to Mill Bay, BC where Elouise returned to nursing. She completed her refresher course, and then accepted a position directing the LPN program at Sprott Shaw Community College. During her retirement years in Mill Bay, Elouise volunteered her time with CWAV (Cowichan Women Against Violence). She also enjoyed spending time exploring Vancouver Island, as well as collecting treasures on her many walks along the ocean. She loved having visitors, and entertaining them in her new home brought great joy.

Whether she was heading a board meeting, spending time with her grandchildren, watching a hockey game or a ballet performance, Elouise was a first class lady. She was a wise and generous woman who cared deeply for her community, friends, neighbours and family. She loved unconditionally and warmly welcomed all into her busy life. She was a force of nature with big ideas, giving of her time and energy, and always available to talk, listen and offer advice. She touched many lives, and made friends with others wherever she was - in the airport on the way to Hawaii, on a park bench, or in a grocery store. She loved people and engaged openly and fully with everyone that she met. A true leader and matriarch, Elouise left her mark in the way that she communicated, connected, and truly cared.

A celebration of life for Elouise will take place in Beaverlodge when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Many thanks to the Pine Grove Care Centre in Kamloops for providing Elouise with a caring environment for the past year.

In honour of Elouise, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada:

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