



Vina Anne deForest (nee Johnson)

March 15, 1913 - October 30, 2014

Vina Anne deForest (nee Johnson) passed away October 30, 2014, following a brief illness.

Vina was a Centurion, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, mentor, friend, athlete, equestrian, charity fund raiser, and much more, who was forever an engaging, positive minded woman.

Born in Calgary in 1913 and calling Calgary home for the first 93 years; and the remaining 8 years in Edmonton.

Vina and her husband Mert raised their family in Calgary and were very active in the community. Vina's volunteering included churches and schools; the Canadian Red Cross during WWII, March of Dimes, Kinettes; and also for Kinsmen and K-40's.

Upon Mert's retirement in 1974, they embarked on years of RV adventures in both Canada and the USA, eventually putting down roots at Venture Out in Mesa, Arizona. Vina's 36 winters in Mesa were filled with being the only woman condo board member at that time and competitive shuffleboard and lawn bowling player. Vina's shuffleboard prowess led her to represent Canada in tournaments from Florida to Japan and resulted in her selection to the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Vina is survived by her children; Hardie (Karen) deForest, Don (Susan) deForest, Judy (Tom) Highfill and Lynn (Steve) Stephens, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She was predeceased in death by her husband Dr. LaMert F. deForest and her brother Fred Johnson.

In keeping with Vina's wishes, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Canterbury Foundation where Vina spent the last years of her life. Canterbury Foundation, Corporate Offices 8403-142 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5R 4L3

A very special thanks to the Canterbury Board and staff for their wonderful attitude and effective delivery of services to all who live, and visit there. One of Vina's last wishes was a Big Hug for her family members and Canterbury friends who she held so dear.