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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Maxine Caldwell at the age of 83.

Maxine was born in Paynton, Saskatchewan to Lewis and Elizabeth Holmes. Their family moved to Cranbrook in 1941 and ran the Green and White cabins for many years. Maxine went through school in Cranbrook and remembered gathering their books at Tenth Avenue School and walking to Mount Baker School as the first classes to attend there. After school she worked at the health unit for a time and she then met Bud and they married in 1956. They both became Realtors and opened Caldwell Agencies in 1964. Maxine was a woman before her time in that she had five children, worked full-time and managed to do both with capability and lots of love and laughter.

Maxine was the first female to be a director on the Kootenay Real Estate Board and its first woman President. She was also the first woman on the Real Estate Council of B.C.

It is said that if you want something done, ask a busy person. This was Maxine. She volunteered for many fundraisers over the years in Cranbrook as well as the Summer and Senior Games. She belonged to Kinettes, Rotary Anns, Daughters of the Nile, and the Cranbrook Curling Club. Maxine also served one term on Cranbrook City Council, was a Chamber of Commerce director and served on many committees including the building of the Key City Theatre. She was also the creative force behind the Caldwell Agencies prize-winning Sam Steele floats every year.

Maxine had a lot of strengths but our favourite was her ability to make everything fun. She loved Cranbrook and was always giving back to the community. Maxine received the Super Sam Award, Freedom of The City, and along with Bud, was named Citizen of the Year in 1987.

Maxine was predeceased by her parents, her husband Bud, and her brother Albert. She is survived by her brother Wes (Judy); sisters-in-law, Deanie, Peggy and Lois; and her five children, Liz (Ron) Schatschneider, Harry (Lauriss) Caldwell, Joanne (Bob) Kitt, Mike (Corinne) Caldwell, and Janis Caldwell.

Family always came first with Maxine and her greatest joy was to see the births of her eleven grandchildren: Jen (Chris) Brown, Mary Schatschneider, Katie Caldwell, Jack Caldwell, Mike (Carlyn) and their children, Owen, Logan, and Embree Kitt, Christine (Kevin) and their children, Natalie, Maddy and Annie Hagen, Alex Kitt, Brent Caldwell, Bryan Caldwell, Joel Sawley and Justin Sawley.

Maxine spent the past twelve years at Joseph Creek Care Village and our thanks go to all the staff for taking good care of our mom.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 9th at the Days Inn, 600 Cranbrook Street North.

Arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Service.

Condolences for the family can be offered at:

www.mcphersonfh.com

Comments



“ With both my late father (Brian Hamilton) and ex-husband (Mike Askew) being realtors, I had many occasions to enjoy Maxine's company through the years, since I was a child in the 60s. She was always so much fun. But the memory I will always carry with me is that, whenever we had a conversation, she made me feel she was truly interested in me. That is a trait which she shared with anyone who ever came in contact with her, and why she was such a bright light in the history of Cranbrook. May her family be bolstered by so many happy memories and the knowledge that she and Bud are together again.

Leslie (Hamilton) Askew

Leslie Askew - February 07 at 06:44 AM



“ Bobbie(DeCecco) Traverso lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Maxine Caldwell (nee Holmes)



Bobbie(DeCecco) Traverso - January 29 at 11:05 AM



“ Our most sincere condolences to the Caldwell & Holmes families in the loss of Maxine!! She was a pillar of our community for many years, and will be remembered for the events she was a part of! She & Bud will be dancing together in 'Heaven'!!
Ron & Audrey Tarr

Audrey Tarr - January 28 at 11:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Maxine and Bud were great people for our community.

Audrey and Gerry Citra



Audrey and Gerry Citra - January 24 at 09:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Caldwell & Holmes families. Maxine was an inspiration to many, male, female, young or old, no exceptions! RIP Maxine. I am sure the heavens rejoiced as the pearly gate opened to receive you!



Sharron Billey - January 24 at 09:18 AM



“ Shelly Paradis lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Maxine Caldwell (nee Holmes)



Shelly Paradis - January 23 at 09:19 PM



“ Mrs. Caldwell was a remarkable woman. A pillar in her community, an inspiration for all women and mostly, her favorite job, an incredibly happy and loving Mom and Gramma! Her smile was contagious, even looking at her pictures now, one can't help but smile. She was a classy woman. We are so sorry for all of you. What a great loss to your family. We do know, with certainty, each of you have inherited the qualities of both your Mom and Dad, you all carry their legacy to your community and families, not just by name but by the very people you have all been raised to be. With great admiration, love and respect, our heartfelt condolences to all of you.



“ Rest well Maxine. Together with Bud again. I have many good memories of you both, and will cherish those. You were truly remarkable people. My condolences to the Calwell family. Hold tight to the good memories.



Judy Parkin - January 23 at 11:30 AM



“ Val & John Migneault lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Maxine Caldwell (nee Holmes)



Val & John Migneault - January 23 at 07:08 AM



“ Cheryl Leite lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Maxine Caldwell (nee Holmes)



Cheryl Leite - January 22 at 07:49 PM



“ Wes and Judy; Deanie and all of the Holmes family and the Caldwell family:

My condolences to all of the family. Maxwell and Bud were well know to our family (Marge and Bob Stevely) and in my working years while living in Cranbrook, I had

reason to attend Caldwell Agencies on many occasions. I knew them both well.

Maxine and Bud were certainly pillars of the Cranbrook community, known by everyone. Maxine was always so bubbly and always on the go. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Once again I express my sincere sympathy, to you all at this very sad time.

Cheryl Leite (Stevely)

Cheryl Leite - January 22 at 07:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Pat & Wendy Tito.



Wendy Tito - January 22 at 06:54 PM



“ While sitting with Bud & Maxine at a coming out ball of the Sam Steele Sweethearts...my husband complimented them both how they eknowledged everyone by name that stopped by our table.
Bud replied .."All you need Henderson is a napkin & a pencil & a wife that knows everyone"
Thinking of you Liz & all your families
Comforting to know you're mom & dad are together again

Kay Henderson - February 07 at 08:39 PM



“ As we prepare to say our farewell to Maxine today I am reflecting on an amazing life well lived. Her and Bud were pillars in our community. They treated everyone as a friend and worked hard to make a difference. They passed the importance of community on to all of their clan and I am grateful to have worked with many of you on various community events. She left a legacy in our community and it will live on in the hearts of so many people.
Thinking of you all today
Laura and D'Arcy Kennedy

Laura Kennedy - February 09 at 12:31 PM