



**BIRRELL,  
Marion Louise  
July 20, 1945 -  
Aug. 21, 2021**

Marion Louise Birrell passed away peacefully August 21, 2021 with her husband by her side at Watrous Hospital.

She was born July 20, 1945 in Brockville, Ont. to Joseph and Evelyn Leith.

When in better health Marion enjoyed camping,

starting new flowerbeds and travelling. She especially loved Cuba and spending several winters in California. She was born in Brockville and moved to many cities and towns in Ontario as her father worked for Ontario Hydro. She met John while living in Pembroke when John was stationed at CFB Petawawa. After a whirlwind romance they were married in 1963 and enjoyed 58 years of married life together. After John received an honourable discharge, they moved to Zelma, Sask. where John's brother worked as a CNR agent. John worked several jobs prior to being hired at Allan potash mine and together they raised three wonderful children and continued to live in Zelma. In 2007 they moved to Foam Lake until returning to Zelma in 2020 to be closer to family. Marion loved the quiet life in Zelma, she was a loving homemaker who loved camping, gardening, painting and travelling. She was a great cook and was a tremendously strong woman who was devoted to her family and children. Marion will be sadly missed by all she touched.

Marion is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, John Birrell, her sons: David Birrell and Bill Birrell (Sandra, Emily, Shontal, Isabel) and daughter Lauralee Cyrenne (Kirk), Chelsea (Randy) and Alexandra and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter Christina Cyrenne, her parents Joe and Evelyn Leith, father and mother-in-law William and Gladys Birrell, brothers Roger and Larry Leith, sisters Sylvia Burgess and Barbara Benfield, brothers-in-law William Birrell, Donald Yolkowskie, Bill Benfield, Tom Burgess and Bill Baron and sister-in-law Barbara Baron.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Invermay Cemetery.

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