



**BASARABA,
Shirley Marlene
(nee Crum)**

Shirley Marlene Basaraba, 75, died suddenly on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in Edmonton, Alta.

Shirley was born on April 14, 1943 in Loon Lake, Sask. to Freda and John Crum. Shirley was the identical twin to sister Charlotte.

In 1961, she married L/Cpl Earl Basaraba and together they raised their daughter and son on Canadian Armed Forces Bases across Canada and in Germany.

Shirley was a stay-at-home mom for 15 years before returning to work in the community, eventually working for the Department of National Defense in Wainwright, Alta. where she retired in 2009 after 28 years.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 57 years, Chief Warrant Officer/Regimental Sergeant Major (retd.) Earl O. Basaraba of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, her daughter Tammy Basaraba Tupper, son-in-law Ron, and two grandchildren Kazimir (23) and Torsten Sjoblom (21) of Vancouver, B.C., and son Todd Basaraba of Canmore, Alta. and his children Arden (29), Jadian (26), Damon (22), twins Dorian and Brynn (20), and great-grandchildren Keira (8) and Emily Penney (6) of Edmonton.

Shirley Basaraba was the heart and soul of the family and truly the strength behind the uniform.

A celebration of Shirley's life was held on February 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hainstock's Funeral Home, 9810 - 34th Ave. in Edmonton, Alta.