

'Be Not Afraid'

"When trials and temptations
Around thee darkly flow,
When storms and griefs assail thee
To bring thy courage low,
Be not discouraged, brother,
But firmly stand and wait;
The clouds again will vanish,
Oh, be thou not afraid!

here is sweet rest in heav'n,
There is sweet rest in heav'n,
There is sweet rest, there is sweet rest,
There is sweet rest in heav'n.

When waters of affliction
May seem to overflow,
Or through some fiery trial
You may be called to go,
Keep up your faith and courage,
The Lord will dissipate
The waves that dash against thee,
Fear not, be not afraid!

The soul that Jesus loveth
He'll chasten and refine,
That like a golden luster
It may the brighter shine;
The dross alone will perish,
The gold is brighter made;
Be not discouraged, brother,
Fear not, be not afraid!

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
Oh, hear the Saviour speak,
God comforts you in sorrows,
When sad you feel and weak;
He leads you through the river
Which sinners cannot wade,
And death shall lose its terrors,
Fear not, be not afraid!"

Sunset
Funeral Service

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March 8, 1953 - March 11, 2026



In Loving Memory of
*Maria Laurette
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Funeral Mass

1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026
St. Anne of the Prairies Catholic Church
Trochu, Alberta

Officiant Fr. Alex Joseph

Hymn 'Come To Me All Who Are Weary'

Scripture Reading Ken Woligrocki (Job 19: 1, 23-27)

Psalm 'Valley of Green'

Scripture Reading Bruce Barker (2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8)

Gospel Luke 7. 11-17

Prayer of the Faithful Jay Barker

Hymn 30 G&P Isaiah 49

Presentation of the Gifts Erwin & Isabelle Wirch

Final Blessing

Tribute & Casket Bearers

Jay Barker
Kennady Anderson Kyra Gridley
Karson Gridley Kyle Gridley

All are welcome for food & fellowship at the
Rumsey Community Hall

Place of Rest

Rumsey Cemetery

Maria Laurette Lavallee

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Maria "Laurette" Lavallee (nee LaJoie) was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba, on March 8, 1953. She passed away on March 11, 2026, at the Three Hills Health Centre. She suffered a long struggle with various health complications, and she was recently diagnosed with metastatic bone cancer.

Laurette or " Rette" was kind, caring, compassionate, and she had the patience of a saint. She would give the shirt off her back if you needed it. She was a friend you could confide in. She would celebrate your joys and sorrows with you. She loved deeply, and her faith in God was amazing!

Laurette grew up in Windsor Park, MB, and was a young mother to her daughter, Melanie. She then met the love of her life, James Lavallee, in Winnipeg, MB. There, they had their daughter, Tara. Laurette then attended Red River College and pursued a career as a Registered Dental Assistant. In 1986, the family moved to Calgary, AB, lived briefly in Cardston, AB, and moved back to Calgary. She and Jim later settled in the village of Rumsey, AB, to be closer to Melanie and her family.

Laurette was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Yvonne; her brothers, Daniel, and her sister-in-law, Lynn.

She is survived by her husband, James "Jim" Lavallee, (currently in the Three Hills Health Centre due to a massive stroke); her siblings, Jules (Elsie), Renald "Ray"; her sister-in-law, Gisela; her daughters, Melanie (Randy) Gridley, Tara (Jay) Barker; her grandchildren, Kennady (Justin), Kyra, Karson (Brenden), Kyle and Amber; and great-grandchildren Mason and Bennett.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful teams at both the Red Deer Regional Hospital and the Three Hills Health Centre. They showed amazing care and compassion and kept Laurette and Jim together in the same hospital rooms during this difficult time.

Memorial Donations may be made directly to
Canadian Cancer Society or STARS