

## **SHAPTER, Myrna** **Feb. 13, 1933 - Oct. 1, 2011**

Myrna Shapter, Cochrane, AB won three out of four rounds with cancer. Her reward has been a promotion to Heaven on Oct. 1, 2011 at Sarcee Hospice, Calgary. She will forever be Mum to Margi and Mike Storey, Gramma to Corinne Schneidmiller (Cam Randall), GG to Savannah Scott and little sister to Kaye (Alex)



Cummings. Myrna is also survived by her niece Kathleen (Jay) Winfield, her nephew Sandy (Doreen) Cummings, her great nephews Michael and Jason Cummings, many Henker cousins, friends and neighbours as well as her granddog Ben, grandcat Jake, and great-grandcats Charly and Tequila.

Myrna was born in Calgary on Feb. 13, 1933 and is a proud graduate of Central Collegiate Institute, remaining friends with quite a few of schoolmates until her passing. She was always proud to be a professional secretary - a career which took her all over the world to the UK, the UAE, and the USA. Early in her career, she moved to Ft. St. John, BC where she was one of the first wellsite secretaries on record and also where she and her husband's (W.F.(Bud) Neeser) daughter was born.

Pre-deceased by her parents, Frances (nee Henker) (1978) and Gerry Shapter(1984), Myrna lived in Calgary most of her life but after her father's passing, moved to Benchlands and later into Cochrane. Always independent, Myrna continued to be a pioneering and hard-working single mum to Margi. She eventually went on to start The Office Manager in Cochrane in 1986 and continued this successful little company until her retirement, dovetailing with her extensive volunteerism in Cochrane. She was an Olympics 1988 volunteer and helped bring a piece of the Olympic Flame to Cochrane. She was so proud that her granddaughter, Corinne, got to light the first torch in Cochrane from the original flame carried from Athens, Greece.

Myrna had many accomplishments to be proud of in her life, not the least of which was her wide and varied collection of friends of all ages and different walks of life, from all four corners of the world, much like her Dad, Gerry. Our family has been very blessed to have many of these friends become cherished and trustworthy caregivers in our final journey with Mum - the words "thank you" don't even begin to express the family's gratitude for their help. Thanks are also extended to our friends at the Cochrane Home Care team, Sarcee Hospice nurses, and the gang at Main Street and Grand Avenue Pharmacy. Myrna was born, married and divorced on the 13th day of various months, so we feel it will be fitting to hold her Farewell Coffee Party on October 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cochrane RancheHouse, 101 RancheHouse Rd, Cochrane, AB ([www.cochraneranchehouse.ca](http://www.cochraneranchehouse.ca) for map). Please join us to give her a great sendoff!

Myrna was also pre-deceased by her beloved companion Patches in December of 2009, but their memory is immortalized in Mittford Park thanks to Judy Stewart's memorial plaque there for them. We have a very personal reason for requesting no flowers at her Farewell, but ask that money that would have been spent on flowers be donated to the Cochrane & Area Humane Society instead, where Myrna was a proud volunteer for years or to the Alberta Children's Hospital who saved Savannah's life in 2007.

Mum/Gamma/GG/Sister/Friend: Thank you for the long and glorious goodbye. We will all love you for the rest of our lives.