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Marjorie Anne Kent



There is lot to miss about Marjorie Kent. Sadly, it won't all fit in this space. I believe two things about her are important to highlight here. She was a woman who found joy in everything and worked tirelessly to create joy for all around her.

Also, she loved sticky notes.

I suppose it's no surprise then that when her daughters were cleaning out her office in the days after Marj's death they found a sticky note with an apt reminder.

It read, "We pray that when we are gone, people will miss us because our kindness is lost."

There are many reasons we miss Marj. A newfound kindness and joy void tops that list.

Rev. Marjorie Kent of Lumsden, SK died on July 8, 2021 at the age of 69 years. Predeceased by her father, Grant Hoggarth and brother Lyle Hoggarth, Marj is survived by her mother, Doreen Hoggarth; her husband and life partner of almost 50 years, David Kent; her son Fletcher Kent and his wife Shauna Young-Kent; daughters Leanne and Amy Kent, and Amy's spouse Kenny Spasoff, who was like a son. Marj adored her six grandchildren; Matthew and Victoria Kent, Linden and Luke Spasoff, and Ari and Bekah Jacobson. Her grandkids adored Marj, too. Marj is also survived by her brother, Earle (Jan) Hoggarth, sister-in-law Mel Johnson and nephews Cameron and Nolan (Laura) Hoggarth.

Marj was born in 1951 to Grant and Doreen Hoggarth. Her family moved around the prairies until they settled in Grenfell when Marj was young.

She sang in the United Church choir and joined CGIT. She also met Dave. The two fell in love and went to university.

Marj went to the University of Manitoba and the University of Alberta where she received her Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree. She practiced for a few years but left the profession when her first child was born. She and Dave raised Fletcher, Leanne and Amy. As they did, Marj remained active in the United Church.

When the kids were older, Marj was called to ministry. She returned to university and received her Master of Divinity from St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan.

Since then, Marj has served congregations in Strasbourg, Bulyea, Silton, Regina (Rosemont United) and Lumsden (St. Andrew's United Church) and also served the wider church including as a member of the St. Andrew's College board.

All listed here and so many others who knew Marj either professionally, personally or both undoubtedly have their own stories about how she created joy and relished in it.

Every Sunday, children raced to the front of the church during children's time to see who could sit next to Marj. She beamed and made sure every one of them could get close.

Her grandkids remember cuddling with Marj around the campfire and having Grandma get down on the floor to play endless games of mini sticks.

She just wanted to make the world a better place for everyone she loved.

And she did.

A remembrance service will happen at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Speers Funeral Services. Their staff and Marj's long-time friend Lorne Palmer have earned her deep respect for the work they do. In our loss, we understand why. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the United Church Mission and Service fund or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit <https://speersfuneralchapel.com>