



REMEMBERING
Patricia June Marchi

June 6, 1932 - July 17, 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Patricia June Marchi (MacDonald) on Sunday, July 17th at the age of 90.

Pat was born on June 6, 1932, in Elkpoint, Alberta. Her family moved to Vernon, BC in 1947 and then settled in Lumby, BC in 1948. Pat completed her teacher training in Victoria in June 1951. Over the years she taught in Creston, Michel-Natal, Cranbrook, and Kimberley. Pat was very passionate about teaching and would do anything to help her students. We've often heard from former students who say, "Mrs. Marchi was my favourite teacher".

Pat met Orlando in Michel-Natal and they were married in Lumby on August 25, 1956. They moved to Cranbrook in 1959 and then to Kimberley in 1961.

Pat dearly loved her family, and she especially adored her grandchildren who truly benefitted from her 'teaching' as there was always a variety of crafts, projects and learning opportunities when spending time with Gram. She loved family dinners or anytime she had her immediate family around her, as well as large gatherings with extended family. She loved to read (a passion she passed onto many of us), looking for wildflowers (on foot in her younger years and later driving in the car with Orlando), and travelling when she had the opportunity. Everyone who knew Pat was touched by her big heart and her kind and gentle ways.

Pat is survived by her husband Orlando Marchi; her son John Marchi, her daughter Janice (Al) Paetz, four grandchildren, Justin and Jared Marchi, Nicki and Kaylie McElwee, and one great-granddaughter, Addisyn Blanchard; her sisters Jessie Marchi and Ruby Bruce, her brothers Bill (Lavender) MacDonald, Jim (Roma) MacDonald, John (Rita) MacDonald and many nieces and nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents Roderick and Alice (Gudwer)

MacDonald and sister Christine Gutenberg.

To honor Pat's wishes, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a children's charity such as Variety - The Children's Network, or to the Salvation Army.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff in the Emergency Room and on the 3rd Floor of the Cranbrook Regional Hospital for their care of Pat in her final days, the health care community in Kimberley who have taken such incredible care of Pat over the years, and the staff at Mark Memorial for their caring guidance.

