



DAWSON, Nancy Lane

1922 - 2015

Passed away suddenly at the age of 92, in her home, Hackmatack, at Sherwood Park, Alberta, on February 5, 2015. She was born September 29, 1922, in Cranbrook, BC, to Mona and Stanley Young. She is survived by daughters Leslie and Wendy (Kamil

Krepelka) Dawson and sons James (Lorna Walker) and Timothy (Kim Dunlop) Dawson; grandchildren Inja (Therese Moseby) and Sylva (Bif Browning) Lin, Thomas Dawson (Paisley Scharf), Victoria Walker-Dawson, Veronica Dawson and Julia and Samuel Dawson; step-grandson Sebastian Sage and great-grandchild Maija Lin. She was predeceased by her husband Donald Dawson; children Samuel and Eric and sisters Mona Fran Young and Lois McLaurin. Nancy was a powerful force and beloved presence in the lives of her many friends and family. As a parent and grandparent, Nancy passed on her intelligence, strong values, empathy and creativity. She was curious and informed about her world, a proud graduate of CBC Radio. She survived many adversities and was inordinately proud of her interracial and intercultural family. She animated Hackmatack with her energy and genuine affection for family, visitors and strangers. She and her husband Don welcomed people from all over the world into their home. She taught her children the art of throwing and enjoying a great party. Nancy loved the arts and closely followed her children's careers in music, photography, drama and writing. She studied art informally, befriended many artists and made her world beautiful with their paintings, sculptures, and antiques. She volunteered for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra and worked as a guide at Edmonton's John Walters historical site.

Nancy was also an environmentalist thirty years ahead of her time. She raised her own poultry and fed her family from her husband's garden. She was proud to have donated her body for the use of science and education at the U of A.

Nancy Dawson will be missed by many. Her Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 23 at 2 pm. at St. Luke's Anglican Church 3424 95th Avenue, Edmonton. Donations may be made in her honour to the Canadian Down Syndrome Society at www.cdssca.

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