



Funeral Service

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7:00 pm
Chapel of
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In Loving Memory of
Beverly Marlene Chartrand
February 26, 1951 - November 6, 2022



Beverly (Bev) Marlene Chartrand passed away suddenly, with her sons by her side, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She was 71.

Born at home on February 26, 1951 in Cranberry Portage, Manitoba to Benjamin and Elizabeth (nee Badger) Guay, Bev was the third oldest of 9 children and was raised in the communities of Sherridon, Cranberry Portage, and The Pas, Manitoba.

In The Pas, Bev started working at quite a young age. Already a caregiver for her younger siblings, she started her first waitressing job at 13 at The New Colony Restaurant. Bev loved working, and like a typical teenager, she loved socializing with her girlfriends and fashion.

A stylish young lady in a green jacket and tall tan boots, at 17, Bev met Keith (Snooks) Chartrand on a chance encounter. He became enamoured with her and asked her on a date. Soon after they were getting married and starting a family. Bev and Snooks were married August 27, 1970 and had recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary before Keith's passing last year. Their first son, Keith Richard was born shortly after they were married, with their second son Fabian James arriving the following year.

As a young family, Keith and Bev lived and worked in The Pas. In 1974 they welcomed a daughter, Monica Rachel, and another daughter arrived a few years later in 1976, May Clare Elizabeth, their youngest.

Bev loved her kids and they were her whole world. Her door was always open to her nieces and nephews too, many of them spending quality time at their auntie's house, as she took them under her wing.

Bev could often be found singing and dancing in the kitchen while she cooked, with the radio on, and a pile of kids milling about waiting for a taste. She was a master of homemade bread, bannock, butter tarts, and of course, her infamous lemon pies.

Keith and Bev would travel and compete in bowling tournaments, which worked out well, as they were on the same team. Unlike playing cards against each other - where Snooks would get frustrated when Bev won, and she won a lot! They loved to socialize with friends in their younger years, and spent many nights sharing laughs and making memories with friends.

Over the years, Bev worked at different jobs, including cooking at St. Paul's. While working as a cook, she also attended school for cosmetology and became a hairdresser in the early eighties. Her first job was at Mayo's Hairstyling in Ontineka Mall, and then she moved to Jan's Hairstyling on Edwards Avenue. Throughout her career, she assisted the instructors at KCC, helping score new hairdressing students. She was able to travel for hair shows through the years, and loved learning new techniques and trends, which she'd practice on her kids - whether it be highlights, big teased hair, perms, mullets - her kids were happy to sport the newest looks, and she'd often wake up early



to help them get their hair 'just right' for school.

She eventually moved to Uptown Hair Design, finishing her career there. Bev loved being a hairdresser, and her clients loved her. She had a loyal following who truly missed her when Bev and Snooks both had to retire early after a very serious car accident in the spring of 2008, which left them both with life-changing injuries.

Bev's youngest daughter May and her family moved back home from Alberta to care for and live with them after the accident. Having her grandkids home with her is what truly made Bev happy, and it gave her the strength she needed to overcome her numerous injuries. She had a strong bond with her three grandchildren, Clarence Jr., Jasmine and Aidan. Sharing a home with them, their Kukom was and always will be a hugely important part of their lives.

Bev was a mighty, tough little lady. She'd been through many health challenges throughout her life, starting with a severe stroke in the early nineties, in which she worked hard for many years to relearn to walk, talk and use her left arm again. She fought hard, and managed to continue her career, despite these challenges. Shortly after, she became a breast cancer survivor, and despite all of it, she never let it get her down. Her love of life and her family kept her going. From numerous surgeries due to complications from the car accident, to an extreme bout with a flu that left her ventilated in an induced coma for a week, she fiercely fought her health battles, often downplaying the pain she was in. Not one to dwell on hardship, she put her focus on healing, and living a life full of love and family. She was and will always be an inspiration to her kids and grandkids.

Bev loved to laugh and had a great sense of humour. She was known to swear like a sailor at times, emphatically using the f-word when necessary. She loved a good home cooked meal, whether it be a roast beef dinner, or an old school classic like liver and onions. She loved listening to music, and was always grooving, in her chair or on the dance floor.

She loved animals, and dogs where a big part of her life. She cherished her big dog, Bear, when she was a young girl, and had many little dogs as pets throughout the years. Originally family pets, they always became Bev's dogs, drawn to her and fiercely protective of her, especially her little Brutus.

Bev is survived by her loving children Keith (Jane), Fabian and his daughter Caylin, Monica (Byron) and their children Troy, Lochlan and Caleb, and May (Clarence) and their children Justin, Sidney, Clarence, Jasmine, Aidan; her siblings Ben Guay, Kelvin Guay, Keith Guay (Gladys), Ramona Fryza (Gary), Wayne Guay (Josie), as well as many nieces & nephews; in-laws Wayne (Linda), Donny (Michele), Brian Goudie, and Karen Head.

She is predeceased by her husband Keith 'Snooks' Chartrand, parents Benjamin Guay and Elizabeth Badger, her brothers Clayton Guay (Sara), Warren Guay, and her sister, Virginia Guay; in-laws Stanley and Clara Chartrand, Sharon Cheropita, Fay Goudie, Debbie Guay, Donny Jr. Chartrand, Doreen, Arthur, Dennis and Wilfred.



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